

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers.

In attendance were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Joel Hagarty, Daniel Armstrong, Gordon Prost, and Brent Helgeson. Councillor Neil Ivall attended by phone.

Absent was Councillor Martin Kreger.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni 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

Motion #23-067 - Brent Helgeson – Joel Hagarty

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Ivall disclosed a conflict regarding the accounts payable and the necessary paperwork was completed.

Presentations/Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council June 12, 2023

Motion #23-068 - Joel Hagarty – Brent Helgeson

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 12, 2023, as presented.”

Carried

Special Council June 26, 2023

Motion #23-069 - Brent Helgeson – Joel Hagarty

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of June 26, 2023, as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of June 30, 2023)

Motion #23-070 - Joel Hagarty – Brent Helgeson

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of June 30, 2023) along with the accounts payable for the month of June 2023 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$376,085.74
Water	\$ 36,314.52
Sewer	\$ 9,448.41
RRHCC	\$ 672.03

Carried

Reports from Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Neil Ivall, Martin Kreger and Daniel Armstrong

Budget

Motion #23-071 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2023 budgets for Town General, water, sewer and cemetery departments.”

Carried

Library Board – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Purchase of 310 -312 Fourth Street

Motion #23-072 - Joel Hagarty – Gordon Prost

“That the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves making an offer to purchase the Centra Gas building located at 310 – 312 Fourth Street in the amount of \$50,000 to house the Rainy River Public Library. Which includes two C-Can containers.”

Carried

Library Board Trustee Resignation

Motion #23-073 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

“That the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the resignation of Derry McRae as a Library Board Trustee.”

Carried

Other Business

Essex – Gaps in Healthcare Resolution

Resolution #23-012 - Brent Helgeson – Gordon Prost

“**WHEREAS** persistent Code Red and Code Black conditions, primarily caused by an insufficient number of hospital beds, medical personnel, and resources, continues to be a challenge in the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS various initiatives implemented by municipalities have been unable to curb the escalation of Code Red and Code Black frequencies; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Essex in the following:

- 1) To implore authorities to apply an immediate and comprehensive review of hospital offload delays and the staffing crisis in the front lines;
- 2) To apply a holistic solution to address hospital deficiencies and healthcare shortcomings on an underlying basis;
- 3) To request that the province of Ontario conduct a review of projected population growth and aging and increase health care capacity to match present and future needs; and
- 4) To appeal to the province of Ontario to acknowledge the challenges faced by local emergency response systems and take decisive action to resolve the gaps in the healthcare system.”

North Perth – Building Officials

Resolution #23-013 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of North Perth in urging the Provincial Government to provide support to municipalities to fill vacant building official positions.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1849-23 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The reading of By-law 1849-23 was given by Mayor Deborah Ewald.

Motion #23-074 - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1849-23, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10th day of July 2023, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Adjournment

Motion #23-075 - Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 5:55 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer