

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Rainy River Activity Depot.

In attendance were Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Andrew Hartnell, Martin Kreger, Brent Helgeson, Neil Ivall and Pat White (virtual attendance).

The minutes were recorded by Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan.

Opening Ceremonies, Moment of Silence and Salute to the Queen

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

Additions, Deletions or Amendments

Addition Motion #20-120B – Letter from RRFDC to support the Treaty #3 Territorial Internet Connectivity Project

Amendment Resolution #20-031 – the resolution was re-worded and re-circulated to council

Addition Offer to Purchase Bucket Truck

Motion #20-103 - Pat White – Neil Ivall

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Kreger noted a disclosure conflict with regard to the accounts payable – the necessary paperwork was completed.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council November 9, 2020

Motion #20-104 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 9, 2020 as amended.”

Carried

Audit Report Meeting November 30, 2020

Motion #20-105 - Andrew Hartnell – Neil Ivall

“To approve the minutes of the Audit Report meeting of November 30, 2020 as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of November 30, 2020)

Councillor White asked a number of questions regarding some of the payments and Councillor Armstrong had a question regarding a library donation.

Motion #20-106 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of November 2020 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$188,753.03
Water	\$ 35,022.05
Sewer	\$ 12,184.02
Cemetery	\$ 57.92
RRHCC	\$ 2,570.62

Carried

Presentations/Delegations

No delegations were in attendance.

Reports from Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business – Committee Reports (as needed)

Committee Assignments and Deputy Mayor

Motion #20-107 - Neil Ivall – Pat White

“That the following changes to the committee assignments be accepted:

Councillor Ivall – Property/By-law, Economic Development and Finance (Chair)

Councillor Kreger – Deputy Mayor, Public Works, Health and Safety, Finance and Beautification

Councillor Armstrong – Beautification, Public Works and Finance

Councillor Hartnell – Recreation, Property, Economic Development (Mayor Ewald will replace him on the Library Board Committee)

Councillor Helgeson – Public Works, Health and Safety, Property and Recreation

Councillor White – Personnel (Chair), Finance, Property (not as Chair), Economic Development – Town, Area and Steering Committee (would remain as Chair if necessary).”

Carried

By-law 1758-20 – Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The first reading of By-law 1758-20 was given by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #20-107A – Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1758-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-108 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1758-20, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Change of Signing Authority

Motion #20-109 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That former Deputy Mayor Andrew Hartnell be removed as a signing officer for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Motion #20-110 - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“That Deputy Mayor Martin Kreger be added as a signing officer for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

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

POA 2021 Budget Approval

Motion #20-111 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2021 Provincial Offences budget.”

Carried

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

By-law 1759-20 – Municipal Planning Services Contract for 2021

The first reading of By-law 1759-20 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Verbal Motion #20-111A – Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1759-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-112 - Marty Kreger – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1759-20, being a by-law to establish signing authority for the Municipal Planning Services Contract with Robert Miller, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Mill Yard Zoning Change and Environmental Phase I

Motion #20-113 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby grants authorization to proceed with re-zoning the Mill Yard property and conducting the Environmental Phase I study.”

Carried

Fix-It Club Facility Request

Motion #20-114 - Marty Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“THAT Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby grants authorization for the Rainy River Fix-It Club to proceed with construction of a second storey storage area; and

THAT the Town will waive the building permit fees for this project.”

Carried

Rainy River District Municipal Association

Motion #20-115 - Marty Kreger – Pat White

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports Mayor Deborah Ewald in serving in the capacity of president of the Rainy River District Municipal Association.”

Carried

DSSAB Child Care Resolution

Resolution #20-031 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) and the Niagara Region in their request that:

- a. The Government of Ontario prioritize children and child care as part of our overall post-pandemic recovery plan;
- b. The Government of Ontario develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support families through the provision of licensed child care and early learning education; and
- c. The Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada work collaboratively to develop a National Child Care Strategy to make child care an essential part of our public infrastructure that can support and expedite economic recovery.”

Carried

Howick – Tile Drain Loan Interest Resolution

Resolution #20-032 - Andrew Hartnell – Neil Ivall

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports Howick Township in their resolution to request the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and

Rural Affairs to consider lowering the interest rate of Tile Drain Loans to 4% and increasing the yearly loan limit to \$100,000.”

Carried

Holiday Staff Appreciation

Motion #20-116 - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will hereby issue a \$50 gift certificate to each permanent employee of the Town of Rainy River, and a \$25 gift certificate to the four independent contractors, as a Christmas gift.”

Carried

Christmas Donations

Councillor White requested a recorded vote for this motion. Mayor Ewald declared a conflict regarding Motion #20-117 so Councillor Kreger acted as Chair for this item.

Motion #20-117 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$150.00 towards the Rainy River Public Library Board for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Recorded Vote:

Larry Armstrong	Aye
Deb Ewald	
Brent Helgeson	Aye
Andrew Hartnell	Aye
Neil Ivall	Aye
Martin Kreger	
Pat White	Nay

Councillors Ivall and Helgeson declared a conflict with Motion #20-118. Councillor White requested a recorded vote.

Motion #20-118 - Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$150.00 towards the West Rainy River District Fire Department for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Recorded Vote:

Larry Armstrong	Aye
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Deb Ewald	
Brent Helgeson	
Andrew Hartnell	Aye
Neil Ival	
Martin Kreger	Aye
Pat White	Nay

Councillor Kreger declared a conflict with Motion #20-119. Councillor White requested a recorded vote.

Motion #20-119 - Brent Helgeson – Andrew Hartnell

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$150.00 towards the Rainy River Recreation Board for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried	<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	
	Larry Armstrong	Aye
	Deb Ewald	
	Brent Helgeson	Aye
	Andrew Hartnell	Aye
	Neil Ival	Aye
	Martin Kreger	
	Pat White	Nay

Holiday Hours

Motion #20-120 - Marty Kreger – Pat White

“That municipal services will operate until 12:00 p.m. on December 24, 2020 and December 31, 2020.”

Carried

Offer to Purchase Bucket Truck

Motion #20-120A – Andrew Hartnell – Neil Ival

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the offer from Rick Seidel and Nicole Therrien of \$5,000 (plus HST) for the 1976 bucket truck, as is, where is.”

Carried

Letter from RRFDC – Support for the Grand Council Treaty #3 Territorial Internet Connectivity Project

Motion #20-120B – Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports and requests to participate in implementation phase of Grand Council Treaty #3 – Territorial Internet Connectivity Project.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1760-20 – to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1760-20 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

Verbal Motion #20-120C – Brent Helgeson – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1760-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-121 - Neil Ivall – Marty Kreger

“That By-law 1760-20, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of December, 2020, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, January 11, 2020

Adjournment

Motion #20-122 - Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:34 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer