

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal council chambers.

In attendance were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Joel Hagarty, Gordon Prost, Florence Newman, Brent Helgeson and Daniel Armstrong.

Giving regrets was Councillor Martin Kreger.

Chief Administrative Officer Shara Lavallee recorded the minutes.

M I N U T E S

- 1) Opening Ceremonies, Moment of Silence, and Salute to the King.

Mayor Deborah Ewald opened the meeting at 5:37 p.m. with a moment of silence and a salute to the King.

- 2) Additions, Deletions or Amendments.

Additions: Motion #26-012A
Motion #26-012B
Fire Hall Renovation Quote
Railroad Daze Discussion

Motion #26-009 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

THAT the agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

- 3) Disclosure of Interest.

No conflicts were declared.

- 4) Presentations/Delegations.

No delegations were present.

- 5) Adoption of Minutes.

Regular Council January 12, 2026

Motion #26-010 - Joel Hagarty – Gordon Prost

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 12, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

Public Meeting February 2, 2026

Motion #26-011 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting of February 2, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

- 6) Financials (as of January 31, 2026)

Accounts Payable Reports

Town	(pg. 11-24)
Water	(pg. 25-30)
Sewer	(pg. 31-32)
Cemetery	(pg. 33-34)
RRHCC	(pg. 35-36)

Motion #26-012 - Joel Hagarty – Gordon Prost

THAT approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of January 2026 which have been paid in the following amounts:

Town General	\$	183,190.80
Water	\$	57,708.78
Sewer	\$	3,024.40
Cemetery	\$	30.52
RRHCC	\$	540.15

Carried

- 7) Reports from Unfinished Business.

There was no unfinished business to report.

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

- a. Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Florence Newman, Martin Kreger and Daniel Armstrong

Signing Authority

Motion #26-012A – Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

THAT former Deputy Mayor Martin Kreger be removed as a signing officer for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.

Carried

Motion #26-012B – Daniel Armstrong – Joel Hagarty

THAT Deputy Mayor Gordon Prost and CAO Shara Lavallee be added as signing officers for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.

Carried

2024 Audit Report and Financial Statements

Motion #26-013 - Joel Hagarty – Gordon Prost

THAT the audit report and audited financials for 2024 be hereby approved.

Carried

By-law 1954-26 - Collection Policy

Motion #26-014 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

THAT By-law 1954-26, to establish a Collection Policy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.

Carried

By-law 1955-26 – Interim Tax Levy

Motion #26-015 - Brent Helgeson – Florence Newman

THAT By-law 1955-26, to provide for an Interim Tax Levy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.

Carried

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

Grader Tires Purchase

Motion #26-016 - Florence Newman – Brent Helgeson

THAT purchase of tires for the public works grader be approved in the amount of \$16,000 plus HST.

Carried

By-law 1956-26 – MTO Pothole Program

Motion #26-017 - Brent Helgeson – Daniel Armstrong

THAT By-law 1956-26, to establish signing authority for the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program Grant, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.

Carried

- c. Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Daniel Armstrong, Florence Newman, and Brent Helgeson

By-law 1957-26 – Indigent & Unclaimed Burial Policy

Motion #26-018 - Joel Hagarty – Brent Helgeson

THAT By-law 1957-26, to establish an Indigent and Unclaimed Burial Policy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.

Carried

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

Fire Hall Renovations

It was noted that the quote from Brigham Construction for renovation of the Rainy River Fire Hall in the amount of \$89,612.45 has been accepted.

- 9) Other Business.

Railroad Daze

It was agreed that the Economic Development Committee oversees the Railroad Daze Festival as it relates to economic development and tourism. The Town Clerk will prepare a summary of the 2024 and 2025 projects for reference and review.

- 10) Confirming By-law.

By-law 1958-26 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

Motion #26-019 - Joel Hagarty – Brent Helgeson

THAT By-law 1958-26, to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 9th day of February 2026, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.

Carried

- 11) Next Meeting – Monday, February 9, 2026.

- 12) Adjournment.

Motion #26-020 - Brent Helgeson – Florence Newman

THAT there being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer