

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers.

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

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni 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. The office staff will be asked to find a picture of the King.

Additions, Deletions or Amendments

There were no changes made to the agenda.

Motion #24-122 - Brent Helgeson – Gordon Prost

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost disclosed conflicts regarding Motion #24-130 about the Library Board Celebration, and the necessary paperwork was completed.

Councillors Neil Ivall and Brent Helgeson disclosed conflicts regarding Motion #24-131 about the Fire Department Celebration, and the necessary paperwork was completed.

Presentations/Delegations

No presentations were made, and no delegations were in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council October 15, 2024

Motion #24-123 - Brent Helgeson – Gordon Prost

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 15, 2024, as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of October 31, 2024)

Accounts Payable

Motion #24-124 - Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of October 2024 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$550,224.45
Water	\$ 25,592.75
Sewer	\$101,738.93
Cemetery	\$ 529.43
RRHCC	\$ 502.87

Carried

Reports from Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

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

By-law 1895-24 to Enter into an Employment Agreement with Shara Lavallee

The reading of By-law 1895-24 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Motion #24-125 - Neil Ivall – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1895-24, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to enter into an employment agreement with Shara Lavallee, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

Board Member Resignation

Motion #24-126 - Gordon Prost – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the resignation of Kim Desserre as a member of the Rainy River Public Library Board.”

Carried

New Board Appointee

Motion #24-127 - Neil Ivall – Joel Hagarty

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby appoints Deb Ewald to the Rainy River Public Library Board.”

Carried

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Councillor Martin Kreger

Meeting Expenses

Motion #24-128 - Joel Hagarty – Brent Helgeson

“That Mayor Deb Ewald attend a meeting with Riverside Healthcare on Thursday, November 7, 2024, in Fort Frances with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Other Business

Alzheimer Awareness Month Resolution

Resolution #24-035 - Brent Helgeson – Joel Hagarty

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby proclaims January 2025 as “National Alzheimer Awareness Month” and that the Alzheimer Society flag be displayed at the municipal office in commemoration of this event.”

Carried

Cobalt – Financial Assistance with ARO Resolution

Resolution #24-036 - Joel Hagarty – Neil Ivall

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Cobalt in their resolution to call upon the Province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO (Asset Retirement Obligations).”

Carried

NOMA – Future of Billy Bishop Airport Resolution

Resolution #24-037 - Martin Kreger – Neil Ivall

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) in seeking urgent action from the City of Toronto, Ports Toronto and Transport Canada to commence a process and conclude it by the end of 2025 to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport.”

Carried

Holiday Hours, Staff Appreciation & Christmas Donations

Holiday Staff Appreciation

Motion #24-129 - Brent Helgeson – Joel Hagarty

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will hereby issue a \$125 gift certificate to each permanent employee of the Town of Rainy River, and a \$50 gift certificate to the four independent contractors, as a Christmas gift.”

Carried

Christmas Donations

Motion #24-130 - Neil Ivall – Martin Kreger

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$200.00 towards the Rainy River Public Library Board for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Abstained – Deb Ewald and Gordon Prost

Motion #24-131 - Gordon Prost – Martin Kreger

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$200.00 towards the West Rainy River District Fire Department for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Abstained – Brent Helgeson and Neil Ivall

Motion #24-132 - Neil Ivall – Martin Kreger

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$200.00 towards the Rainy River Recreation Board for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Holiday Hours

Motion #24-133 - Martin Kreger – Gordon Prost

“That municipal services will be closed at 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2024, and December 31, 2024.”

Carried

In Camera Session – Personnel/Legal Matters

Motion #24-134 - Martin Kreger – Neil Ivall

“That the meeting moves in camera at 5:52 p.m. to discuss Personnel and Legal matters.”

Carried

Motion #24-135 - Gordon Prost – Martin Kreger

“That the meeting return to regular session at 6:17 p.m.”

Carried

Directions were given for the Chief Administrative Officer regarding these matters.

Confirming By-law

By-law 1896-24 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The reading of By-law 1896-24 was given by Councillor Daniel Armstrong.

Motion #24-136 - Neil Ivall – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1896-24, 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 November 2024, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, December 9, 2024

Adjournment

Motion #24-137 - Martin Kreger

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:20 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer