

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, February 8, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via video conference (Zoom).

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

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**

No additions or deletions were presented.

**Motion #21-012** - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

**Carried**

**Disclosure of Interest**

Councillor Kreger noted a disclosure conflict with regard to the accounts payable, and the necessary paperwork was completed.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Regular Council January 11, 2021

**Motion #21-013** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 11, 2021 as presented.”

**Carried**

Public Meeting February 1, 2021

**Motion #21-014** - Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“To approve the minutes of the public meeting of February 1, 2021 as amended.”

**Carried**

**Financials (as of January 31, 2021)**

Councillor Kreger abstained from the vote as he had declared a conflict with this item.

A question arose regarding fire costs. It was noted that these costs were for the whole of 2020.

**Motion #21-015 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong**

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of January 2021 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$162,533.44
Water	\$ 6,398.58
Cemetery	\$ 57.48
RRHCC	\$ 545.14

**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 1763-21 Interim Tax Levy 2021

The first reading of By-law 1763-21 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

**Verbal Motion #21-015A – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson**

“That By-law 1763-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #21-016 - Pat White – Neil Ivall**

“That By-law 1763-21, 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

Second Street Engineering Tender

**Motion #21-017** - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby awards RFP 21-01, for engineering services for Second Street water and wastewater replacement and road reconstruction, to Hatch in the amount of \$158,674.00 (taxes not included).”

**Carried**

Sandblast/Painting for Ion Exchange Tank at the WTP

**Motion #21-018** - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the quote from Clara Industrial Services Ltd., for sandblasting and painting the ion exchange tank at the water treatment plant, in the amount of \$48,932.00 (taxes not included).”

**Carried**

Municipal Water System Summary Report

**Motion #21-019** - Martin Kreger – Neil Ivall

“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, 2020 to December 31, 2020 as prepared by Overall Responsible Operator Bob Jenson.”

**Carried**

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

By-Law 1764-21 – Zoning Amendment

The first reading of By-law 1764-21 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

**Verbal Motion #21-019A** – Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That By-law 1764-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #21-020** - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-Law 1764-21, to amend zoning By-law No.1614-15, having been read the required number of times, hereby be approved.”

**Carried**

Rainy River House/Medical Centre – Mayor Deb Ewald and Neil Ivall

By-law 1765-21 Rainy River Clinic Lease

The first reading of By-law 1765-21 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

**Verbal Motion #21-020A** – Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1765-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #21-021** - Martin Kreger – Pat White

“That By-law 1765-21, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to enter into, and to designate signing officers for, the Rainy River Clinic Leasing of Property Agreement, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

Bracebridge Infrastructure Funding Resolution

**Resolution #21-004** - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Bracebridge in requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under municipal asset management plans to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

**Carried**

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Small Business Resolution

**Resolution #21-005 - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall**

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry in requesting that the Province of Ontario allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place.”

**Carried**

South-West Oxford Speeding Resolution

**Resolution #21-006 - Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall**

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of South-West Oxford in sending a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.”

**Carried**

Southwest Middlesex Railway Drainage Resolution

**Resolution #21-007 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong**

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex in requesting that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the need for coordination with the national railways.”

**Carried**

Augusta Fire College Resolution

**Resolution #21-008 - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson**

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Augusta in requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College, as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters (which assists municipalities in protecting their residents).”

**Carried**

**Confirming By-law**

By-law 1766-21 – to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1766-21 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

**Verbal Motion #21-021A** – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1766-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #21-022** - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1766-21, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**Next Meeting – Monday, March 8, 2021**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #21-023** - Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:10 p.m.”

**Carried**

Original Signed  
Mayor

Original Signed  
Chief Administrative Officer