

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, June 12, 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, Martin Kreger and Brent Helgeson.

Absent was Councillor Neil Ivall due to employment obligations.

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

Add Motion #23-058A (Brush Hog Purchase)

Add Motion #23-058B (Second Street Expenses)

Add Motion #23-059A (New Gold Invitation for June 19th meeting from Anne Marie Rousseau)

Add Motion #23-059B under Economic Development – (Meeting with MPP Greg Rickford and NOHFC Board).

Motion #23-053 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest were made.

Presentations/Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council May 8, 2023

Motion #23-054 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 8, 2023, as presented.”

Carried

Special Council May 24, 2023

Motion #23-055 - Joel Hagarty – Gordon Prost

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of May 24, 2023, as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of May 31, 2023)

Motion #23-056 - Daniel Armstrong – Gordon Prost

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

Town General	\$195,620.56
Water	\$ 36,667.70
Sewer	\$ 2,062.62
Cemetery	\$ 72.34
RRHCC	\$ 844.04

Carried

Reports from Unfinished Business

Inquiries will be made about the Dawson drain that may, or may not, run past The Pines Park.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

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

Summer Students

Motion #23-057 - Gordon Prost – Daniel Armstrong

“**THAT** the following individuals be hired for the 2023 summer student positions for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River:

NAME	POSITION	RATE OF PAY	START DATE
Kennedy Mosher	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Christina Gerula	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Belle Holmes	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Mercedez Huziak	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Isabella Matthew	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Randy Wood	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA”

Carried

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

Landfill Hours

Motion #23-058 - Brent Helgeson – Gordon Prost

“Effective August 1, 2023, the hours of operation at the Rainy River Landfill will be changed to 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves signing an amended Sanitation Site Caretaker Agreement with Dwight Hanson.”

Carried

Brush Hog Purchase

Motion #23-058A – Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town of Rainy River Town Council hereby approves the purchase of a Flail Mulcher / Brush Hog for use on the small Bobcat Excavator at a cost of \$13,100 plus applicable taxes.”

Carried

Second Street Expenses

Motion #23-058B – Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the purchase of materials to improve drainage issues that have arisen at the southern portion of Second Street at a cost of approximately \$17,500 plus taxes and shipping.”

Carried

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

Railroad Daze Road Closure

Motion #23-059 - Joel Hagarty – Brent Helgeson

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves closure of the bottom portion of Fourth Street (from the south entrance of the hospital down to the marina) for Railroad Daze on Saturday, July 15, 2023, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and the top block of Fourth Street from Atwood Avenue to Broadway Avenue between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.”

Carried

New Gold Community Consultation

Motion #23-059A – Martin Kreger – Daniel Armstrong

“The Town of Rainy River Town Council hereby approves the attendance of Deborah Ewald and Joel Hagarty at the New Gold Community Consultation on Monday, June 19, 2023, in Emo with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

NOHFC Open House

Motion #23-059B – Brent Helgeson – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves Deborah Ewald and Gajith Jinadasa to attend the NOHFC Open House on Tuesday, June 13th in Fort Frances with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Daniel Armstrong and Brent Helgeson

By-law 1815-22 – Cemetery By-law

The third reading of By-law 1815-22 was given by Councillors Gordon Prost, Brent Helgeson, Joel Hagarty, Daniel Armstrong, and Martin Kreger.

Motion #23-060 - Joel Hagarty – Daniel Armstrong

“That By-law 1815-22, being a by-law to establish rules and regulations to be used in connection with Forest Lawn Cemetery, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Library Board – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Library Board Trustee

Motion #23-061 - Brent Helgeson – Joel Hagarty

“That the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby appoints Gordon Prost to the Rainy River Public Library Board as a Library Board Trustee for a term starting June 12, 2023, and ending November 15, 2026.”

Carried

Other Business

Tweed – Pole Infrastructure Resolution

Resolution #23-011 - Daniel Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Tweed in calling on the Province of Ontario to facilitate, coordinate, and regulate pole deployment measures across the Province of Ontario to prevent unnecessary duplication of pole infrastructure and that the Province of Ontario should encourage Bell Canada and Hydro One to work together to provide access for poles to better service the infrastructure needs of Ontarians.”

Carried

Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls – Bill 60, Your Health Resolution

Resolution #23-012 - Joel Hagarty – Brent Helgeson

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls in opposing Bill 60, Your Health Act, as it threatens the framework and foundations of universal health-care delivery in the Province of Ontario and will lead to overall poorer health outcomes, higher costs and less access to health-care services for those most in need, particularly in the North.”

Carried

Pride Month Proclamation

Resolution #23-013 - Joel Hagarty – Daniel Armstrong

“**WHEREAS** Pride events across Canada and the United States and around the world promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and take a positive stance against discrimination, hatred, and violence towards 2SLGBTQIA+ people (two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer/questioning, intersex, and asexual people);

AND WHEREAS symbols, messages, and public leadership in support of Pride are necessary to show a community’s sense of welcome and belonging for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and families, and its care for 2SLGBTQIA+ identifying youth;

AND WHEREAS acknowledging and participating in Pride underscores and affirms our respect for the dignity, equality, and visibility of 2SLGBTQIA+ people and families;

AND WHEREAS the diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression represents a positive contribution to society and is a matter for our community to take pride, show its support, and celebrate;

AND WHEREAS 2SLGBTQIA+ people – and especially trans and gender diverse people – continue to be targeted with hatred, prejudice, and violence;

AND WHEREAS Pride has been observed and celebrated in our region, and has become an important community-building activity;

AND WHEREAS the values of diversity and inclusion should be shared in common by all people;

AND WHEREAS the month of June is internationally recognized as Pride Month;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council hereby proclaims the month of June 2023 to be Pride Month in the Town of Rainy River;
2. The Town of Rainy River will publicly display a Pride flag in a prominent location in celebration of Pride;
3. Council encourages all citizens to reflect and work together on equality, acceptance, and inclusion for all people throughout the year; and
4. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Borderland Pride and shared with the community.”

Carried

Stratford – Long-Term Care Funding Resolution

Resolution #23-014 - Daniel Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Stratford in encouraging the provincial government to endorse the redirect of current ministry beds in abeyance funding towards the support of community care services.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1846-23 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The reading of By-law 1846-23 was given by Councillor Brent Helgeson.

Motion #23-062 - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1846-23, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12th day of June 2023, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, July 10, 2023

Adjournment

Motion #23-063 - Martin Kreger

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:00 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer