

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers and via video conference (Zoom).

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

Giving regrets were Councillors Gerry Pasloski and Pat White (medical reasons).

Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan recorded the minutes.

Opening Ceremonies, Moment of Silence, and Salute to the King

Mayor Deb Ewald opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the King.

Presentations/Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Additions, Deletions or Amendments

The Committee of the Whole meeting on November 7th will be used as an orientation meeting for the newly elected council.

The Regular Council meeting on November 14th will be called as needed.

Add AMBIS – a request has been received from CBO Henry Van Ael to cover the insurance deductible for vehicle damages.

Add In Camera Session – to deal with a Personnel matter regarding an identifiable person.

Motion #22-108 - Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Kreger disclosed a conflict regarding the accounts payable, Mayor Ewald declared a conflict regarding the in-camera session at the end of the meeting, and the necessary paperwork was completed.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council September 12, 2022

Motion #22-109 - Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 12, 2022, as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of September 30, 2022)

A couple questions were asked about some of the bills and the CAO provided answers. More information will be sought for one of the fuel bills.

Motion #22-110 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of September 30, 2022) along with the accounts payable for the month of September 2022 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$135,936.43
Water	\$ 73,106.98
Sewer	\$ 25,804.89
RRHCC	\$ 324.91

Carried

Reports from Unfinished Business

It was noted that we are still searching for a building for the library. A consultant will attend a meeting on October 12th to review some of our options.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Pat White, Neil Ivall and Brent Helgeson

By-law 1831-22 – Misc. User Fees

By-law 1831-22 was read by Councillor Martin Kreger.

Motion #22-111 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1831-22, being a by-law to establish miscellaneous user fees, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

AMIS – CBO Vehicle Claim

A letter had been received from CBO Henry Van Ael requesting that the AMBIS committee cover the deductible for his vehicle that sustained damage from vandalism as he was parked and waiting for departure to an Ontario Building Officials Association meeting. It was noted that other town councils in the AMBIS group had determined that the deductible should be borne by the vehicle owner. The possibility of purchasing a vehicle for AMBIS use was brought forward. Council discussed the matter, and it was recommended that AMBIS pay 4/5 of the deductible and the CBO contractor pay the remaining \$100 and that this be written into the contract. However, if the majority of the other councils aren't in agreement with paying the deductible, Rainy River's council would support the majority. Council was not in favour of purchasing a vehicle for CBO use.

Rainy River House/Medical Centre – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Neil Ivall

Mayor Ewald spoke to the fact that council would like to meet with the doctors about their possible dissatisfaction with working with other agencies within our district.

WRRD Lions Club – Ultrasound Upgrades

Resolution #22-016 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“WHEREAS the Rainy River Health Care Centre is experiencing increasing volumes of emergency room visits and the demand is high for diagnostic quality ultrasounds; and

WHEREAS the lack of inter-community public transit further exacerbates the need to seek treatment outside of Rainy River; and

WHEREAS Covid restrictions have limited inter-hospital movement of staff resulting in more diagnostic ultrasound exams being done in Rainy River; and

WHEREAS recent economic and employment opportunities in the west end of the district have increased the population of younger families as evident in the local demand for youth recreation opportunities and the planned expansion of our education infrastructure; and

WHEREAS physicians in Rainy River have expressed their desire to continue to offer ultrasound exams on an ongoing basis to better serve the needs of patients in the western half of the Riverside Health Care catchment area; and

WHEREAS the current machine being used in Rainy River is not of the same caliber employed in the Fort Frances radiology department; and

WHEREAS ultrasound technologists have indicated that having similar machines in Fort Frances and Rainy River will facilitate recruitment of ultrasound technicians and provide cross coverage relief for staff due to illness or vacations; and

WHEREAS the West Rainy River District Lions Club has pledged a substantial initial donation to the Riverside Foundation if this upgrade in Rainy River proceeds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River supports upgrading the Ultrasound Equipment and capabilities at the Rainy River Health Centre; and

FURTHER THAT a request be made that the Riverside Foundation encourage greater participation by representatives of the communities of the western half of the Riverside Health Care Inc.'s catchment area; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Riverside Healthcare Board Inc. and the Riverside Foundation Board.”

Carried

Other Business

Resolution (Gray Highlands) – Increased Speeding Fines

Resolution #22-017 - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Grey Highlands in lobbying the Ministry of the Solicitor General to increase the fines for all levels of speeding.”

Carried

Resolution (Brighton) – Streamlining Government Legislation for Physicians

Resolution #22-018 - Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Brighton in requesting that the Government of Ontario provide funding and change legislation to allow the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) to implement the changes proposed in their letter to the Minister of Health on August 18, 2022. Which includes:

- Exempting IEP's from the regulatory requirement to have Canadian Experience (re-do residency) where all other requirements are met; and
- Implementing Practice Ready Assessment programs similar to those already used in seven (7) other provinces.

And that the Government of Ontario develop a similar tuition program to attract family doctors to underserved areas of Ontario.”

Carried

In-Camera Session

Prior to moving in-camera Mayor Ewald left the meeting and Deputy Mayor Neil Ivalle assumed the Chair.

Verbal Motion #22-111A – Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“To move in-camera to discuss a personnel matter at 6:10 p.m.”

Carried

Verbal Motion #22-111B – Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“To move back into regular session at 6:20 p.m.”

Carried

The CAO was instructed to prepare the response to a formal complaint made under the Code of Conduct Procedure (as per instructions given during the in-camera meeting).

Confirming By-law

By-law 1833-22 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

By-law 1833-22 was read by Councillor Brent Helgeson.

Motion #22-112 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1832-22, 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 October 2022, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting (if necessary) – Monday, November 14, 2022

Adjournment

Motion #22-113 - Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:25 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer