

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025

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

A G E N D A

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

Motion #25-034 -

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

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

Regular Council February 10, 2025 (pg. 7-12)

Motion #25-035 -

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 10, 2025, as presented/amended.”

- 6) Financials (as of February 28, 2025)

Accounts Payable

Town	(pg. 13-25)
Water	(pg. 26-29)
Sewer	(pg. 30-31)
RRHCC	(pg. 32-33)

Motion #25-036 -

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of February 2025 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$168,605.41
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Water	\$ 27,868.71
Sewer	\$ 2,297.56
RRHCC	\$ 645.73

- 7) Reports from Unfinished Business.
- 8) New Business – Committee Reports (as needed).

- a. Committee Report (**pg. 34**)
- b. **Finance/Personnel** – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger and Daniel Armstrong

Training Opportunities (pg. 35-36)

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

Municipal Water System Summary Report (pg. 37-41)

Motion #25-037 -

“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, 2024, to December 31, 2024, as prepared by Overall Responsible Operator Leroy Hancharyk.”

- 9) Other Business

By-law 1915-25 – Locum House Lease (pg. 42)

Motion #25-038 -

“That By-law 1915-25, being a by-law to enter into, and to designate signing officers for, the Rainy River (Locum) House Leasing of Property Agreement, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

By-law 1916-25 – PSAP/911 Services Agreement (pg. 43)

Motion #25-039 -

“That By-law 1916-25, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police, the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River for Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) services, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

NOHFC Agreement

Motion #25-040 -

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River has applied for and received First Stage Approval from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for the “Rainy River Fire Hall Revitalization” project under the Community Enhancement Program;

AND WHEREAS the project shall contribute to a healthy and vibrant community;

AND WHEREAS the funding opportunity will enhance the Town’s capacity towards emergency response and public safety;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Rainy River approves staff to proceed with NOHFC Project #75001316 based on the following estimates:

Total Estimated Project Costs	\$200,000
NOHFC Funding	\$180,000
Town Funding	\$ 20,000

Town of Rainy River commits to pay for any project cost overruns.”

Riverside Foundation Sponsorship Event

Motion #25-041 -

“That the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves a sponsorship to Riverside Healthcare in the amount of \$_____.”

World Autism Day Proclamation

Resolution #25-004 -

“WHEREAS World Autism Day is recognized on April 2, 2025, in Canada. Autism Ontario is one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community, and the work we do helps all autistic individuals and families in their communities have access to meaningful support, information, and connections — not only on April 2 but every day throughout the year.

WHEREAS Autism impacts more than 135,000 individuals in Ontario, representing 1 in every 50 Canadian children and youth. It not only influences the lives of autistics but also their friends, families, and communities. It's crucial for us to raise awareness, and acceptance, provide support and promote a more inclusive society.

WHEREAS Autism is a diverse spectrum that varies widely among individuals. Each person's experience with autism can change over time. This evolving journey highlights the uniqueness of every autistic individual, emphasizing the need for understanding and support tailored to their specific needs.

WHEREAS Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism, and since 1973, has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province.

WHEREAS Autism Ontario is devoted to raising public awareness about autism and addressing the everyday challenges faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals who work alongside them. We urge everyone to recognize and celebrate the unique differences and needs of others, fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can participate fully in activities and discussions. Together, we can create a society that values and includes everyone.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River, hereby recognizes April 2 as World Autism Day while committing to embrace awareness and acceptance today and every day throughout the year.”

Fort Erie – Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy Resolution

Resolution #25-005 -

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Fort Erie in their resolution to request that the Province of Ontario put a moratorium on the closure of urgent care centres and the implicit removal of primary care health services from the Town of Fort Erie and all small and rural communities in Ontario and to ensure all Ontarians are attached to a primary care physician.”

Woodstock – Road Safety Resolution

Resolution #25-006 -

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Woodstock in their resolution to call on the Provincial and Federal governments to do everything in their power to limit speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, and thereby reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our communities; and for the Government of Ontario to implement the rural road safety program lead by Good Roads.”

Goderich – Rideshare Resolution

Resolution #25-007 -

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Goderich in their resolution to request that the Government of Ontario initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for the ride-sharing services across the province.”

The Archipelago – Tariff Threats Resolution

Resolution #25-008 -

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of The Archipelago Resolution No. 25-029 regarding the response to tariff threats and supporting Canadian businesses and consumers.”

Durham Region – Ban the Nazi Swastika Resolution (pg. 44-45)

Resolution #25-009 -

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Regional Municipality of Durham to call on the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika.”

Coleman – Highway 11 and 17 Improvements Resolution (pg. 46-51)

Resolution #25-010 -

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Coleman Resolution No. 25-054 regarding the urgent need for improvements to Highways 11 and 17 in Northern Ontario.”

Rainy River First Nations Long Term Care Home Information Session (pg. 52-53)

Motion #25-042 -

“That the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves _____ to attend the Rainy River First Nations Long Term Care Home Information Session on March 18, 2025, in Emo with expenses paid as per policy.”

- 10) Confirming By-law.

By-law 1917-25 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council (pg. 54)

Motion #25-043 -

“That By-law 1917-25, 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 March 2025, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

11) Next Meeting – Monday, April 14, 2025.

12) Adjournment.

Motion #25-044 -

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