

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 14, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via video conference (Zoom).

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

Councillor Martin Kreger had indicated that he would not attend this meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan recorded the minutes.

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

Motion #22-007 - Gerry Pasloski – Brent Helgeson

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council January 10, 2022

Motion #22-008 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 10, 2022, as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of January 31, 2022)

Motion #22-009 - Neil Ival – Brent Helgeson

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of January 2022 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$599,591.57
Water	\$ 30,086.68
Sewer	\$ 651.25
Cemetery	\$ 166.24
RRHCC	\$ 435.93

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

By-law 1794-22 - Ontario Infrastructure Loan for Second Street Project

The first reading of By-law 1794-22 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Motion #22-010 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1794-22, being a by-law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for financing of certain ongoing capital work(s), for temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such capital work(s) and for long-term borrowing for such capital works(s) through the issue of debentures to OILC, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1795-22 - Interim Tax Levy

The first reading of By-law 1795-22 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #22-010A – Brent Helgeson – Gerry Pasloski

“That By-law 1795-22 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #22-011 - Pat White – Neil Ivall

“That By-law 1795-22, 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 the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Martin Kreger and Brent Helgeson

Municipal Water System Summary Report

Motion #22-012 - Larry Armstrong – 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, 2021, to December 31, 2021, as prepared by Overall Responsible Operator Leroy Hancharyk.”

Carried

Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Pat White, Neil Ivall and Brent Helgeson

By-law 1796-22 - Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy

The first reading of By-law 1796-22 was given by Councillor Gerry Pasloski.

Verbal Motion #22-012A – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1796-22 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #22-013 - Pat White – Gerry Pasloski

“That By-law 1796-22, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to establish a Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1797-22 - “Lame Duck”

The first reading of By-law 1797-22 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

Verbal Motion #22-013A – Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1797-22 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #22-014 - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That By-law 1797-22, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to authorize the delegation of authority to the administrator for certain acts during a "lame duck" period after August 19th, 2022, nomination day to the swearing in of the newly appointed council, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White and Neil Ivall

EDO Wage Increase

Motion #22-015 - Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“The Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby confirms approval of the wages and rates as recommended by the Steering Committee for the Economic Development Officer to an annual salary of \$65,000 effective March 3, 2020.”

Carried

Some discussion took place regarding this motion and the timing of the wage increase.

Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong and Martin Kreger

By-law 1798-22 - NOHFC Contribution Agreement – Campground Upgrades

The first reading of By-law 1798-22 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Verbal Motion #22-015A – Gerry Pasloski – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1798-22 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #22-016 - Neil Ivall – Gerry Pasloski

“That By-law 1798-22, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to establish signing authority for the Conditional Contribution Agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1799-22 - FedNor Contribution Agreement – Community Anchor Project

The first reading of By-law 1799-22 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #22-016A – Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1799-22 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #22-017 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1799-22, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to establish signing authority for the Contribution Agreement with The Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor), having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1800-22 – Municipal Website Modernization Funding Agreement

The first reading of By-law 1800-22 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

Verbal Motion #22-017A – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1800-22 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #22-018 - Larry Armstrong – Gerry Pasloski

“That By-law 1800-22, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to establish signing authority for the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger

Radio Upgrades

Motion #22-019 - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall

“The Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves radio upgrades for the West Rainy River District Fire Department as per the attached estimate forwarded by Fire Chief Randy Asselin.”

Carried

Library Board – Mayor Deb Ewald

By-law 1801-22 - Misc. User Fees By-law Amendment – Library Fee for Photocopies

The first reading of By-law 1801-22 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

Verbal Motion #22-019A – Gerry Pasloski – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1801-22 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #22-020 - Gerry Pasloski – Pat White

“That By-law 1801-22, being a by-law to amend the miscellaneous user fee by-law, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Bracebridge Sexual Assault Services Funding Resolution

Resolution #22-004 - Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Bracebridge in their resolution that increased and sustainable provincial funding for Muskoka Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services (MPSSAS) and other sexual assault services centres be supported for priority consideration by the Provincial Government and its agencies.”

Carried

Fort Erie Molecular Testing to Enter Canada Resolution

Resolution #22-005 - Larry Armstrong – Gerry Pasloski

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Fort Erie in requesting that the Canadian Federal Government discontinue the requirement for pre-arrival testing at land ports of entry along the Canada-US border, and;

THAT the Canadian Federal Government provide a transparent plan including timelines and the public health metrics necessary for the normalization and discontinuation of all pandemic-related measures at the Canada-US border including but not necessarily limited to randomized arrival testing and the use of the ArriveCAN app, and;

THAT the Canadian and American authorities coordinate efforts to ensure that a formal transparent policy agreement exists related to the Canada-US land border in an effort to prevent our binational community from being impacted in the future should such an emergency occur again; and

FURTHER THAT appreciation be extended to all officials in both Canada and the United States who remain involved in the efforts to reunify our binational community.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1802-22 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1802-22 was given by Councillor Brent Helgeson.

Verbal Motion #22-020A – Larry Armstrong – Gerry Pasloski

“That By-law 1802-22 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #22-021 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1802-22, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of February 2022, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, March 14, 2022

Adjournment

Motion #22-022 - Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:38 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer