

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers.

In attendance were Deputy Mayor Martin Kreger and Councillors Joel Hagarty, Gordon Prost, Neil Ivall and Brent Helgeson.

Giving regrets were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillor Daniel Armstrong.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni recorded the minutes.

Opening Ceremonies, Moment of Silence, and Salute to the King

Deputy Mayor Martin Kreger opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the King.

Additions, Deletions or Amendments

There were no changes made to the agenda.

Motion #23-011 - Brent Helgeson – Gordon Prost

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Kreger disclosed a conflict regarding Motion #23-017 for attending the meeting with Greg Rickford and Minister Clark (MMAH). The necessary paperwork was completed for these disclosures.

Presentations/Delegations

New Gold Youth Grant

EDO Gajith Jinadasa was unable to attend the meeting, but the New Gold Youth Grant was discussed, and a \$500 town contribution was approved.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council January 12, 2023

Motion #23-012 - Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

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

Carried

Financials (as of January 31, 2023)

Motion #23-013 - Brent Helgeson – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of January 2023 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$191,799.39
Water	\$ 20,856.66
Sewer	\$ 2,749.10
Cemetery	\$ 74.35
RRHCC	\$ 751.24

Carried

Reports from Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to report.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

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

By-law 1838-23 – Interim Tax Levy

The reading of By-law 1838-23 was given by Deputy Mayor Martin Kreger

Motion #23-014 - Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1838-23, being a by-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

NWHU 2022 Property Tax Rebate

Motion #23-015 - Brent Helgeson – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2022 Charitable Rebate of Property Taxes application as submitted by the Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) in the amount of \$416.80.”

Carried

Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Brent Helgeson, Gordon Prost, Neil Ivall and Joel Hagarty

Municipal Water System Summary Report

Motion #23-016 - Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River has received and reviewed the Municipal Water System Report for the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, as prepared by Overall Responsible Operator Leroy Hancharyk.”

Carried

Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Brent Helgeson and Gordon Prost

Due to the disclosure of interest from Deputy Mayor Martin Kreger, Councillor Neil Ivall acted as chair for this agenda item.

Meeting with Greg Rickford and Minister Clark (MMAH)

Motion #23-017 - Neil Ivall – Joel Hagarty

“That Deputy Mayor Martin Kreger attends the meeting with MPP Greg Rickford and Minister Clark (MMAH) in Kenora on February 8, 2023, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

At the conclusion of this agenda item, Deputy Mayor Kreger resumed his position as chair of the meeting.

Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Daniel Armstrong, Neil Ivall and Joel Hagarty

RRFDC Financial Support Approval

Motion #23-018 - Joel Hagarty – Neil Ivall

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the payment of per capita funding for 2022-2023 to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation

(RRFDC) in the amount of \$5,264.00 (which represents a \$7.00 per capita contribution based on a population of 752).”

Carried

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

2023 NOMA Conference and AGM

Motion #23-019 - Joel Hagarty – Neil Ivall

“That Councillors Gordon Prost and Brent Helgeson attend the 2023 NOMA Conference and AGM on April 26-28, 2023, in Thunder Bay, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Other Business

Petrolia – School Board Election Resolution

Resolution #23-003 - Joel Hagarty – Neil Ivall

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Petrolia in requesting that school boards become responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or, at minimum, municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1839-23 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The reading of By-law 1839-23 was given by Deputy Mayor Martin Kreger.

Motion #23-020 - Neil Ivall – Joel Hagarty

“That By-law 1839-23, 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 February 2023, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting (if necessary) – Monday, March 6, 2023

Adjournment

Motion #23-021 - Joel Hagarty

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:00 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer