

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers.

In attendance were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Gordon Prost, Martin Kreger, Daniel Armstrong, Joel Hagarty, and Neil Ivall.

Giving regrets was Councillor Brent Helgeson.

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 #23-117 - Neil Ivall – Gordon Prost

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

Councillors Ivall and Kreger disclosed conflicts regarding the accounts payable; and the necessary paperwork was completed for both.

Presentations/Delegations

There were no delegates in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council November 14, 2023

Motion #23-118 - Gordon Prost – Neil Ivall

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023, as presented.”

Carried

Special Council December 5, 2023

Motion #23-119 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of December 5, 2023, as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of November 30, 2023)

Motion #23-120 - Martin Kreger – Gordon Prost

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

Town General	\$234,675.92
Water	\$ 54,409.76
Sewer	\$ 5,384.51
RRHCC	\$ 894.95
Cemetery	\$ 70.12

Carried

Reports from Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business arising at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deborah Ewald, and Councillors Neil Ivall,

Motion #23-121 - Gordon Prost – Neil Ivall

“The Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves a one-time payment in the amount of \$500.00 to both Julie Tiboni and Erika Rencher for going above and beyond during 2023.”

Carried

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

Motion #23-122 - Neil Ivall – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves a one-time payment in the amount of \$500.00 to Mr. Sean Forster for successfully obtaining his Class 1 Water Treatment Plant certification through self-study.”

Carried

By-law 1860-23 - Utility Collection Policy

The reading of By-law 1860-23 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Motion #23-123 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

“That By-law 1860-23, being a by-law to amend the Utility Billing and Collection Policy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

By-law 1861-23 – Misc. User Fees

The reading of By-law 1861-23 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

Motion #23-124 - Martin Kreger – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1861-23, being a by-law to establish Miscellaneous User Fees for the Town of Rainy River, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1862-23 – Venables (202 Fourth Street) Re-Zoning

The reading of By-law 1862-23 was given by Councillor Daniel Armstrong.

Motion #23-125 - Gordon Prost – Neil Ivall

“That By-law 1862-23, being a by-law to amend the Zoning By-law 1614-15, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-Law 1863-23 – Deeming of 81 & 83 River Avenue

The reading of By-law 1863-23 was given by Councillor Joel Hagarty.

Motion #23-126 - Neil Ivall – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1863-23, being a by-law to deem certain lands not to be within a registered plan of subdivision, having been read in open council be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1864-23 – Deeming of 310 & 312 Fourth Street

The reading of By-law 1864-23 was given by Councillor Martin Kreger.

Motion #23-127 - Joel Hagarty – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1864-23, being a by-law to deem certain lands not to be within a registered plan of subdivision, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Councillor Martin Kreger

Motion #23-128 - Martin Kreger – Joel Hagarty

“That Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Joel Hagarty and Gordon Prost attend the RRDMA AGM in Emo on January 13, 2024, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Other Business

By-law 1865-23 Fort Frances – POA Amendment

The reading of By-law 1865-23 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Motion #23-129 - Joel Hagarty – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1865-23, being a by-law to amend the court services agreement with district municipalities, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-Law 1866-23 Agreement with Sauleaux

The reading of By-law 1866-23 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

Motion #23-130 - Neil Ivall – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1866-23, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Sauleaux Consulting and Engineering regarding renovations to the Library building, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Aylmer – Residential Tenancies Act Resolution

Resolution #23-025 - 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 Aylmer in requesting that the province consider amending the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 to ensure that all tenants benefit from protections intended to preserve affordability.”

Carried

Alzheimer Awareness Month Resolution

Resolution #23-026 - Martin Kreger – Neil Ivall

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby proclaims January 2024 as “National Alzheimer Awareness Month” and that the Alzheimer Society flag be displayed at the municipal office in commemoration of this event.”

Carried

Coleman Township – Conservation Officers Compensation

Resolution #23-027 - Joel Hagarty – Dan Armstrong

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Coleman with regard to the Conservation Officers receiving compensation comparable to police officers.”

Carried

Town of Fort Frances – International Bridge

Resolution #23-028 - Daniel Armstrong – Joel Hagarty

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Fort Frances in requesting Federal and Provincial action regarding the International Bridge between Fort Frances and International Falls, MN.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1867-23 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The reading of By-law 1867-23 was given by Councillor Joel Hagarty.

Motion #23-131 - Joel Hagarty – Daniel Armstrong

“That By-law 1867-23, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of December 2023, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, January 8, 2023

Adjournment

Motion #23-132 - Daniel Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:07 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer