

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, May 8, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers.

In attendance were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Joel Hagarty, Daniel Armstrong, Gordon Prost, Neil Ivall and Brent Helgeson. Also in attendance were S/Sgts. Dereck McLean and Mike Krisz of the OPP. Councillor Martin Kreger arrived later in the meeting.

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 #23-044 will be amended to include the cyber portion of the insurance policy.

**Motion #23-041** - Joel Hagarty – Neil Ivall

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Disclosure of Interest**

No disclosures of interest were made.

**Presentations/Delegations**

OPP

The OPP officers introduced themselves. St. Sgt. McLean provided an overview of some initiatives that have taken place. Discussion took place regarding volume of incidences from one year to the next (2021 compared to 2022) and how these incidences reflect upon our OPP billing statement.

Councillor Martin Kreger arrived at the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

It was noted that a new recruit was arriving in June. There was some discussion regarding the community well-being plan and how this is being implemented. Questions were asked regarding some of the illegal raffles taking place in the community and how the municipality can encourage compliance with lottery laws. Some suggestions were made by the OPP officers.

With no further business the OPP delegates left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Regular Council April 11, 2023

**Motion #23-042** - Joel Hagarty – Gordon Prost

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 11, 2023, as presented.”

**Carried**

**Financials (as of April 30, 2023)**

Councillor Kreger disclosed a conflict regarding the accounts payable, and the necessary paperwork was completed.

It was noted that some grant funds were used to purchase floating docks for the park that people could swim off.

**Motion #23-043** - Joel Hagarty – Daniel Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of April 2023 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$236,495.93
Water	\$ 27,655.99
Sewer	\$ 18,042.96
Cemetery	\$ 34.45
RRHCC	\$ 338.23

**Carried**

**Reports from Unfinished Business**

There was some discussion regarding the Fix-it Club meeting date. Councillor Helgeson will look into this and advise the Council.

**NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)**

**Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Neil Ivall, Martin Kreger and Daniel Armstrong**

Insurance Renewal

**Motion #23-044 - Neil Ivall – Joel Hagarty**

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the proposal for general insurance and risk management services as submitted by the Westland Insurance Group Ltd. in the amount of \$131,662 annually taxes not included plus cyber insurance coverage in the amount of \$5,850.00 plus taxes.”

**Carried**

**Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Daniel Armstrong, Neil Ivall and Joel Hagarty**

Railroad Daze Donation

**Motion #23-045 - Brent Helgeson – Joel Hagarty**

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves a donation to the Railroad Daze Community Festival in the amount of \$2,000.”

**Carried**

Rainy River Agriculture Society Donation

**Motion #23-046 - Neil Ivall – Joel Hagarty**

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves a donation to the Rainy River Agriculture Society in the amount of \$500 to aid in their reconstruction efforts.”

**Carried**

**Rainy River District Municipal Association – Councillor Martin Kreger**

General Meeting

**Motion #23-047 - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall**

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the attendance of members of Council at the RRDMA General Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Fort Frances with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

**Other Business**

FONOM Bail Reform Resolution

**Resolution #23-009 - Gord Prost – Brent Helgeson**

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) in requesting that the Federal Government make the following legislative changes:

1. Create a Designation of chronic persistent offender.
2. Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings.
3. Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences.
4. All bail-related gun charges go to the superior court for bail release.”

**Carried**

RRWT In-Kind Contribution Request

**Motion #23-048 - Brent Helgeson – Daniel Armstrong**

“That approval be granted by the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River for the following items relating to the 2023 Rainy River Walleye Tournament:

- To waive building permit fees regarding the Rainy River Walleye Tournament tent;
- To approve assistance from the town in setting up and taking down of the tent in the park;
- Access to Town equipment (i.e., forklift) to assist in setting up of tent;
- Use of Town’s picnic tables;
- Town fencing around the tent area;
- Event insurance through the Town’s Insurance (with the RRWT paying the premium);
- Assistance repairing docks (if required); and
- Moving of Rest Room Trailer and RRWT Storage Bus.”

**Carried (as amended)**

Shuniah Utility Locate Costs Resolution

**Resolution #23-010 - Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson**

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Shuniah in opposing the downloading of utility locate costs to third party contractors, including Ontario municipalities, Enbridge Gas and other utilities.”

**Carried**

Mayor Ewald noted that some drainage would be done along the Pines Park. The Township of Dawson will be contacted in this regard.

**Confirming By-law**

By-law 1845-23 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The reading of By-law 1845-23 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

**Motion #23-049** - Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1845-23, 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 May 2023, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**Next Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2023**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #23-050** - Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:07 p.m.”

**Carried**

Original Signed  
Mayor

Original Signed  
Chief Administrative Officer