

Town of Fort Frances

Town Council Meeting

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Dear Town Council:

Hello my name is Perry Nastiuk & I have been a resident of our beautiful town for 63 years now & I recently returned from a trip to Central America to visit as many Mayan archaeological sites on a list of 10 I researched before going. Well one site I had on my list was Tazamul which is located in Chalchuapa, El Salvador. This is where I met Mama, owner of the hostel I stayed in (Hostel Las Flores), who ended up stealing my heart as she is a person you would be proud to know. Her hostel was huge like a city block long but it being El Salvador & being off the beaten path her occupancy was us 2 travellers from Ft. Frances as well as an older traveller who stayed hidden but you could tell business wasn't thriving maybe because of that bloody civil they had decades ago & made headlines for the atrocities committed there during it. I'm not focusing on that as it's totally safe to go there now & that they want folks to visit as it's stable, friendly & beautiful & the weather is conducive to any Canadian who wants a little sun & is willing to go there, however what sets Mama apart is her love of her fellow El Salvadorians & especially the people who live in her town Chalchuapa, population about, 72,728(2005), are of mixed Spanish & Mayan plus other Indigenous groups. She distributes used clothing to the poor & she is a very proud independent woman who loves her people & is like the in-defacto mayor there as I witnessed the common folk coming up to her & shaking her hand or kissing her cheek. Well before we left for Honduras we had a very important conversation & after that I promised her when I got back I'd do a small clothing drive for her as I feel compelled to complete this now task. I did receive a call back from Her Honour our Mayor & although she said there's not much she can do but did say that I could approach you, our town Council requesting making Chalchuapa a sister city & hopefully we can set up a drop off facility for clothes & you may be able to help in this important endeavour as it's our duty to

help where we can & thus this is my proposal about doing something I feel my fellow Fort Francians would help once I find a small not being used building here in town. I have a small shed & can use that as I feel maybe a 100lbs or something to that effect to start as it's the shipping that costs & I'll start a separate bank account for donations when I put an add into our paper with proposed drop off centre(s), & where to drop off donations(I'm going to contact Sheila McMahon at the UNFC to be a co-signer for these funds & any help that they can provide), so this will take me to asking you, my Town Council to get onboard & let's do something wonderful for Mama & her people. I can be contacted at my home phone number: 807-271-3161 or at my gmail: [bm08125606@gmail.com](mailto:bm08125606@gmail.com). That's about it so at this time I would like to thank you for reading my proposal & am looking forward to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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