

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, November 9, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Rainy River Activity Depot.

In attendance were Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Martin Kreger, Brent Helgeson and Pat White.

Absent were Councillors Andrew Hartnell and Neil Ivall.

The minutes were recorded by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni.

**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**

Amendment Motion #20-099 – remove the word “new”

**Motion #20-094** - Marty Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Disclosure of Interest**

No disclosures of interest were made.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Regular Council October 13, 2020

**Motion #20-095** - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 13, 2020 as presented.”

**Carried**

Special Council November 2, 2020

**Motion #20-096** - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of November 2, 2020 as presented.”

**Carried**

**Financials (as of October 31, 2020)**

Inquiries will be made to determine if Jordan Jenson has the necessary insurance required to do work for the town.

Council would like to receive more quotes for audit services. This will be discussed with CAO Veldron Vogan.

**Motion #20-097 - Pat White – Brent Helgeson**

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

Town General	\$166,479.92
Water	\$ 18,597.97
Sewer	\$ 1,638.36
Cemetery	\$ 28.96
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 8,587.82

**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)**

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

**Bobcat Purchase**

**Motion #20-098 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger**

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the purchase of a Bobcat Compact Excavator from Stratton Equipment in the amount of \$76,837.51 (not including HST) with trade-in rebates of \$12,500.”

**Carried**

Bucket Truck/Lift

**Motion #20-099** - Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the sale of the old bucket truck and grants permission to Foreman Bob Jenson to begin the search for a bucket truck within a budget limit of \$50,000.”

**Carried**

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

**Construction Permit Rebate Application**

**Motion #20-100** - Martin Kreger – Pat White

“To approve the Construction Permit Rebate for Deb Bowman in the amount of \$1,561.40 for 1001 Little Street.”

**Carried**

Clarence-Rockland – Cannabis Stores Resolution

**Resolution #20-026** - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Clarence-Rockland in their resolution to request that the Ministry of Finance modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criteria, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public interest when considering the application of new stores.”

**Carried**

Oakville – Advocacy for a Targeted Approach to COVID Second Wave Closures

**Resolution #20-027** - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Oakville by sending an advocacy letter to Premier Doug Ford and the Minister of Health to advocate for a targeted approach to COVID Second Wave Closures.”

**Carried**

Loyalist – Community Group/Service Club Funding Resolution

**Resolution #20-028 - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger**

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports Loyalist Township in their resolution to request confirmation from the governments of Ontario and Canada that COVID-19 funding will be available for these local smaller charities, community groups and service clubs.”

**Carried**

Lake of Bays – Reform to the Municipal Insurance Policy Request

**Resolution #20-029 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong**

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Lake of Bays in their resolution to request that Premier Doug Ford consider an amendment to Bill 123 to make it a requirement that the building contractor name be disclosed and that the contractor must provide proof of insurance, thus providing greater accountability and responsibility and ensuring that municipalities will not bear the burden alone.”

**Carried**

St. Catharines – Development Approval Requirements for Landfills Resolution

**Resolution #20-030 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White**

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of St. Catharines in their resolution to call upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the ‘host’ municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction.”

**Carried**

Asphodel-Norwood – Cannabis Production Resolution

**Resolution #20-031 - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson**

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Asphodel-Norwood in their resolution to request a governing body in cannabis production that:

1. Takes a unified approach to land use planning restrictions;

2. Enforces the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licencing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation within their region;
3. Communicates more readily with local governments; and
4. Provides local governments with more support.”

**Carried**

**Confirming By-law**

By-law 1757-20 – to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1757-20 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

**Verbal Motion #20-100A – Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger**

“That By-law 1757-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #20-101 - Pat White – Brent Helgeson**

“That By-law 1757-20, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**Next Meeting – Monday, December 7, 2020**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #20-102 - Larry Armstrong**

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:11 p.m.”

**Carried**

Original Signed  
Mayor

Original Signed  
Chief Administrative Officer