

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via video conference (Zoom).

In attendance were Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White, Larry Armstrong, Brent Helgeson, Neil Ivall and Gerry Pasloski.

Councillor Martin Kreger was not able to attend.

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

Add RRWT Request Letter

Motion #21-102 - Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest were declared.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council August 9, 2021

Motion #21-103 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 9, 2021 as presented.”

Carried

Public Budget Meeting August 3, 2021

Motion #21-104 - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Public Budget meeting of August 3, 2021 as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of August 31, 2021)

There were a few questions regarding the payment to Alterna Credit Union, the stain for the park and the New Gold Youth Grants.

Motion #21-105 - Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of August 2021 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$145,183.59
Water	\$ 18,503.97
Sewer	\$ 5,458.50
Cemetery	\$ 144.58
RRHCC	\$ 734.06

Carried

Presentations/Delegations

No delegations were in attendance.

Reports from Unfinished Business

There were no reports from unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

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

Utility Position - Hiring

Motion #21-106 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

"That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby offers Brian Ferreira the Utility Position within the Public Works Crew with employment to begin as soon as reasonably possible."

Carried

AMCTO Election Training

Motion #21-107 - Neil Ivall – Gerry Pasloski

“The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the participation of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni in the AMCTO 2022 Municipal Elections Training Program to take place during the fall 2021 with registration costs of \$400 plus HST paid as per policy.”

Carried

New Public Holiday

Motion #21-108 - Brent Helgeson – Gerry Pasloski

“The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby grants Administrative Staff the newly announced Public Holiday, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, in order to promote consistency throughout municipal operations.”

Carried

RRDMA

The RRDMA General Meeting will take place on September 22nd and Council was reminded to let the municipal office know who will be attending.

Rail Safety Week Proclamation

Resolution #21-028 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“**Whereas** *Rail Safety Week* is to be held across Canada from September 20 to 26, 2021;

Whereas it is in the public’s interest to raise citizens’ awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

It is hereby **RESOLVED** to support national *Rail Safety Week* to be held from September 20 to 26, 2021.”

Carried

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Resolution

Resolution #21-029 - Gerry Pasloski – Brent Helgeson

“**WHEREAS** the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC’s Calls to Action;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Rainy River of does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.”

Carried

Rising Costs of Building Materials Resolution

Resolution #21-030 - Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Kitchener in advocating the Federal and Provincial Governments to review actions that could be taken to help mitigate or offset the impacts related to the rising cost of building materials.”

Carried

Supporting Affordable Internet Resolution

Resolution #21-031 - Gerry Pasloski – Larry Armstrong

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in calling on the Federal Cabinet, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and ISED Minister Francois-Phillippe Champagne to overrule the CRTC’s reversal and immediately implement the evidence-based 2019 Rates Order.”

Carried

Changes to Provincial Offences Act Resolution

Resolution #21-032 - Pat White – Neil Ivall

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Toronto in their request to the Attorney General of Ontario in respect to their correspondence regarding the Bill 177 Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act.”

Carried

Building of Early Learning and Child Care System Resolution

Resolution #21-033 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Toronto in regards to building their early learning and child care system as per correspondence.”

Carried

Tay Valley Lottery Proceeds Resolution

Resolution #21-034 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports Tay Valley Township’s resolution regarding small organizations being able to utilize lottery proceeds.”

Carried

Sioux Lookout Health Unit Funding Resolution

Resolution #21-035 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Sioux Lookout in their petition to the Province of Ontario to maintain funding levels for local health units.”

Carried

NOHFC Hannam Park Improvement Grant

Resolution #21-036 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby makes application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Community Enhancement Program to make improvements to the Hannam Park Campground, which will include installation of sanitary sewer and renovations to the washroom/shower building.

Further, the Town of Rainy River agrees to cover any costs overruns associated with the project.”

Carried

RRWT Request

Verbal Motion #21-108A – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“To approve assistance for the Rainy River Walleye Tournament.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1781-21 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1781-21 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Verbal Motion #21-108B – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1781-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #21-109 - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That By-law 1781-21, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13th day of September, 2021, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Adjournment

Motion #21-110 - Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:10 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer