

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, May 9, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, May 9, 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, Larry Armstrong, Pat White, Neil Ivall and Gerry Pasloski.

Absent was Councillor Martin Kreger.

Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan recorded the minutes.

**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**

Addition      Insurance Policy

**Motion #22-047** - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Disclosure of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**Presentations/Delegations**

EDO Gajith Jinadasa Quarterly Report

Mr. Jinadasa touched on some of the subjects he has been dealing with as follows:

Greenhouse – a feasibility study had been completed for a large-scale greenhouse, however, there was interest for a smaller scope project in Dawson and he is assisting with this.

Tourism

Youth Grant

Trade Show – coming up May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Business Start-Up Workshop – will take place on May 26<sup>th</sup> with a variety of partners coming in.

Mr. Jinadasa was thanked for his efforts and complimented on what he has achieved to-date. It is hoped that his position can be extended. With no further business Mr. Jinadasa left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

Regular Council April 11, 2022

**Motion #22-048** - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 11, 2022, as presented.”

**Carried**

### **Financials (as of April 30, 2022)**

**Motion #22-049** - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of April 2022 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$156,405.85
Water	\$ 6,949.97
Sewer	\$ 3,821.78
RRHCC	\$ 350.56

**Carried**

There were some questions regarding ASP, WSIB, and some of the legal matters.

### **Reports from Unfinished Business**

Councillor Brent Helgeson reported on the NOMA Conference – there were a variety of presentations which provided much information to Councillors and was educational, informational, and entertaining.

Mayor Ewald noted that confirmation has been received that the school funding has come forward. The CAO commented that the intent is to start construction this fall.

### **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**

MTO Connecting Links Funding

**Resolution #22-009 - Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson**

“**WHEREAS** Section 21 of the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act* allows the Minister of Transportation to designate a highway or part of a highway as a connecting link between parts of the King’s Highway or as an extension of the King’s Highway, to be constructed and maintained by the road authority having jurisdiction over the highway or part of the highway;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Connecting Link Program does not provide sufficient funding to adequately provide for the high cost of maintaining these Connecting Links;

**AND WHEREAS** this may lead to hazardous road conditions;

**AND WHEREAS** these Connecting Links were once maintained by the Province of Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** care and maintenance of these Connecting Links in small or rural municipalities, such as the 2.70 km of Atwood Avenue (Highway 11) in Rainy River, be returned to the MTO.

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation, the MPP for Kenora-Rainy River and to all Ontario Municipalities.”

**Carried**

**Insurance Policy**

**Motion #22-049A – Gerry Pasloski – Larry Armstrong**

“That The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accept the renewal policy from May 15, 2022, to May 15, 2023, in the amount of \$115,889 plus tax; and the Cyber Policy in the amount of \$5,850 plus tax as submitted by Westland Insurance.”

**Carried**

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

By-law 1811-22 - CBO Revised Agreement

By-law 1811-22 was read by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

**Motion #22-050 - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall**

“That By-law 1811-22, being a by-law to establish signing authority for the Addendum to the Employment Agreement made April 19, 2018, with Chief Building Official Henry Van Ael, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

## **Carried**

Councillor Neil Ivall left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

## **Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White and Neil Ivall**

### NW Ontario Map Ad

**Motion #22-051** - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall

“That advertising in the Northwestern Ontario Vacation Guide Map be approved in the amount of \$775 (plus HST).”

## **Carried**

## **Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger**

### By-law 1812-22 – Next Generation 9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement

By-law 1812-22 was read by Councillor Brent Helgeson.

**Motion #22-052** - Pat White – Neil Ivall

“That By-law 1812-22, being a by-law to establish signing authority for the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Authority Service Agreement with Bell Canada, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

## **Carried**

## **RRWT Request for In-Kind Contribution**

**Motion #22-053** - Neil Ivall – Pat White

“That approval be granted by the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River for the following items relating to the 2022 Rainy River Walleye Tournament:

- To waive building permit fees regarding the Rainy River Walleye Tournament tent;
- To approve in-kind assistance from the town in setting up and taking down of the tent in the park;
- Access to Town equipment (i.e., forklift) to assist in setting up of tent;
- Use of Town’s picnic tables;
- Town fencing around the tent area;
- Event insurance through the Town’s Insurance (with the RRWT paying the premium);
- Assistance repairing docks (if required); and
- Moving of Rest Room Trailer and RRWT Storage Bus.”

**Carried**

**Pride Month Proclamation**

**Resolution #22-010 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong**

**“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, equity, and inclusion and take a positive stance against discrimination, hatred, and violence towards LGBTQ2 people;
3. Symbols, messages, and public leadership in support of Pride are necessary to show a community’s sense of welcome and belonging for LGBTQ2 individuals and families, and its care for 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, 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;
6. LGBTQ2 people continue to be targeted with hatred, prejudice, and violence in communities across Canada, the United States, and abroad;
7. Pride has been observed and celebrated in the Borderland region, and has become an important community-building activity;
8. The values of diversity and inclusion should be shared in common by all people;
9. The month of June is internationally recognized as Pride Month;

**THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:**

10. Council hereby proclaims the month of June 2022 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 5-11 in celebration of Pride;
12. Council encourages all citizens to reflect and work together on equality, acceptance, and inclusion for all people throughout the year;

13. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Borderland Pride and shared with the community on the municipality's social media."

**Carried**

Chem-Free Graduation Partner/Sponsor Request

**Motion #22-054** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

"To donate \$100.00 to the 2022 Rainy River High School Chem-Free Graduation in the form of four \$25.00 gift certificates to be used within the Town of Rainy River."

**Carried**

**Confirming By-law**

By-law 1813-22 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

By-law 1813-22 was read by Councillor Pat White.

**Motion #22-055** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

"That By-law 1813-22, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022, having been read in open council, be hereby approved."

**Carried**

**Next Meeting – Monday, June 13, 2022**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #22-056** - Pat White

"There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:30 p.m."

**Carried**

Original Signed  
Mayor

Original Signed  
Chief Administrative Officer