

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

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

In attendance were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Joel Hagarty, Gordon Prost, Neil Ivall and Brent Helgeson (by phone).

Giving regrets were Councillors Martin Kreger and Daniel Armstrong (due to employment).

Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan 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 #23-033 - Neil Ivall – Gordon Prost

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest were made.

Presentations/Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council March 13, 2023

Motion #23-034 - Gordon Prost – Neil Ivall

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 13, 2023, as amended.”

Carried

Financials (as of March 31, 2023)

Discussion took place regarding the Rainy River Fire Department holiday celebration funds. There were questions about some of the revenues that came in (the OMPF, FEDNOR and the OCIF).

Motion #23-035 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of March 31, 2023) along with the accounts payable for the month of March 2023 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$565,567.99
Water	\$ 35,283.92
Sewer	\$ 2,431.76
Cemetery	\$ 36.63
RRHCC	\$ 3,377.27

Carried

Reports from Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to report.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

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

Garbage Collection Contract

Motion #23-036 - Joel Hagarty – Neil Ivall

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves renewal of the Garbage Collection Contract with Clarence Advent (pending contractor’s agreement) to be effective from October 1, 2022, and ending on September 30, 2026, at the following rates:

October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2024,	\$47,435.00 per annum
October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026,	\$49,332.00 per annum.”

Carried

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Meeting Representative

Motion #23-037 - Neil Ivall – Joel Hagarty

“That Councillor Martin Kreger is hereby appointed as the council representative to the Rainy River District Municipal Association.”

Carried

Other Business

Chem-Free Graduation Partner/Sponsor Request

Motion #23-038 - Joel Hagarty – Gordon Prost

“To donate \$100.00 to the 2023 Rainy River High School Chem-Free Graduation in the form of four \$25.00 gift certificates to be used within the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

North Perth – School Bus Stop Arm Camera Resolution

Resolution #23-006 - Gordon Prost – Neil Ivall

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of North Perth in urging the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities.”

Carried

Essex – Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales Resolution

Resolution #23-007 - Neil Ivall – Joel Hagarty

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Essex in sending a letter to all relevant taxation bodies urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.”

Carried

Chatham-Kent – Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs Resolution

Resolution #23-008 - Joel Hagarty – Gordon Prost

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.”

Carried

RRVAS – Mardi Gras Fundraiser Information

The council received this correspondence as information. Each member of council will make their own decision on their attendance at the gala.

Confirming By-law

By-law 1844-23 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The reading of By-law 1844-23 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

Motion #23-039 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

“That By-law 1844-23, 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 April 2023, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, May 8, 2023

Adjournment

Motion #23-040 - Joel Hagarty

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:01 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer