



DISTRICT OF RAINY RIVER SERVICES BOARD

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Highlights

From the May 21, 2026 regular board meeting

In an effort to keep the community informed, we're pleased to share the key highlights from the regular board meeting held on May 21, 2026.

The Board received:

- a draft of the 2026–2036 Housing and Homelessness Plan, which reflects current housing and homelessness pressures. The draft plan, which is a provincial requirement, will be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the required 90-day review before returning to the Board for final approval in September.

The Board approved:

- The proposed By-Law No. 1 (2026), which will replace the 2018 By-Law No. 1.
- The updated governance and finance policies, which strengthen accountability, transparency, financial stewardship, Board-CAO role clarity, public notice, meeting operations, conduct expectations, apportionment rules, and travel expense oversight.
- The 2026 TWOMO Election Plan, as presented, appointing Heather Latter, Communications Advisor, as Returning Officer for the 2026 TWOMO election process and authorizing Administration to use DataFix for voter list management services and Vote by Mail support services within the approved MCCSS funding allocation.
- The 2025 Audited Financial Statements as presented.
- The appointment of MNP LLP as auditors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2026.
- The 2025 Annual General Report as presented.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the District of Rainy River Services Board will be held virtually at 9:00 a.m. on June 18, 2026.

Highlights from recent Committee Meetings held:

- **April 29, 2026 – Policy & Governance Committee**

The committee was presented with a proposed updated Policy Framework and Policies. The CAO was to make updates to the policies as discussed, as well as supporting procedures/protocols development, which would be provided to board members at the next meeting.

- **May 12, 2026 – Finance & Audit Committee**

The committee was provided the 2025 Audited Financial Statements by MNP LLP, who indicated they were issuing a clean audit opinion.

- **May 21, 2026 – Building & Service Review Committee**

The committee received information regarding the Fifth & Frenette property in Fort Frances where exploratory redevelopment work is taking place. The site is being reviewed for two potential uses: affordable housing on the vacant land and renovation of the existing building for child care spaces. The next Building & Service Review Committee meeting will be in early June (date to be determined).