

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, September 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, September 14, 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. Also in attendance was Foreman Bob Jenson.

Absent were Councillors Andrew Hartnell and Neil Ivall due to employment reasons.

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 Public Works Drainage Issue  
Fire Truck Purchase Request

**Motion #20-074** - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Disclosure of Interest**

Councillor Martin Kreger declared a conflict regarding the accounts payable and filed the applicable forms.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Regular Council August 10, 2020

**Motion #20-075** - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 10, 2020 as amended.”

**Carried**

Public Meeting June 30, 2020

**Motion #20-076 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White**

“To approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of June 30, 2020 as amended.”

**Carried**

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

Discussion took place regarding the Window and Door Store Invoice. It was noted that this expense was for a broken window caused during municipal grass cutting.

**Motion #20-077 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong**

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

Town General	\$584,072.56
Water	\$ 3,884.98
Sewer	\$ 757.25
Cemetery	\$ 0
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 909.27

**Carried**

**Presentations/Delegations**

Foreman Bob Jenson - Public Works Drainage Issue

There is an open ditch at the end of the lagoon that receives water from tile drainage on the neighbouring property to the north in Dawson. Currently this ditch is sufficient to handle water coming off that property, however, the installation of additional tile drainage would require that the ditch be significantly lower (as they are required to dig underneath the gas line). Bob indicated, upon further investigation, that the outlet would have to be 5.5 feet deeper than the existing ditch due to its proximity to the lagoon berm. It was noted that an open ditch of this depth is not possible – it would need to be an enclosed ditch. This information will be brought back to the property owner, and the potential owner, to determine if they would wish to put pipe in and enclose the ditch. Foreman Jenson noted, due to the location of the buried pipe, that additional packing would need to be considered along with any future maintenance and/or possible erosion that may occur in that area. These items can be written into a mutual drain agreement if necessary. It was noted that someone would need to be onsite while the work is being completed and that this person’s time would have to be compensated.

With no further business Foreman Jenson left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

**Reports from Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to discuss at this time.

**New Business – Committee Reports (as needed)**

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

**MFOA Virtual Conference Attendance**

**Motion #20-078** - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That CAO Veldron Vogan is authorized to register for the MFOA Virtual Annual Conference Sessions on September 22 – 25, 2020 with expenses paid as per policy in the amount of \$452 (including HST).”

**Carried**

**PWEA Virtual Asset Management Planning Program**

**Motion #20-079** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That CAO Veldron Vogan is authorized to register for the PWEA Virtual Asset Management Planning Program starting September 28, 2020 with expenses paid as per policy in the amount of \$474.60 (including HST).”

**Carried**

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall

**By-Law 1751-20 – Mandatory Use of Mask or Face Covering Policy**

The first reading of By-law 1751-20 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

**Verbal Motion #20-079A** – Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1751-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #20-080** - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1751-20, to establish the Mandatory Use of Mask or Face Covering Policy, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White, Andrew Hartnell and Martin Kreger

**By-law 1752-20 – Agreement to Amend Communities Agreement for EDO**

The first reading of By-law 1752-20 was given by Councillor Pat White.

**Verbal Motion #20-080A** – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1752-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #20-081** - Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1752-20, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to enter into, and to designate signing officers for the amended West End of the Rainy River District Economic Development Officer Agreement between Communities, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**By-law 1753-20 – Signing Officers for NOHFC Greenhouse Grant Agreement**

The first reading of By-law 1753-20 was given by Councillor Brent Helgeson.

**Verbal Motion #20-081A** – Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1753-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #20-082** - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1753-20, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to enter into, and to designate signing officers for the NOHFC Greenhouse Grant Agreement, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Brent Helgeson and Andrew Hartnell

**Halloween Event Expenses**

Councillor Martin Kreger declared a conflict in regards to this matter.

**Motion #20-083** - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

"That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves start up expenditures for the Recreation Board Halloween Walk event in the amount of \$2,500."

**Carried**

Port Colborne – Bill 164 Resolution

**Resolution #20-016** - Martin Kreger – Pat White

"That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Port Colborne in their resolution to endorse Private Member's Bill 164 – *Protecting Vulnerable Persons in Supportive Living Accommodation Act, 2019.*"

**Carried**

Lakeshore – Elimination of Internet Overage Charges Resolution

**Resolution #20-017** - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

"That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Lakeshore in their resolution to urge the Government of Canada to immediately work with internet connection providers to ensure that all Canadians are paying a fair and similar price for their internet connections including the elimination of data usage caps and overage fees."

**Carried**

Prescott – Border Closure Resolution

**Resolution #20-018** - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

"That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Prescott in their resolution to support the Federal Government's decision to close the Canada/US border and to request that the Federal Government maintain its current position until the risk of COVID-19 travelling into Canada from the United States is minimized and there is objective data that indicates the growth and spread of the COVID-19 virus across the United States has slowed dramatically and is at a minimum consistent with the growth and spread of the virus in Canada."

**Carried**

Sunset Country Travel Association Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution

**Motion #20-084** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

"To approve payment of the Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution to the Sunset Country Travel Association in the amount of 22 cents per capita, based on a population of 807."

**Carried**

Fire Truck Purchase Request

**Motion #20-084A** - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the sale of the 1981 GMC Fire Truck Serial# 1GDL7DIF4BBV583104 to Dale Faragher in the amount of \$1,500 (including HST).”

**Carried**

**Confirming By-law**

By-law 1754-20 – to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1754-20 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

**Verbal Motion #20-084B** – Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1754-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #20-085** - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1754-20, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #20-086** - Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:35 p.m.”

**Carried**

Original Signed  
Mayor

Original Signed  
Chief Administrative Officer