

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, September 9, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Andrew Hartnell, Brent Helgeson, Larry Armstrong, Neil Ivall, Martin Kreger and Pat White. Also in attendance was press representative Anita Marcotte of The Westend Weekly.

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 Amendments will be made to By-law 1728-19.

**Motion #19-119** - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“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 August 12, 2019

Changes will be made to the minutes as indicated.

**Motion #19-120** - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 12, 2019 as amended.”

**Carried**

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **Financials**

### Financials (as of August 31, 2019)

It was asked why the town was paying to have the eye van washrooms cleaned. It was noted that these are washrooms in the Public Works Garage that are used by the eye van staff.

It was noted that Webb's had been paid for items at the canteen. Council would like to know if there were any profits from the canteen this year. The canteen just closed last week so a financial report will be coming forthwith.

### **Motion #19-121 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong**

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of August 2019 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$651,267.91
Water	\$ 43,814.87
Sewer	\$ 2,777.83
Cemetery	\$ 35.16
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 608.97

### **Carried**

## **Committees**

### **Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White (Chair), Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall**

#### AMCTO Parliamentary Procedures Workshop & Zone 9 Fall Meeting and Conference

### **Motion #19-122 - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson**

“That Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni is authorized to attend the AMCTO Parliamentary Procedures Workshop & Zone 9 Fall Meeting and Conference to be held in Thunder Bay on September 23-25, 2019 with expenses paid as per policy.”

### **Carried**

By-law 1728-19 - 2019 to Appoint Wannaku Ralalage Gajith Hiranya Jinadasa (Gajith Jinadasa) as EDO

The first reading of By-law 1728-19 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

**Verbal Motion #19-122A – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson**

“That By-law 1728-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #19-123 - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger**

"That By-law 1728-19, being a by-law to appoint Wannaku Ralalage Gajith Hiranya Jinadasa (Gajith Jinadasa) as the West End Economic Development Officer for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved."

**Carried**

**Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall**

The committee had nothing to report at this time but meetings will be resuming in October.

**Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Brent Helgeson and Martin Kreger**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Pat White (Chair), Andrew Hartnell and Brent Helgeson**

The animal control by-law will be delayed until the first of the year as there are some items that need to be determined prior to the by-law coming into effect.

The procedural by-law is being reviewed section by section during the Committee of the Whole meetings.

**Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White, Andrew Hartnell and Martin Kreger**

The new Economic Development Officer is in place.

**Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong and Martin Kreger**

A meeting regarding trees will take place shortly.

The committee was reminded that the People for Parks group will be hosting the canteen for the walleye tournament and a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning.

**Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger**

A fire board meeting will take place October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Brent Helgeson and Andrew Hartnell**

Community Festival – Walleye Tournament

**Motion #19-124** - Martin Kreger – Andrew Hartnell

“That September 19-21, 2019 be declared as a community festival for the Rainy River Walleye Tournament.”

**Carried**

It was noted that keys and locks for the outside doors have been ordered for the curling rink.

**Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell**

The next Library Board meeting will be on September 17<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that the board is close to obtaining their fundraising goals.

**Rainy River House/Medical Centre – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Neil Ivall**

A question was asked regarding the maintenance on the trees and eavestroughing at the clinic. A work order has been written for this.

**DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan

**Motion #19-125** - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“**WHEREAS** all Municipalities are required by legislation to create and submit a Community Safety and Wellness Plan by January 1, 2021;

**WHEREAS** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration (RRDSSAB) was requested by two of ten member municipalities to consider developing a district wide plan incorporating all ten municipalities;

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors of the RRDSSAB supported the resolution to create a district plan;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River supports the development of a Rainy River District Community Safety and Wellness Plan with appendices identifying special circumstances for each of the ten municipalities, at a total cost not to exceed \$60,000 without further municipal approval; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the costs of creating the Plan be shared between the municipalities using the RRDSSAB Cost Apportionment Formula of 2019, with the RRDSSAB Assuming the TWOMO Share as part of its global 2020 Budget Allocation;

**AND FURTHERMORE**, that the municipalities will be represented by their current RRDSSAB appointed member and each municipality will make available space/facility and administrative support as is necessary to provide required public consultation.”

**Carried**

**Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

RRDMA General Meeting

**Motion #19-126** - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That CAO Veldron Vogan and Councillors Pat White, Neil Ivall and Brent Helgeson are authorized to attend the RRDMA General Meeting to be held in Barwick on September 18, 2019 with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

**Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**Other Business**

Papineau-Cameron Municipal Amalgamation Resolution

**Motion #19-127** - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Papineau-Cameron in their resolution that the AMO organization go beyond requesting “consultation” regarding municipal amalgamations and “demand” that the Provincial Government do the following:

1. Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not.

2. Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduces the provincial deficit.
3. Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suits their local needs and to be permitted to do so, on their own timeline and volition.
4. To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process.
5. To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario.”

**Carried**

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

**Motion #19-128** - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger

“**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer is the most common cancer to affect Canadian men; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 7 Canadian men will be diagnosed with the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated average of 11 Canadian men die from prostate cancer every day; and

**WHEREAS**, the survival rate for prostate cancer is nearly 100% when detected early, but 3 of 4 men will die when found late; and

**WHEREAS**, black men and those with a family history of the disease are at a greater risk; and

**WHEREAS**, since Prostate Cancer Canada was formed in 1994, the death rate has been cut in half; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness and conversations about prostate cancer can lead to screening and early detection that saves lives, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rainy River supports Prostate Cancer Canada and everyone committed to raising awareness about prostate cancer;

**THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Deborah Ewald, on behalf of the Rainy River Town Council, do hereby proclaim **September 2019 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month** in the Town of Rainy River.”

**Carried**

Naotkamegwaning First Nation Homelessness, Addictions and Wellbeing Meeting

**Motion #19-129** - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell

“That Martin Kreger is authorized to attend the Naotkamegwanning First Nation Homelessness, Addictions and Wellbeing Meeting to be held in Naotkamegwanning First Nation on September 19, 2019 with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #19-130** - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:30 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer