

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, April 12, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:32 p.m. via video conference (Zoom).

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

Absent were Councillors Neil Ivall and Pat White. Councillor White had relayed her regrets and Councillor Ivall was absent due to his employment.

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. Council expressed their condolences on the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh.

**Additions, Deletions or Amendments**

No additions or deletions were presented.

**Motion #21-039** - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

**Carried**

**Disclosure of Interest**

Councillor Kreger noted a disclosure of interest conflict with regard to the accounts payable.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Regular Council March 8, 2021

**Motion #21-040** - Gerry Pasloski – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 8, 2021 as presented.”

**Carried**

Special Council April 6, 2021

**Motion #21-041** - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of April 6, 2021 as presented.”

**Carried**

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

**Motion #21-042** - Gerry Pasloski – Brent Helgeson

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of March 31, 2021) along with the accounts payable for the month of March 2021 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$170,732.05
Water	\$ 75,808.15
Sewer	\$ 855.64
Cemetery	\$ 65.83
RRHCC	\$ 3,003.30

**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**

By-law 1771-21 Electronic Payment of Invoices Policy Amendment

The first reading of By-law 1771-21 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

**Verbal Motion #21-042A** – Brent Helgeson – Gerry Pasloski

“That By-law 1771-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #21-043** - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1771-21, being a by-law to amend By-law 1742-20 to establish a policy for electronic payment of invoices for the Town of Rainy River, 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**

Water Treatment Plant Generator Engineering Services Tender

**Motion #21-044** - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby awards RFP 21-02, for engineering services for the replacement of the water treatment plant generator, to TBT Engineering in the amount of \$44,900.00 (taxes not included).”

**Carried**

Water and Sewer COVID-19 Rebates

**Motion #21-045** - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby extends the Town of Rainy River Water and Sewer COVID-19 Rebate Program to qualifying businesses during additional provincial lockdown measures.”

**Carried**

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

Best for Kitty Donation

**Motion #21-046** - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves a donation to the local chapter of Best for Kitty in the amount of \$1,000 in appreciation for the work they have done in the community regarding the stray and feral cat population.”

**Carried**

**Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

2021 NOMA Conference & AGM Registration

**Motion #21-047** - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That Councillor Gerry Pasloski and CAO Veldron Vogan attend the virtual NOMA Conference and AGM on April 28-30, 2021 with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

**Niagara Region Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act Resolution**

**Resolution #21-014 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger**

“**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Region of Niagara in calling upon the Government of Ontario to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the ‘host’ municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction.”

**Carried**

**Brock Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement Resolution**

**Resolution #21-015 - 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 Brock in requesting that Health Canada require federal licenses and registrations for designated cannabis growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws; ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any license issuance, amendment suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region; provide dedicated communication with local governments and police services; provide lawful authority to police agencies to lay charges when registered or licenses operations grow in excess of their registration or license through Health Canada; and, provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to cannabis.”

**Carried**

**Howick Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act Resolution**

**Resolution #21-016 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger**

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Howick in requesting that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors to file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality.”

**Carried**

**Hudson Support for Fire Departments Resolution**

**Resolution #21-017 - Gerry Pasloski – Brent Helgeson**

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Hudson in their resolution that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rainy River Town Council issue a letter in support of the local fire departments.”

**Carried**

**Confirming By-law**

By-law 1772-21 – to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1772-21 was given by Councillor Brent Helgeson.

**Verbal Motion #21-047A** – Larry Armstrong – Gerry Pasloski

“That By-law 1772-21 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #21-048** - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1772-21, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**Next Meeting – Monday, May 10, 2021**

It was noted that the next regular council meeting would be on Monday, May 10, 2021.

**Adjournment**

**Motion #21-049** - Martin Kreger

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:00 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer