

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers and via video conference (Zoom).

In attendance were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Daniel Armstrong, Gordon Prost, Martin Kreger and Brent Helgeson (by phone). Also in attendance was a member of the public Joel Hagarty.

Giving regrets was Councillor Neil Ivall (work related).

Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan recorded the minutes.

Opening Ceremonies, Moment of Silence, and Salute to the King

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

Additions, Deletions or Amendments

Add Motion #22-127A – EDO SNOED Program Costs

Motion #22-121 - Gordon Prost – Daniel Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Helgeson disclosed a conflict regarding the fire department payables, and the necessary paperwork was completed.

Presentations/Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council October 11, 2022

Motion #22-122 - Gordon Prost – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 11, 2022, as presented.”

Carried

Inaugural Council November 21, 2022

Motion #22-123 - Gordon Prost – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting of November 21, 2022, as presented.”

Carried

Financials

Accounts Payable (as of October 31, 2022, and November 30, 2022)

Motion #22-124 - Gordon Prost – Daniel Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of October and November 2022 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

October

Town General	\$175,376.31
Water	\$ 11,052.52
Cemetery	\$ 35.41
RRHCC	\$ 346.97

November

Town General	\$1,706,072.76
Water	\$ 47,808.62
Sewer	\$ 18,647.52
Cemetery	\$ 70.82
RRHCC	\$ 1,055.44

Carried

Reports from Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to report.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

Health & Safety – Councillor Brent Helgeson

Motion #22-125 - Dan Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That the Town of Rainy River hereby terminates the State of Emergency, in accordance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, that was declared on Tuesday March 24, 2020, due to the emergency described as the Covid-19 Pandemic.”

Carried

Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Brent Helgeson, Gordon Prost, and Greg Brown

RRAD Automatic Door Request

Motion #22-126 - Daniel Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby grants permission for the Rainy River Senior Depot to install, in their entranceway, an exterior automatic door for handicap access for their members, at their cost, and must include an application for and issuance of a Building Permit.”

Carried

Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Daniel Armstrong, Neil Ival and Greg Brown

Appointment of Oversight Committee Representative

Motion #22-127 - Martin Kreger – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby appoints Neil Ival as their representative on the Oversight Committee.”

Carried

EDO SNOED Program Costs

Motion #22-127A – Dan Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the registration and participation of Gajith Jinadasa in the SNOED program at a cost of \$725.00 plus any applicable taxes.”

Carried

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

NOMA – Veterinary Shortages

Resolution #22-019 - Martin Kreger – Daniel Armstrong

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) in supporting the joint proposal by the University of Guelph and Lakehead University to address the urgent need for veterinary services in northern and rural Ontario through the proposed Collaborative Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) in Rural and Northern Community Practice Program. We believe that this proposed solution is the crucial effort required to address the critical shortage of veterinary services in Ontario.”

Carried

Committee of Adjustment/Zoning

Official Plan Correction (Former CIBC Building)

Motion #22-128 - Martin Kreger – Daniel Armstrong

“WHEREAS an incorrect designation has been on the Official Plan Land Use Plan Schedule 'A' for nine (9) years;

AND WHEREAS, the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan will be maintained;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council corrects an Official Plan mapping error by permitting a minor adjustment under Section 5.16(i) of the Town of Rainy River Official Plan to change the land use designation from “Living Areas” to "Commercial Employment Areas" thereby maintaining the intent of the General Commercial designation in the 1985 Official Plan on the former CIBC land located at 118 Fourth Street.”

Carried

Other Business

East Ferris – Childcare Workforce Shortage Resolution

Resolution #22-020 - Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of East Ferris in advocating for the Province of Ontario to address the childcare workforce shortage in Ontario by immediately increasing the \$18/hour minimum wage and providing benefits to RECEs in licensed childcare centres to an equitable level to that which is paid to RECEs employed by school boards;

AND FURTHER that the Province of Ontario launch and financially support an accelerated Early Childhood Education program, to be completed within 14 to 16 months, similar to the program launched in March 2022 for Personal Support Workers (PSWs), where funding support

the costs of tuition, books, and other mandatory fees, to help address the shortage of RECEs in Ontario.”

Carried

Alzheimer Awareness Month

Resolution #22-021 - Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby proclaims January 2023 as “National Alzheimer Awareness Month” and that the Alzheimer Society flag be displayed at the municipal office in commemoration of this event.”

Carried

Holiday Hours, Staff Appreciation & Christmas Donations

Holiday Staff Appreciation

Motion #22-129 - Martin Kreger – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will hereby issue a \$100 gift certificate to each permanent employee of the Town of Rainy River, and a \$50 gift certificate to the four independent contractors, as a Christmas gift.”

Carried

Christmas Donations

Motion #22-130 - Daniel Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$200.00 towards the Rainy River Public Library Board for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Motion #22-131 - Martin Kreger – Daniel Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$200.00 towards the West Rainy River District Fire Department for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Motion #22-132 - Martin Kreger – Daniel Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$200.00 towards the Rainy River Recreation Board for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Holiday Hours

Motion #22-133 - Martin Kreger – Daniel Armstrong

“That municipal services will operate until 1:00 p.m. on December 23, 2022, and December 30, 2022.”

Carried

POA Budget and Part III

Motion #22-134 - Daniel Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2023 Provincial Offences budget.”

Carried

Resolution #22-022 - Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

“Whereas the Province entered into a Memorandum of Understanding and a Local Side Agreement with The Town of Fort Frances and the nine local municipalities with an effective date of June 30, 1999, for the operation of the Provincial Offences Court, the prosecution of charges laid using the process under Parts I and III of the Provincial Offences Act, and the transfer of records, files, assets, revenue, and financial arrangements,

And whereas the Province intends to transfer the prosecution of charges laid using the Part III process under the Provincial Offences Act, along with all records, files, and assets, through amending agreements to the Memorandum of Understanding and the Local Side Agreement,

Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby delegates authority to The Town of Fort Frances to execute the interim agreement with the Province to initiate the interim transfer of the Prosecution of charges laid using the Part III process under the Provincial Offences Act on behalf of Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1835-22 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

By-law 1835-22 was read by Mayor Ewald.

Motion #22-135 - Gordon Prost – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1835-22, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12th day of December 2022, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting (if necessary) – Monday, January 9, 2023

Adjournment

Motion #22-136 - Daniel Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:20 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer