

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, September 11, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers.

In attendance were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Daniel Armstrong, Joel Hagarty, Neil Ivall and Brent Helgeson. Also in attendance were Allison Cox and Paul Brunetta (Board Chair) of Riverside Foundation for Health Care.

Giving regrets was Councillor Gordon Prost.

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.

Councillor Neil Ivall asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the September 11<sup>th</sup> bombings of the World Trade Centre.

**Additions, Deletions or Amendments**

Add An in-camera session at the end of the meeting.

Add Zoning Request.

**Motion #23-084** - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Disclosure of Interest**

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest.

**Presentations/Delegations**

Riverside Foundation for Health Care

Allison Cox, the Foundation Director, and Paul Brunetta, the Board Chair, were in attendance to discuss equipment for their facility in Rainy River.

Since they were established in 1987, they have put 12 million dollars’ worth of equipment into the facility through public donations. The foundation has now received a request from Dr.

Ennett regarding a new ultrasound for Rainy River. It was noted that during the pandemic more ultrasounds were being done in Rainy River (about 500 per year). The old machine does not take pictures as good as the newer models and is doing work that it was not intended for.

Approximately \$20,000 in donations have been received thus far, and another \$20,000 from the hospital auxiliary. The new machine costs about \$135,000. Riverside is asking the Town of Rainy River for \$5,000. Other townships have also been asked to donate that amount as well as New Gold and West Fraser.

Following the presentation, the delegates left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Council would like to bring a motion forward at the next meeting to approve a \$5,000 pledge for the 2024 budget year towards the purchase of this ultrasound.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

#### Regular Council August 14, 2023

Those who were absent at the last council meeting would like it noted in the minutes that they were away for employment reasons.

#### **Motion #23-085 - Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson**

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 14, 2023, as amended.”

**Carried**

#### **Financials (as of August 31, 2023)**

Questions were asked regarding the CBO payment to the Township of Alberton.

The notation regarding the Outstanding, Void and Cleared designations of payments was discussed. Also discussed were the accounts receivable payments to reimburse the town for (mainly) payroll costs.

#### **Motion #23-086 - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger**

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

Town General	\$192,919.41
Water	\$ 53,528.21
Sewer	\$ 3,000.42
Cemetery	\$ 71.44
RRHCC	\$ 748.02

**Carried**

**Reports from Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

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

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

By-law 1851-23 - Sewer

The reading of By-law 1851-23 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall, Mayor Deb Ewald, and Councillor Brent Helgeson.

**Motion #23-087** - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1851-23, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to regulate the use of public and private sewers and drains, private sewage disposal, the installation and connection of buildings to sewers and the discharge of waters and wastes into the public sewer system; and for providing penalties for violations thereof, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

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

**Motion #23-088** - Brent Helgeson – Joel Hagarty

“The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves EDO Gajith Jinadasa to enroll in the Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development 201 program that starts on September 20<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$725.00.”

**Carried**

**Other Business**

Planning Holding Request

A discussion took place regarding the holding designation of a lot on Little Street. The recommendation from the CAO was to remove the holding from the lots south of Seventh Avenue. This will need to be made public so it can be passed at the October meeting.

**In Camera Session**

**Motion #23-088A – Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall**

“That the meeting moves in camera at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter regarding an identifiable individual.”

**Carried**

**Motion #23-088B – Joel Hagarty – Martin Kreger**

“That the meeting return to regular session at 6:47 p.m.”

**Carried**

**Confirming By-law**

By-law 1852-23 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The reading of By-law 1852-23 was given by Councillor Brent Helgeson.

**Motion #23-089 - Daniel Armstrong – Neil Ivall**

“That By-law 1852-23, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

It was noted that the RRDMA meeting is taking place on September 20<sup>th</sup>, in the evening, in Rainy River and that we would like to see everyone there.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 11, 2023**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #23-090 - Martin Kreger**

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:55 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer