

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance through video conference were Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Andrew Hartnell, Neil Ivall and Pat White. In attendance at the municipal office were Councillors Martin Kreger, Brent Helgeson and Larry Armstrong,

The minutes were recorded by Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan.

**Opening Ceremonies, Moment of Silence and Salute to the Queen**

Mayor Deborah Ewald opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the Queen.

**Additions, Deletions or Amendments**

Add Correspondence from Walla Walla Inn regarding property tax account – Finance.

**Motion #20-026** - Pat White – Neil Ivall

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Disclosure of Interest**

No disclosures of interest were declared.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Regular Council March 9, 2020

**Motion #20-027** - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 9, 2020 as amended.”

**Carried**

**Financials (as of March 31, 2020)**

**Motion #20-028** - Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of March 31, 2020) along with the accounts payable for the month of March 2020 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	(\$174,149.72 plus payroll \$30, 747.02)	\$204,896.74
Water	\$ 42,117.46	
Sewer	\$ 268.91	
Cemetery	\$ 28.77	
RRHCC	\$ 1,654.54	

**Carried**

**Presentations/Delegations**

No delegations were present.

**Reports from Unfinished Business**

Celerity Agreement – there has been nothing further in this regard even though a second email had been sent.

EDO Agreement – Councillor Pat White indicated that she would be speaking to Geoff Gillon with regard to this issue. It was suggested that reference be made to the original EDO minutes.

**New Business – Committee Reports (as needed)**

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

By-Law 1739-20 – Extending Interim Tax Due Date

The first reading of By-law 1739-20 was given by Councillor Pat White.

**Verbal Motion #20-028A** – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1739-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #20-029** - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1739-20, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-Law 1740-20 – Policy for Public Electronic Meeting Participation

The first reading of By-law 1740-20 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

**Verbal Motion #20-029A** – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1740-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #20-030** - Martin Kreger – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1740-20, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

Walla Walla Inn Property Tax Account

A letter had been received from the owners of the Walla Walla with regard to their tax account being sent to collections and a proposal to pay a portion of the amount owing. A lengthy discussion took place regarding this matter.

**Motion #20-030A** – Neil Ivall – Pat White

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Bryce Campbell dated April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, co-owner of the property located at 400 Atwood Avenue, with regard to the tax arrears;

Further, Mr. Campbell has requested to make a minimal payment (approximately 20% of the current outstanding balance) in full settlement of the tax arrears;

Further, the Town Council is uninterested in further payment plans in relation to this debt;

Further, the Town Council is rejecting the settlement offer and requesting payment in full on or before May 15, 2020;

And further, if the account remains in arrears alternative means of collection will proceed.”

**Carried**

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

Municipal Water System Summary Report

Councillor Armstrong noted that the town crew is very efficient and does a great job at the water treatment plant.

**Motion #20-031 - Larry Armstrong – 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, 2019 to December 31, 2019 as prepared by Overall Responsible Operator Bob Jenson.”

**Carried**

Chem-Free Graduation Partner/Sponsor Request

**Motion #20-032 - Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell**

“To donate \$100.00 to the 2020 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**

RRWT Sponsorship Request

**Motion #20-033 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger**

“That approval be granted by the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River for the following items relating to the 2020 Rainy River Walleye Tournament:

- To waive building permit fees in regards to the Rainy River Walleye Tournament tent;
- To approve in-kind 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**

Tyendinaga Rail Disruptions Resolution

**Resolution #20-006 - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong**

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Tyendinaga in their resolution to for a peaceful conclusion to the ongoing rail disruptions and encouragement for ongoing discussions for a solution to the Costal GasLink Project.”

**Carried**

West Nipissing & Village of Merrickville-Wolford Provincially Significant Wetlands Resolution

**Resolution #20-007 - Pat White – Neil Ivall**

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of West Nipissing and the Village of Merrickville-Wolford in their resolutions to call upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide support evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries.”

**Carried**

Town of Midland – Request to Federal Government to Pay Property Taxes

**Resolution #20-008 - Neil Ivall – Pat White**

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River fully supports and concurs with the Corporation of the Town Midland’s request to the Federal Government of Canada regarding Midland’s request to have the Federal Government to assist owners of lower valued properties by waiving the property taxes for 2020 and compensating the municipalities for the tax revenue. In doing so, the emotional and financial well-being of the citizens of this country will benefit.”

**Carried**

**Confirming By-law**

By-law 1741-20 – to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1741-20 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

**Verbal Motion #20-033A – Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell**

“That By-law 1741-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #20-034 - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong**

“That By-law 1741-20, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**Next Meeting – Monday, May 11, 2020**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #20-035 - Brent Helgeson**

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:30 p.m.”

**Carried**

*Original Signed*  
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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer