

AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Monday, February 10th, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will be held on Monday, February 10th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers. Your presence is hereby requested.

- 1) Opening Ceremonies, Moment of Silence, and Salute to the King.
- 2) Additions, Deletions or Amendments.

Recommended resolution:

“That the agenda be accepted as presented/amended.”

- 3) Disclosure of Interest.
- 4) Presentations/Delegations.
- 5) Adoption of Minutes.

Regular Council January 13, 2024 (pg. 6-12)

Recommended resolution:

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 13, 2024, as presented/amended.”

- 6) Financials (as of January 31, 2025)

Accounts Payable

Town	(pg. 13-46)
Cemetery	(pg. 47-48)
Water	(pg. 49-52)
Sewer	(pg. 53-55)
RRHCC	(pg. 56-58)

Recommended resolution:

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of January 13, 2025) along with the accounts payable for the month of January 2025 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$2,158,272.25
Cemetery	\$ 348.73

Water	\$ 26,359.20
Sewer	\$ 1,116.68
RRHCC	\$ 1,207.06

7) Reports from Unfinished Business.

- a. Report & Draft Policy - Flag & Proclamation Policy (pg. 59-63)

Recommended action: discussion

- b. Strategic Plan (pg. 64-82)

Recommended resolution:

“That Council approve the Strategic Plan as presented by the Economic Development Officer”

8) New Business – Committee Reports (as needed).

- a. Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger and Daniel Armstrong
- b. Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Brent Helgeson, Gordon Prost and Joel Hagarty
- c. Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Brent Helgeson, Gordon Prost and Joel Hagarty
- d. Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger
- e. Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

9) Other Business

- a. Committee Appointments

Recommended resolution:

“That the Council of the Town of Rainy River confirm the appointment of the following council members on certain committees and boards as such:

- Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Florence Newman, Martin Kreger and Daniel Armstrong
- Health & Safety – Councillor Brent Helgeson and Joel Hagarty
- Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Brent Helgeson, Gordon Prost, and Joel Hagarty
- Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Brent Helgeson, Gordon Prost, and Joel Hagarty
- Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Daniel Armstrong, Florence Newman and Joel Hagarty

- Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Daniel Armstrong, Brent Helgeson and Florence Newman
- Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger
- Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Brent Helgeson and Florence Newman
- Library Board – Councillors Gordon Prost and Florence Newman
- Rainy River House/Medical Centre – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Gordon Prost and Daniel Armstrong
- DRRSB – Mayor Deborah Ewald
- Rainy River District Municipal Association – Councillor Martin Kreger .”

b. By-Law 1911-25, being a By-Law for an Interim Tax Levy

Recommended resolution:

“That By-law 1911-25, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

c. By-Law 1912-25, being a By-Law to establish signing authority for the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Emergency Management Ontario Treasury Board Secretariat for the Emergency Preparedness Grant.

Recommended resolution:

“That By-law 1912-25, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to establish signing authority for the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Emergency Management Ontario Treasury Board Secretariat for the Emergency Preparedness Grant.

d. By-Law 1913-25, being a By-Law to establish signing authority for the Conditional Contribution Agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for the Park Washroom Renovation Grant.

Recommended resolution:

“That By-law 1913-25, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to establish signing authority for the Conditional Contribution Agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for the Park Washroom Renovation Grant.

e. Draft – Letter to the West Rainy River District Fire Service Board, as requested at the COTW February meeting

Recommended action: discussion, direction

f. Request for Support - Town of Halton Hills - resolution regarding the sovereignty of Canada

Recommended resolution:

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding the sovereignty of Canada”

A copy of this resolution would be provided to the Town of Halton Hills and other stakeholders as directed.

- g. Request for Support - Town of Hawkesbury - resolution regarding the proposed requirement of an unanimous vote by Council for the removal and disqualification of a council member

Recommended resolution:

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Hawkesbury resolution regarding the proposed requirement of an unanimous vote by Council for the removal and disqualification of a council member ”

A copy of this resolution would be provided to the Town of Hawkesbury and other stakeholders as directed.

- h. Request for Support - Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch, and Raglan - resolution regarding the resolution of the County of Renfrew and a request for a consultation regarding Child Welfare funding as provided by the Province of Ontario

Recommended resolution:

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch, and Raglan resolution #2025-01-08-15 regarding the resolution of the County of Renfrew and a request for a consultation regarding Child Welfare funding as provided by the Province of Ontario”

A copy of this resolution would be provided to the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch, and Raglan , the County of Renfrew and other stakeholders as directed.

- i. Resolution – required for the amendment of the Official Plan to maintain consistency with the recent Zoning Amendment

WHEREAS an application has been received to change the zoning for the property known as 215-219 Fourth Street from the General Commercial (GC) Zone to the Residential (R1) Zone

AND WHEREAS the Rainy River Official Plan designates these lands within a Commercial Employment Area on Land Use Plan Schedule ‘A’.

AND WHEREAS given the long-established mixed residential-commercial use of the existing dwelling on the subject property, the Town of Rainy River has determined to use Section 5.16(i) of the Official Plan to resolve this minor correction on the Land Use Plan Schedule ‘A’ to show Living Area by resolution of Council rather than an Official Plan Amendment involving a lengthy process.

AND WHEREAS Section 5.16(i) of the Official Plan, referenced above, regulates that “The boundaries between land use areas designated in Schedule "A" Land Use Plan . . . minor boundary adjustments may be made for the purpose of any Zoning By-law without necessitating an amendment to this Plan.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council amends the Official Plan Schedule “A” by permitting a minor adjustment under Section 5.16(i) of the Town of Rainy River Official Plan to change the Official Plan designation of 215-219 Fourth Street from a Commercial Employment Area to the Living Area for the following reasons:

- A minor zoning by-law amendment is in process to change the property from the General Commercial (GC) Zone to the Residential (R1) Zone.
- The application conforms with Section 5.16(i) of the Official Plan.
- The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan will be maintained.
- The proposed residential use is consistent with Section 2.8.2.5 of the Provincial Planning Statement 2024 as follows:

“Planning authorities may remove lands from employment areas only where it has been demonstrated that:

- a) There is an identified need for the removal and the land is not required for employment area uses over the long term;
- b) The proposed uses would not negatively impact the overall viability of the employment area by:
 - a. Avoiding potential impacts to existing or planned employment area uses in accordance with policy 3.5;
 - b. Maintaining access to major goods movement facilities;
- c) Existing or planned infrastructure and public service facilities are available to accommodate the proposed uses; and
- d) The municipality has sufficient employment lands to accommodate projected employment growth to the horizon of the approved official plan.

AND THAT the paperwork be prepared and filed as required

10) Confirming By-law.

By-law 1914-25 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council (pg. 100)

Recommended resolution:

“That By-law 1914-25, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10th day of February 2025, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

11) Next Meeting – Monday, March 10th, 2024.

12) Adjournment.