

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 11, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald, Councillors Gerry Marchuk, Marilyn McAlister and Brent Anderson. Also in attendance were Editor Ken Johnston of the Rainy River Record and Terry Cooper.

Absent was: Councillor Gordon Armstrong.

The minutes were recorded by Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan.

Opening of Meeting

Mayor Deborah Ewald opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the Queen.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Add Motion #08-167 – This motion will be brought forward at the beginning of the agenda after ‘Conflict of Interest’.

Delete Motion #08-162 – Water & Sewer Policy – will be returned to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion #08-157 - Brent Anderson - Marilyn McAlister

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

Citizen of the Year Presentation

Motion #08-167 - Gerry Marchuk - Brent Anderson

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby nominates Mr. Terry Cooper as Rainy River’s Citizen of the Year.”

Carried

A presentation was made to Mr. Cooper and Council expressed their thanks for all the work he has done within the community in tending to the trees and flower beds.

Delegations

No delegates were present.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council Meeting July 14, 2008

Changes were made to correct a spelling error on page 13.

Motion #08-158 - Marilyn McAlister – Brent Anderson

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 14, 2008 as amended.”

Carried

Public Meeting June 4, 2008

Motion #08-159 - Brent Anderson - Marilyn McAlister

“To approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of June 4, 2008 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Recycling

Dawson has agreed to participate in the recycling program by covering the cost for one bin per month.

CN Crossing Closure Update

Councillor Marchuk provided an update regarding the progress of the work associated with the CN crossing closure. It was noted that everything was proceeding very well and most of the items are under, or close to, the budget amounts.

OPP Security Audit

Copies of this power point presentation will be forwarded to the Recreation Board.

DSSAB – Assisted Living

The funding proposals for assisted living in Rainy River are comprised of two phases. The first is an idea sheet which was approved; however, after approval the NW LHINS had amended the criteria to indicate how this idea would benefit emergency rooms in Kenora, Thunder Bay, Dryden and Sioux Lookout. The first phase, therefore, has been subsequently abandoned. The second phase includes more funding for the renovation of Riverview Apartments. Notification of approval will be forwarded in September.

LHINS Vans

Mayor Ewald also spoke regarding the vans which had been ordered through the province for healthcare transportation. It was noted that the Rainy River area van is located in Fort Frances at the Riverside Health Care Facilities. Riverside CAO Wayne Woods noted that they had not yet determined how the van project will be implemented. They are currently working on developing an operations policy in this regard.

Cemetery Sign

It was noted that the new metal clad sign at the cemetery had now been installed. Council was satisfied with its appearance (very similar to the previous sign).

Accounts

Motion #08-160 - Marilyn McAlister - Brent Anderson

“That the accounts for the month of July 2008 having been paid in the following amounts, be hereby approved.”

Town General	\$201,950.08
Water	\$ 28,809.39
Sewer	\$ 4,343.11
Cemetery	\$ 19,910.37
Cemetery Perpetual	\$

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of July 2008 was reviewed.

Committees

FINANCE/PERSONNEL/HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Brent Anderson

Finance

CIBC Credit Agreement

Motion #08-161 - Brent Anderson - Marilyn McAlister

“That the Town of Rainy River enters into a credit agreement with CIBC for 2008.”

Carried

Personnel

Nothing further to report at this time

Health & Safety

Nothing further to report at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS/WATER & SEWER/RECYCLING – Chairperson Gerry Marchuk

Public Works

The project on Little Street is right on target as far as time and dollars go.

Water & Sewer

Water and Sewer Collection Policy

Motion #08-162 -

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the Water and Sewer Collection Policy as attached.”

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Recycling

Depending on the amount of usage from the Township of Dawson we may need to get another bin.

PROPERTY/MEDICAL CENTRE/BY-LAW/CEMETERY – Chairperson Marilyn McAlister

Property

NWHU – Use of Hannam Park for Youth Action Alliance Event

Motion #08-163 - Brent Anderson - Marilyn McAlister

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the use of Hannam Park for the Youth Action Alliance smoke free fun day at the park on August 12, 2008.”

Carried

Medical Centre

Nothing further to report at this time.

By-law

Nothing further to report at this time.

Cemetery

Information had been obtained regarding fungus on the trees. There are still branches which need to be removed and burned.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/BEAUTIFICATION – Chairperson
Gord Armstrong

Economic Development

Meeting Expense Approvals

Motion #08-164 - Brent Anderson - Marilyn McAlister

“That expenses be paid for the Mayor’s attendance at the meeting with the Director General of FedNor, Louise Paquette, which was held on July 26, 2008 in Emo.”

Carried

It was also noted that Chris Tanner from FedNor would be in Rainy River on Thursday, August 14th.

Motion #08-165 - Marilyn McAlister - Brent Anderson

“That expenses be paid for the Mayor’s attendance at the Rural Agriculture meeting which was held on July 31, 2008 in Emo.”

Carried

Mayor Ewald noted that this quarterly update meeting had been held with Jeanette Cawston. A session also took place regarding the stewardship program.

Farmer’s Market

The Farmer's Market is doing very well on Wednesday nights.

Tourism

Desk Calendars

Motion #08-166 - Marilyn McAlister - Brent Anderson

“That approval be granted for the purchase of 125 desk calendars at a cost \$3.26 each plus taxes.”

Carried

These calendars will be used as part of the gift for the Rainy River District Municipal Association annual meeting and for the Strategic Plan Committee members.

Beautification

Citizen of the Year

Motion #08-167 - PASSED EARLIER IN THE MEETING

FIRE DEPARTMENT/OPP – Chairperson Marilyn McAlister

Fire Department

Service Agreement with Fort Frances

Motion #08-168 - Brent Anderson - Gerry Marchuk

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the fire services agreement with the Town of Fort Frances as attached.”

Carried

The fire services agreement will cost approximately \$4,170 over an eighteen month period. Councillor McAlister noted that a letter had been received from OPP Inspector Dave Lucas to thank the Rainy River Fire Department for their assistance during the sprinkler failure incident at their detachment office. This aid helped to alleviate much of the potential for water damage.

OPP

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Chamber of Commerce – Chairperson Marilyn McAlister

No further meetings until September.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Chairperson Deborah Ewald

The next executive meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2008.

Meeting Expenses - Urban Reserves

Motion #08-169 - Brent Anderson - Gerry Marchuk

“That the Mayor and CAO attend the Urban Reserves Meeting on September 25, 2008, in Emo, with expenses paid.”

Carried

DSSAB – Chairperson Deborah Ewald

A meeting was not held in August as a quorum was not available. The next meeting will be on September 11, 2008.

AMBIS – Chairperson Gerry Marchuk

The next meeting will be held on October 21st.

Recreation Board – Chairperson Gord Armstrong

Community Festival

Motion #08-170 - Gerry Marchuk - Brent Anderson

“That the weekend of September 25-27, 2008 be declared as a community festival for the Rainy River Walleye Tournament.”

Carried

Questions arose as to whether or not the Rainy River Walleye Tournament would be installing a second ramp at Hannam Park. It was noted by Councillor Brent Anderson that this may be put on hold until next year.

Library Board – Chairperson Deborah Ewald

Mayor Ewald noted that the book sales during Railroad Daze had gone very well. The Library Board is looking into an alternative location and further discussion will be held at their next meeting on September 25th.

10) Other Business

Rainy River Royals Fastball Club – Community Festival Request

Motion #08-171 - Brent Anderson - Gerry Marchuk

“That the weekend of August 29-31, 2008 be declared as a community festival for the annual fastball tournament and dance.”

Carried

11) In Camera Session – To Discuss Property Issues

Motion #08-172 - Brent Anderson - Gerry Marchuk

“That Council move into an in camera session at 7:35 p.m.”

Carried

Motion #08-173 - Gerry Marchuk - Brent Anderson

“That Council return to regular session at 8:10 p.m.”

Carried

Post Cards

Councillor Marchuk raised the question of whether the town was interested in purchasing post cards from the former duty free shop. Council did not feel that they could pursue this purchase at this time.

12) Adjournment

Motion #08-174 - Brent Anderson - Gerry Marchuk

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:13 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer