

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Rainy River Activity Depot.

In attendance were Acting Mayor Andrew Hartnell and Councillors Neil Ivall, Larry Armstrong, Martin Kreger, Brent Helgeson and Pat White.

Absent was Mayor Deb Ewald.

The minutes were recorded by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni.

Opening Ceremonies, Moment of Silence and Salute to the Queen

Acting Mayor Andrew Hartnell opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the Queen.

Additions, Deletions or Amendments

Motion #20-071 will be replaced by Resolution #20-010A.

Motion #20-068 - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“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 July 13, 2020

Motion #20-069 - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 13, 2020 as amended.”

Carried

Financials (as of July 31, 2020)

Motion #20-070 - Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

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

Town General	\$250,335.96
Water	\$ 57,237.82
Sewer	\$ 3,947.28
Cemetery	\$ 57.92
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 1,661.58

Carried

Presentations/Delegations

No delegations were present.

Reports from Unfinished Business

Councillor White has spoken to Doug Judson regarding the COVID reporting and the area it covers. Mr. Judson said he wrote a letter and has spoken with the Chief Medical Officer. He is also going to speak to MPP Greg Rickford in regards to updating the Emergency Act. It was noted that Councillor Kreger has sent an email to Mr. Rickford regarding the same issue.

New Business – Committee Reports (as needed)

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

CAO Request to Carry over Vacation Time

Resolution #20-010A – Pat White – Neill Ivall

"**WHEREAS** CAO Veldron Vogan has unused vacation days at the end of her employment contract year; and

WHEREAS the employment contract stipulates that “unless expressly approved by Council resolution, vacation days cannot be banked, paid out or carried over from one year to another”;

NOW THEREFORE the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves that 12 days of vacation time will be carried over for CAO Veldron Vogan into the following contract year and that these days are to be used prior to December 31, 2020.”

Carried

Gore Bay – Resolution to Not Support the AMO Report to Have the OPP Detachment Boards Assumed Under DSSAB

Resolution #20-011 - Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Gore Bay in their resolution to agree with the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) in that the current DSSAB’s would not be the best solution for overseeing Northern Ontario OPP Detachments and that they be so advised.”

Carried

South Glengarry – Resolution for Additional Staffing Levels for Long Term Care Facilities

Resolution #20-012 - Neil Ivall – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of South Glengarry in their resolution to urge the Ontario government to provide funding to increase full-time positions in place of casual and part-time labour in long term care homes and to request that the Ministry of Long-term Care acts to regularly inspect all long term care homes, and sound infection control measures are put in place at all Ontario long term care homes.”

Carried

Oshawa – Resolution for Relief Programs for Cultural Organizations

Resolution #20-013 - Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Oshawa in their resolution that the Federal, Provincial, and Regional Government help local municipalities assist their local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting organizations with clear and definitive relief funding programs directed to help sustain the afore mentioned groups through these trying times inflicted on them by the effects of COVID-19.”

Carried

Sault Ste. Marie - Border Closure Resolution

Resolution #20-014 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Sault Ste. Marie 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 the 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

Gore Bay – OPP Training Resolution

Resolution #20-015 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Gore Bay in their resolution to encourage common training requirements to all members of the Ontario Provincial Police Force as it relates to diversity, empathy and use of force.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1750-20 – to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1750-20 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Verbal Motion #20-071A – Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1750-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-072 - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1750-20, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10th day of August, 2020, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, September 14, 2020

Adjournment

Motion #20-073 - Larry Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:05 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer