

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers.

In attendance were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Gordon Prost, Neil Ivall, Daniel Armstrong, Brent Helgeson (by phone), and Joel Hagarty.

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.

Additions, Deletions or Amendments

Motion #24-041 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Martin Kreger disclosed a conflict regarding the accounts payable and the necessary paperwork was completed.

Presentations/Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council March 11, 2024

Motion #24-042 - Neil Ivall – Gordon Prost

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 11, 2024, as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of March 31, 2024)

There was a question regarding the delinquent water and sewer accounts that had been transferred to taxes. It was noted that this was one of the town’s collection methods.

Motion #24-043 - Gordon Prost – Neil Ivall

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of March 31, 2024) along with the accounts payable for the month of March 2024 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$211,170.35
Water	\$ 19,416.76
Sewer	\$ 1,155.99
Cemetery	\$ 30.92
RRHCC	\$ 3,573.26

Carried

Reports from Unfinished Business

The CAO noted that she and the Town Foreman are meeting with the engineering firm JML on Tuesday morning to finalize the tender for the Third Street project.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Neil Ivall, Martin Kreger and Daniel Armstrong

Job Advertisements

Motion #24-044 - Joel Hagarty – Gordon Prost

“Authorization is hereby granted to proceed with advertising the following positions with the Town of Rainy River:

- Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) (in MFOA, AMCTO, Fort Frances Times, Indeed and Linked-In) May 22, 2024, and
- Public Works Intern (closing May 15, 2024).”

Carried

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

Municipal Water System Summary Report

Motion #24-045 - Gordon Prost – Daniel Armstrong

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River has received and reviewed the Municipal Water System Report for the period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, as prepared by Overall Responsible Operator Leroy Hancharyk.”

Carried

Fire Board – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger

It was noted that these fireworks are for Canada Day.

Fireworks 2024

Motion #24-046 - Daniel Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“To approve the purchase of fireworks in 2024 in the amount of \$4,000.”

Carried

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

Library Renovation Tender

Motion #24-047 - Gordon Prost – Martin Kreger

“The Town Council of The Town of Rainy River hereby approves putting the library renovation project out for tender.”

Carried

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Councillor Martin Kreger

Human Trafficking Forum

Motion #24-048 - Neil Ivall – Gordon Prost

“That Mayor Deb Ewald attend the Human Trafficking Forum in Fort Frances, on April 9, 2024, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Other Business

Amaranth Operational Budget Funding Resolution

Resolution #24-009 - Martin Kreger – Joel Hagarty

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Amaranth in calling on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.”

Carried

Aurora Amenity Sharing with School Boards Resolution

Resolution #24-010 - Martin Kreger – Daniel Armstrong

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Aurora Member Motion 8.2.7 to request for an amenity sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for evening/weekend gymnasium use.”

Carried

Lambton Maintenance of Major Municipally Owned Highways Resolution

Resolution #24-011 - Daniel Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the County of Lambton in calling on the Province of Ontario to upload from local municipalities the responsibility of, and costs associated with, the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or municipality, to appropriately increase the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.”

Carried

St. Charles Municipal Equipment Operator Course Resolution

Resolution #24-012 - Martin Kreger – Joel Hagarty

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of St. Charles in supporting the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course; and in calling on the Province of Ontario’s Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund.”

Carried

RRFDC Cultural Awareness Session

Motion #24-049 - Daniel Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That Councillor Brent Helgeson attend the Cultural Awareness Session hosted by the Rainy River Future Development Corporation on Friday, May 10th between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., at the Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung (Manitou Mounds) Historical Centre, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1877-24 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The reading of By-law 1877-24 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

Motion #24-050 - Martin Kreger – Daniel Armstrong

“That By-law 1877-24, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 8th day of April 2024, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, May 13, 2024

Adjournment

Motion #24-051 - Daniel Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 5:56 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer