



DISTRICT OF RAINY RIVER SERVICES BOARD

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Highlights

From the June 18, 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 June 18, 2026.

The Board received:

- an update from Children's Services regarding the transition to a directly operated EarlyON and child care centre in Rainy River, with opening preparations underway. The new child care centre will be called River's Edge Atelier.
- the 2026 Planned Program Spending report for Income Support, providing an overview of the approved Ontario Works budget for client financial assistance and program administration.
- the 2026 Planned Program Spending report for Children's Services, outlining approved budget priorities related to affordable child care, EarlyON programming, workforce development, and implementation of the new service system plan.
- the 2026/27 Planned Program Spending report for the 100% provincially funded Housing & Homelessness Prevention programs, highlighting priorities that support homelessness prevention, housing stability, and related services across the district.
- the 2026 Planned Program Spending report for Paramedic Services, summarizing a stable budget that supports emergency response capacity, workforce stability, fleet readiness, Community Paramedicine, and service modernization.
- the Communications Report, providing an update on communications activities supporting program promotion, public information, recruitment, Board communications, and completion of the 2025 Annual Report.

The Board approved:

- Administration to discontinue further exploration of renovating the existing former school building for child care expansion and endorse continued exploration of a housing-focused redevelopment approach for the Fifth & Frenette property.

- emergency actions, pursuant to Policy F-5.0, to address the operational, clinical, and compliance risks arising from the insolvency of Prehos, maintain continuity of patient care documentation, and have administration report back on financial impacts as required.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the District of Rainy River Services Board will be held virtually at 9:00 a.m. on July 16, 2026.

Highlights from recent Committee Meetings held:

- **June 4, 2026 – Building & Service Review Committee**

The committee received information in camera for the purposes of:

- Financial information supplied in confidence
- A position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on, or to be carried on, by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.