

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, March 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, Martin Kreger and Daniel Armstrong.

Giving regrets was Councillor Brent Helgeson.

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 5:32 p.m. with a moment of silence and a salute to the King.

2) Additions, Deletions or Amendments.

Motion #26-021 - Gordon Prost – Daniel Armstrong

THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

3) Disclosure of Interest.

No conflicts were declared.

4) Presentations/Delegations.

No delegations were present.

5) Adoption of Minutes.

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Motion #26-022 - Daniel Armstrong – Gordon Prost

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 9, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

6) Financials (as of February 28, 2026)

Motion #26-023 - Gordon Prost – Joel Hagarty

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

Town General	\$	189,663.73
Water	\$	34,971.66
Sewer	\$	787.89
Cemetery	\$	4,289.56
RRHCC	\$	1,687.30

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

By-law 1959-26 – Accounts Receivable Policy

Motion #26-024 - Joel Hagarty – Gordon Prost

THAT By-law 1959-26, to establish an Accounts Receivable Policy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.

Carried

By-law 1960-26 – Water and Sewer Billing and Collection Policy

The by-law was approved but the policy will be corrected to refer to the king instead of the queen.

Motion #26-025 - Daniel Armstrong – Joel Hagarty

THAT By-law 1960-26, to establish a Water and Sewer Billing and Collection Policy 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

By-law 1961-26 – HSWS Agreement – Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Motion #26-026 - Joel Hagarty – Daniel Armstrong

THAT By-law 1961-26, to establish signing authority for the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Minister of Infrastructure for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Grant, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.

Carried

Municipal Water System Summary Report

Motion #26-027 - Florence Newman – Daniel Armstrong

THAT the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River has received and reviewed the Municipal Water System Summary Report for the period January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, as prepared by Overall Responsible Operator Leroy Hancharyk.

Carried

Tender 21-06 – Water Treatment Plant Generator

Council approved the delegation of authority to the CAO (in collaboration with the Public Works Foreman, TBT Engineering and the Public Works Committee Chair) to specifically review the quotes received and to award the contract on March 20, 2026, as per the tender schedule.

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

By-law 1962-26 – Clinic Lease Agreement CLFF

Motion #26-028 - Florence Newman – Joel Hagarty

THAT By-law 1962-26, to authorize the municipality to enter into, and to designate signing officers for, the Rainy River Clinic Leasing of Property Agreement with Community Living Fort Frances (CLFF), having been read in open council, be hereby approved.

Carried

By-law 1963-26 – Locum House Lease

Motion #26-029 - Joel Hagarty – Daniel Armstrong

THAT By-law 1963-26, to authorize the municipality 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.

Carried

9) Other Business

a. RRHS Chem-Free Grad Committee Donation Request

Motion #26-030 - Martin Kreger – Florence Newman

THAT \$100.00 be donated to the 2026 Rainy River High School Chem-Free Graduation in the form of four \$25.00 gift certificates to be used within the Town of Rainy River.

Carried

b. By-law 1964-26 – Membership Policy

Motion #26-031 - Martin Kreger – Florence Newman

THAT By-law 1964-26, to establish a Membership Policy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.

Carried

10) Confirming By-law.

By-law 1965-26 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

Motion #26-032 - Daniel Armstrong – Joel Hagarty

THAT By-law 1965-26, to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 9th day of March 2026, having been read in open council, be hereby approved.

Carried

11) Next Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2026.

A public meeting for zoning amendments is scheduled for April 13th at 5:00 p.m. The Clerk will provide public notice of the meeting as per regulations.

12) Adjournment.

Motion #26-033 - Daniel Armstrong – Martin Kreger

THAT there being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Carried