

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via video conference (Zoom).

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

Additions, Deletions or Amendments

Add Item 8) h. Rainy River Pride Organization Committee Request

Motion #21-050 - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest were declared.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council April 12, 2021

Corrections to the minutes will be made as indicated.

Motion #21-051 - Larry Armstrong – Gerry Pasloski

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 12, 2021 as amended.”

Carried

Financials (as of April 30, 2021)

There was a question regarding the cemetery refund. This was clarified.

Motion #21-052 - Martin Kreger – Neil Ivall

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

Town General	\$119,090.30
Water	\$ 27,366.48
Sewer	\$ 6,023.53
Cemetery	\$ 3,018.32
RRHCC	\$ 257.09

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

Insurance Renewal

Motion #21-053 - Neill Ivall – Pat White

“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 Gillons Insurance Brokers in the amount of \$95,683 annually taxes not included.”

Carried

Cyber Insurance

Motion #21-054 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the proposal for cyber insurance services as submitted by the Gillons Insurance Brokers in the amount of \$6,545 annually taxes not included.”

Carried

Health & Safety – Councillors Martin Kreger and Brent Helgeson

AODA

1. By-law 1773-21 – A-1 Accessibility General Policy

The first reading of By-law 1773-21 was given by Councillor Brent Helgeson.

Verbal Motion #21-054A – Pat White – Gerry Pasloski

“That By-law 1773-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #21-055 - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1773-21, to establish an Accessibility General Policy, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

2. By-law 1774-21 – A-2 Accessibility Multi-Year Plan Policy

The first reading of By-law 1774-21 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Verbal Motion #21-055A – Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1774-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #21-056 - Neil Ivall – Gerry Pasloski

“That By-law 1774-21, to establish an Accessibility Multi-Year Plan Policy, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

Lift Station Pump

Motion #21-057 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the quote from Process Flow Systems Ltd., to re-build the lift station pump, in the amount of \$14,833.76 (taxes not included) and to perform a maintenance review of the other two pumps.”

Carried

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

CBO Sick Days

Motion #21-058 - Pat White – Gerry Pasloski

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the request from Chief Building Official Henry Van Ael to accumulate a total of 85 sick days.”

Carried

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Virtual Meeting Attendance

Motion #21-059 - Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“That Mayor Ewald and Councillor Brent Helgeson attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association virtual meeting on May 18, 2021 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Norfolk County Carbon Tax Resolution

Resolution #21-018 - Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Norfolk County Council in requesting that the Federal Government consider the concerns of the agricultural community and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes.”

Carried

Caledon Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Resolution

Resolution #21-019 - 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 Caledon in endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.”

Carried

Rainy River Pride Organization Committee Request

Verbal Resolution #21-020 – Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“WHEREAS:

1. Borderland Pride is the LGBTQ2 (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer/questioning, and two-spirit) Pride organization for the Borderland region, which is comprised of the Rainy River District, Koochiching County, and the southern part of Treaty #3 territory;
2. Pride events across Canada and the United States and around the world promote diversity and inclusion and take a positive stance against discrimination and violence towards LGBTQ2 people;
3. Pride is necessary to show community support and belonging for LGBTQ2 individuals and families, and LGBTQ2-identifying youth in particular;
4. Acknowledging and participating in Pride underscores and affirms our respect for the dignity, equality, and visibility of LGBTQ2 people and families;
5. The diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity represents a positive contribution to society and is a matter in which to take pride and celebrate;
6. The global pandemic has increased the isolation, anxiety, and insecurity of some of society’s most vulnerable citizens, including LGBTQ2 people and youth;
7. Pride has been observed and celebrated in the Borderland region, and has become a highlight on the summer calendar;
8. The values of diversity and inclusion should be shared in common by all people, and know no border;
9. The month of June is internationally recognized as Pride Month;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

10. I, Mayor Deborah Ewald do hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 to be Pride Month in the Town of Rainy River;
11. The Town of Rainy River will publicly display a Pride flag in a prominent location for the week of June 6 – 12 in celebration of Pride; and

12. All citizens are encouraged to reflect and work together on equality, acceptance, and inclusion for all people throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 10th day of May, 2021.

Mayor Deborah Ewald”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1775-21 – to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1775-21 was given by Councillor Brent Helgeson.

Verbal Motion #21-059A – Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1775-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #21-060 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1775-21, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10th day of May, 2021, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, June 14, 2021

It was noted that the next regular council meeting would be on Monday, June 14, 2021.

Adjournment

Motion #21-061 - Neil Ivall

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:01 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer