

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, November 8, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via video conference (Zoom).

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

Absent was Councillor Larry Armstrong.

The minutes were recorded by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni.

**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**

Amendments were made to Motion #21-112.

**Motion #21-117** - 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 October 12, 2021

**Motion #21-118** - Pat White – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 12, 2021 as presented.”

**Carried**

**Financials (as of October 31, 2021)**

**Motion #21-119** - Gerry Pasloski – Pat White

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

Town General	\$484,205.71
Water	\$ 52,081.89
Sewer	\$ 33,258.83
RRHCC	\$ 441.82

**Carried**

### **Presentations/Delegations**

No delegations were in attendance.

### **Reports from Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

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

#### **Sarnia – Land Border Covid-19 Testing Resolution**

**Resolution #21-038** - Neil Ivall – Martin Kreger

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Sarnia in requesting that the federal government remove the requirement for Canadian travelers to be tested for COVID-19 when using a land crossing into the United States.”

**Carried**

#### **Enniskillen Cannabis Resolution**

**Resolution #21-039** - Brent Helgeson – Gerry Pasloski

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Enniskillen in requesting that the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs re-evaluate their position that cannabis is **not** an agricultural product such as food, fur and fiber but is in-fact Industrial/Commercial in nature; and, that all Ontario municipalities be able to determine appropriate setbacks in Zoning By-laws as appropriate for their municipality for the placement of cannabis facilities within their Official Plan.”

**Carried**

#### **Enniskillen Cannabis Act Resolution**

**Resolution #21-040** - Neil Ivall – Martin Kreger

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Enniskillen in requesting that Health Canada research more fully when AND before an applicant is issued a license for either medicinal or recreational cannabis; and, that notification and/or communication be given to the appropriate municipality; and, that regular inspections of these facilities should be **MANDATORY** to verify compliance by license holders; and, upon complaints received by Health Canada online reporting should trigger an unannounced inspection; and, that a comprehensive study of the Cannabis Act be undertaken as many Ontario municipalities have encountered problems.”

**Carried**

### **Leamington Long-term Care Resolution**

**Resolution #21-041** - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Leamington in endorsing AMO’s recommendations contained in its submission to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission; and, in urging the Provincial Government to move forward with implementation of these recommendations, including instituting high standards with increased funding to homes to implement those standards; and, that the Federal Government enhance federal health care funding to the Provinces and Territories, specifically dedicating funding to long-term care, and to undertake further efforts to protect, promote and restore the physical and mental well-being of long-term care residents in Canada; and, request the FCM to develop a policy and advocacy position on enhance federal support for long-term care.”

**Carried**

### **Sunset Country Travel Association Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution**

**Motion #21-120** - Gerry Pasloski – Martin Kreger

“To approve payment of the Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution to the Sunset Country Travel Association in the amount of 22 cents per capita, based on a population of 807.”

**Carried**

### **In Camera Session**

**Verbal Motion #21-119A** – Pat White – Gerry Pasloski

“That the meeting move in-camera at 5:46 p.m.”

**Carried**

**Verbal Motion #21-119B** – Neil Ivall – Martin Kreger

“That the meeting return to regular session at 5:52 p.m.”

**Carried**

Hiring – Foreman/Overall Responsible Operator (Water Treatment)

**Motion #21-121** - Neil Ivall – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the hiring of Leroy Hancharyk for the Foreman/Overall Responsible Operator (Water Treatment) position effective November 15, 2021.”

**Carried**

**Confirming By-law**

By-law 1783-21 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1783-21 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

**Verbal Motion #21-121A** – Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That By-law 1783-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #21-122** - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That By-law 1783-21, 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 November, 2021, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**Next Meeting – Monday, December 13, 2021**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #21-123** - Martin Kreger

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 5:58 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer