

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will be held on Monday, May 12, 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 #25-057 -

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

- 3) Disclosure of Interest.
- 4) Presentations/Delegations.
 - a. Bill Faragher – Ideas for Volunteer Work
 - b. OPP – Annual Report
OPP Rainy River Detachment Commander’s Report (pg. 8-22)

- 5) Adoption of Minutes.

Regular Council April 14, 2025 (pg. 23-27)

Motion #25-058 -

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 14, 2025, as presented/amended.”

- 6) Financials (as of April 30, 2025)

Accounts Payable

Town	(pg. 28-49)
Water	(pg. 50-53)
Sewer	(pg. 54-55)
Cemetery	(pg. 56-57)
RRHCC	(pg. 58-59)

Motion #25-059 -

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

Town General	\$235,812.64
Water	\$ 33,542.37
Sewer	\$ 962.52
Cemetery	\$ 34.57
RRHCC	\$ 749.64

- 7) Reports from Unfinished Business.
- 8) New Business – Committee Reports (as needed).
 - a. **Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling** – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Brent Helgeson, Gordon Prost, and Joel Hagarty

Snowplow Purchase

Motion #25-060 -

“The Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the purchase of a snowplow in the amount of \$14,500 plus fees for the auction site, shipping, safety inspections, etc.”

- b. **Property/By-laws/AMBIS** – Councillors Brent Helgeson, Gordon Prost, and Joel Hagarty

Cannabis By-law 1920-25 – Notice of Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held at the town office on May 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to consider the Cannabis Production Facilities and Retail Sales By-law.

- c. **Economic Development/Tourism** – Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Daniel Armstrong, Florence Newman and Joel Hagarty

New Gold Youth Grant

Motion #25-061 -

“That the Town of Rainy River hereby contributes \$500 each for the approved New Gold Youth Grant projects and appoints Councillor Joel Hagarty as council’s representative on the review committee.”

Economic Development Signs (pg. 60-69)

Payment has already been made for these signs.

Recommendation by Economic Development Officer:

- Connecting with Neighbours (bridge) = on Hannam Park walking trail
- Fishing the Rainy River = Hannam Park Waterfront area (closer to canteen/big docks)
- A Birdwatching Hotspot = near Travel Center
- Bronco Nagurski = in front of Recreation Center
- Diane Adams = in front of Curling Rink
- The Fire of 1910 = Hannam Park
- The Pines: A Natural Treasure = Pines Park
- A Centre for Logging = in front of Rail Museum (sidewalk)
- The Railway Transformation = in front of Railway Museum (sidewalk)
- Yonge Street = in front of Travel Center

Motion #25-062 -

“To approve the installation of the economic development signs at the following locations (or alternate location as appropriate:

1. Connecting with Neighbours - _____
2. Fishing the Rainy River - _____
3. A Birdwatching Hotspot - _____
4. Bronco Nagurski - _____
5. Diane Adams - _____
6. The Fire of 1910 - _____
7. The Pines: A Natural Treasurer - _____
8. A Centre for Logging - _____
9. The Railway Transformation - _____
10. Yonge Street - _____.”

9) Other Business

Property Standards – Asbestos Removal

Motion #25-063 -

“To accept the quotation from Keating Insulation Inc. in the total amount of \$6,680.00 for the removal of asbestos siding from 302-308 Fifth Street.”

Otonabee-South Monaghan Daylight Savings Resolution

Resolution #25-013 -

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports Resolution R107-2025 of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding their proposal to end Daylight Savings Time in Ontario.”

Falun Daffa Proclamation

Resolution #25-014 -

“**WHEREAS** Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) is an advanced exercise and spiritual practice for mind and body that honours the universal values of Truthfulness Compassion, and Forbearance; and

WHEREAS Falun Dafa has benefited both physically and spiritually tens of millions of people from diverse cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries, including Canada, since its public introduction in China in May 1992; and

WHEREAS Falun Dafa transcends cultural and racial boundaries and contributes to a more peaceful, tolerant, and compassionate society; and

WHEREAS Falun Dafa practitioners in communities across Canada are celebrating Falun Dafa day on May 13th to mark this year as the 33rd Anniversary; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2025, as ‘Falun Dafa Day’ in the Town of Rainy River

AND THAT this resolution be relayed on the appropriate communications channels.”

Moose Hide Campaign Proclamation

Resolution #25-015 -

“**WHEREAS** the Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led, grassroots movement of men, boys and all Canadians standing up to end violence against women, children and all those along the gender continuum; and

WHEREAS the Moose Hide Campaign was founded along the 'Highway of Tears' in British Columbia in response to the injustices and violence faced by many women and children in Canada, particularly those who are Indigenous; and

WHEREAS Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is at epidemic proportions across Canada with more than 4 in 10 women having experienced it in their lifetime, and this reality is worse for Indigenous women who are twice as likely to experience violence from their current or former partners; and

WHEREAS the Moose Hide Campaign has distributed over six million moose hide pins that each spark five conversations about issues of violence against women, children and all those along the gender continuum; and

WHEREAS wearing the moose hide pin demonstrates a commitment to honour, respect and protect the women and children in your life, end gender-based violence and take meaningful action towards reconciliation with Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS participation in the Moose Hide Campaign is a concrete action for all citizens to address the legacies of colonization, residential schools and the reality of more than 1,200 missing or murdered women in Canada; and

WHEREAS engagement with the Moose Hide Campaign aligns with the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action, and the Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG2S+);

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2025, as ‘Moose Hide Campaign Day in the Town of Rainy River’

AND THAT this resolution be relayed on the appropriate communications channels.”

Celerity - Equipment Cabinet Installation

Motion #25-064 -

“That permission be granted to Celerity Telecom for the installation of their new LightSaber equipment cabinet beside their existing tower located at the Rainy River Fire Hall and Public Works Building.”

Know History Signs

Motion #25-065 -

“That permission be granted for the installation of the Know History signs at Hannam Park with exact locations to be confirmed with a town staff member.”

Zoning By-law 1924-25 (ARU’s) (pg. 70-74)

The notice of intent has been placed on the town website.

Motion #25-066 -

“That By-law 1924-25, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to amend Zoning By-law 1614-15 in regard to Additional Residential Units (ARU’s), having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Signing By-law 1925-25 (OFM Funding Increase) (pg. 75)

Motion #25-067 -

“That By-law 1925-25, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to establish signing authority for the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Office of the Fire Marshal for the Fire Protection Grant, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Insurance Renewal

Motion #25-068 -

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the proposal for general insurance and risk management services as submitted by the Westland Insurance Group Ltd. in the amount of \$157,733.00 annually (excluding applicable tax) and a Cyber Insurance Premium in the amount of \$5,530.00 annually (excluding applicable tax).”

Friends of Hannam Park Committee (Lions Club Donation)

Motion #25-069 -

“**WHEREAS** the Friends of the Hannam Park Committee has received funds donated by the West Rainy River District Lions Club; and

WHEREAS the Friends of the Hannam Park Committee would like to use these funds to purchase new items for Hannam Park;

THEREFORE, the Town Council hereby grants permission for the purchase and placement of such items under the direction of the Town Council.”

RRDMA General Meeting Draft Agenda (pg. 76-94)

Summer Students (pg. 95)

Funding was received for two summer students. Usually, the Town requires five employees to manage the summertime operations.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Tiboni requests approval to hire up to five students for the positions of Park Attendants and Tourist Information/Heritage Square Ambassadors.

- 10) Closed Session – Hiring of Public Works Intern and Caretaker Cleaning Tender

Motion #25-070 -

“That the meeting moves to closed session at _____ p.m.”

Motion #25-071 -

“That the meeting return to open session at _____ p.m.”

- 11) Confirming By-law.

By-law 1926-25 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council (pg. 96)

Motion #25-072 -

“That By-law 1926-25, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12th day of May 2025, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

- 12) Next Meeting – Monday, June 9, 2025.
13) Adjournment.

Motion #25-073 -

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