

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Deputy Mayor Pat White and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Susan Carpenter, and Ashley Stampler.

Absent were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Gordon Prost and Gord Armstrong.

The minutes were recorded by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni.

Opening of Meeting

Deputy Mayor Pat White opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the Queen.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Delete In Camera Session

Motion #17-031 - Susan Carpenter – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council February 13, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-032 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Special Council February 10, 2017

Motion #17-033 - Susan Carpenter – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of February 10, 2017 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni explained that the January financial reports had been tabled as they did not show the voided payments. The corrected financials are included in this agenda.

Motion #17-034 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of January 2017 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$176,808.74
Water	\$ 18,253.75
Sewer	\$ 1,068.25
Cemetery	\$ 34.69
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 606.11

Carried

Motion #17-035 - Susan Carpenter – Larry Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of February 2017 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$165,947.43
Water	\$ 45,485.87
Sewer	\$ 11,565.80
Cemetery	\$ 32.00
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 746.07

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of February 2017 was reviewed. It was noted that these letters were available at the town office if Council was interested in further information.

Committees

Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White (Chair), Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

It was noted that the committee would begin work on the budget when the CAO returned from vacation.

Vacation Carry Over Request

Motion #17-036 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That unused vacation allotments for 2016 be carried over until March 31, 2017 in the following amounts:

- Bob Jenson 56.5 hours
- Leroy Hancharyk 36 hours.”

Carried

AMCTO Employment Law and Human Resources Certificate Program for Municipalities

Motion #17-037 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“That Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni attends the AMCTO Employment Law and Human Resources Certificate Program for Municipalities in Thunder Bay on May 18-19, 2017 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting and Conference/Contract Tendering and Legal Requirements for Municipalities Workshop

Motion #17-038 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That CAO Veldron Vogan attends the AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting and Conference/Contract Tendering and Legal Requirements for Municipalities Workshop in Thunder Bay on April 24-26, 2017 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

Councillor Larry Armstrong reported that the committee has prepared four or five policies that will be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for review.

Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Gordon Prost and Ashley Stamler

Councillor Larry Armstrong reported that there had been no non-compliances at the water treatment plant. He commended everyone for their hard work in keeping the drinking water safe.

Municipal Water System Summary Report

Motion #17-039 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River has received and reviewed the Municipal Water System Report for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 as prepared by Overall Responsible Operator Bob Jenson.”

Carried

Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Gordon Prost (Chair), Susan Carpenter and Pat White

AMBIS Contract

The committee has been working on renewing the CBO contract. A letter was received from Advisory Services on March 2nd to inform us that one of their staff members had resigned and they would not be renewing their contract with AMBIS. Other options are being discussed but AMBIS is confident that everything will be okay.

Hydro One Small Business Lighting Program

Motion #17-040 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approve moving forward with the Hydro One Small Business Lighting Program proposals for the Recreation Centre, Waterfront Service Building, Town Hall, 4008 Heritage Square and Health Centre.”

Carried

Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Gord Armstrong, Pat White and Susan Carpenter

It was suggested that this committee look into a CN grant for the Canada 150 celebrations for Heritage Square.

Transition Funding

Motion #17-041 -

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the letter to Don Rusnak, MP regarding transition funding as attached.”

Carried

Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Ashley Stamler, Gord Armstrong, Pat White and Larry Armstrong

The Hannam Park Committee meeting was postponed due to low attendance.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

The next fire board meeting is scheduled for April 12th.

DSSAB has been contacted regarding the Heritage House and they are setting up a lock box.

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Mayor Deb Ewald with Councillor Susan Carpenter as alternate

A survey was sent out to determine public opinion and interests for the Recreation Centre.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

There was nothing to report at this time.

Locum House/Medical Centre – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Pat White

It was noted that there was still no lease renewal finalized with the Rainy River Medical Clinic.

Deputy Mayor Pat White noted that the committee needed to do a walk-through of the locum house.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

There was nothing to report at this time.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

There was nothing to report at this time.

Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

There was nothing further to report at this time.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

There was nothing to report at this time.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Septic Systems Resolution

Motion #17-042 - Ashley Stamler – Susan Carpenter

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of McNab/Braeside in encouraging the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to rescind the changes to Building code B-08-09-03 requiring mandatory five year septic tank pump out and records retention by the owner and administration and enforcement by municipalities.”

Carried

Chem-Free Graduation Partner/Sponsor Request

Motion #17-043 - Susan Carpenter – Ashley Stamler

“To donate \$100.00 to the 2017 Rainy River High School Chem-Free Graduation in the form of four \$25.00 gift certificates to be used within the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

By-law 1654-17 – New Horizons for Seniors Funding

The first reading of By-law 1654-17 was given by Deputy Mayor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #17-043A – Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1654-17 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #17-044 - Ashley Stamler – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1654-17, to authorize signing authority for the New Horizons for Seniors Program funding agreement, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #17-047 - Susan Carpenter – Ashley Stamler

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:55 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer