

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via video conference (Zoom).

In attendance were Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Martin Kreger, Brent Helgeson and Gerry Pasloski.

Absent were Councillor Neil Ivall (due to work) and Councillor 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.

Mayor Ewald noted that the Town of Fort Frances is looking for support for the Shelter of Hope. An e-mail will be forwarded for each Councillor to comment on whether they would like to submit such a letter of support.

The Mayor also noted that she had agreed to attend the Code of Conduct meeting but it had been postponed until June 17th at 11:00 a.m. She will not be able to attend this session but will be able to discuss the issues as part of the NOMA Board Executive Meeting. Councillor Brent Helgeson indicated that he would be able to attend the conference call on the 17th on the mayor's behalf. Mayor Ewald will forward the contact information to him.

Additions, Deletions or Amendments

Motion #21-068 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Brent Helgeson declared a conflict with the accounts payable.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council May 10, 2021

Motion #21-069 - Gerry Pasloski – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 10, 2021 as presented.”

Carried

Special Council May 18, 2021

Motion #21-070 - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of May 18, 2021 as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of May 31, 2021)

There were questions regarding a gravel purchase and some bolts that were purchased.

Motion #21-071 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

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

Town General	\$252,142.93
Water	\$ 59,049.34
Sewer	\$ 1,971.14
Cemetery	\$ 168.20
RRHCC	\$ 837.53

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

Summer Students

Motion #21-072 - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“**THAT** the following individuals be hired for the 2021 summer student positions for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River:

NAME	POSITION	RATE OF PAY	START DATE
Tala Quran	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Naomi Carradice	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Alyssa Wenell-Jack	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Kennedy Mosher	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA”

Carried

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

Hannam Park Staining Expenses

Motion #21-073 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the purchase of wood stain for Hannam Park in the approximate amount of \$13,000 (not including taxes).”

Carried

Railway Avenue Park Survey

Motion #21-074 - Gerry Pasloski – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the quote from TBT Engineering, for survey services at the Railway Avenue Park, in the amount of \$2,500.00 (taxes not included).”

Carried

Lift Station Pump

Motion #21-075 - Larry Armstrong – Gerry Pasloski

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the quote from Process Flow Systems Ltd., to perform a maintenance review of the lift station pumps, in the amount of \$4,700.00 annually (taxes not included).”

Carried

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

Youth Grant Committee

Motion #21-076 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That Councillor Martin Kreger be appointed to the West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant review committee as a representative of the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

The Archipelago Bill 228 Banning Un-encapsulated Polystyrene Foam Resolution

Resolution #21-020 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of the Archipelago in calling on the Federal Government of Canada (Ministries of Fisheries and the Environment), the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks), the Province of Quebec, The United States (U.S.) Federal Government, and the U.S. States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota to work in collaboration with each other to enact laws which:

1. ban unencapsulated polystyrene (PS) products in all new and replacement public and private floating facilities across the Great Lakes Region and the coasts of Canada and the United States;
2. find common standards of defining encapsulation with the goal of zero emissions of PS foam;
3. require the timely transition to approved encapsulated PS products, for all public and private floating facilities currently using unencapsulated PS foam; and
4. require the proper disposal of all unencapsulated expanded polystyrene (EPS) products currently being used for dock flotation.”

Carried

The Archipelago Bill 279 Micro plastics Filters for Washing Machines Resolution

Resolution #21-021 - Gerry Pasloski – Brent Helgeson

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of The Archipelago in resolving that the the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes that to-date the largest documented source of environmental microfibers is washing machines, and that findings indicate washing machine filters mitigate the majority of fibres shed during machine washing; and that the Cities Initiative recognizes the need to require future sales of washing machines to include filters with a

maximum mesh size of 100 microns; and that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Ontario government to pass Bill 279, and to call on the Canadian and U.S. government to create appropriate regulatory measures to the same effect; and that until households can only buy new laundry machines outfitted with <100 micron filters, the Cities Initiative and its members call on provincial, state and federal governments to provide funding and education to help constituents reduce microfiber waste.”

Carried

Fort Erie Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence Resolution

Resolution #21-022 - 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 Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences.”

Carried

Mill Yard Environmental Study

Motion #21-077 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the proposal from Pinchin for Phase One Environmental Site Assessment and Record of Site Condition Filing for the mill yard in the amount of \$8,250.00 (taxes not included).”

Carried

Park Street Property

Motion #21-078 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves moving forward with the transfer of property located at 601 Park Street.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1776-21 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1776-21 was given by Councillor Brent Helgeson.

Verbal Motion #21-078A – Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1776-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #21-079 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1776-21, 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 June, 2021, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, July 12, 2021

It was noted that the next regular council meeting would be on Monday, July 12, 2021.

Adjournment

Motion #21-080 - Larry Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:00 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer