

June 27, 2013

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Doug Brown, Manager of Operations & Facilities

**SUBJECT: Request from the Fort Frances Community Garden Planning Committee- For the Town to Donate the existing Chain Link Fencing – Old Huffman School Property**



A letter dated June 12, 2013 was received from Mrs. Krista Nielson of the Fort Frances Community Garden Planning Committee requesting the Town to donate the existing chain link fencing at the old Huffman School property to the Fort Frances Community Garden Committee. See attached letter. Presently, Wagner Construction, the Huffman subdivision contractor, wants the chain link fencing to remain in place as it is being utilized to secure their construction materials. The Town's workforce will be removing the fencing at a later date once the reconstruction of Williams Avenue is completed.

There is approximately 200 feet of fencing which was going to be installed along the west side of the east end rink to try to alleviate pucks from entering into backyards of the new residential lots.

The Operations & Facilities Executive Committee recommends the following;

1) That the request from the Fort Frances Community Garden Committee to donate the existing chain link fencing at the old Huffman School property be denied.

Respectfully Submitted  
Operations & Facilities Division,

*Doug Brown*

Doug Brown, P. Eng.  
Operations & Facilities Manager

**RECOMMENDED**

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*Doug Brown*

EXECUTIVE COMM.

*R. Widenkoff*

**Council approval of this report will ensure the following:**

1) That the request from the Fort Frances Community Garden Committee to donate the existing chain link fencing at the old Huffman School property be denied.



*Watching something grow is good for morale. It helps you believe in life.*

*- Myron S. Kaufmann*

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June 12, 2013

Re: Chain Link fencing at Huffman site

First and foremost, on behalf of the Fort Frances Community Garden Planning Committee (FFCGPC), I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the Town of Fort Frances for their support and direction in allowing the Community Garden project to continue and flourish. As you may already know, our third season has been off to an extremely successful start, with the addition of 4 new accessible raised garden beds as well as a children's gardening club that has attracted strong interest from the community. Feedback to the FFCGPC has been overwhelmingly positive about the continuation of this valuable project.

In the interest of continuing improvements and addition to the garden site, our committee would like to improve our fencing system at the garden. While our current fencing does serve the purpose of protecting the growing plants and herbs, we recognize that improvements must be on-going to ensure the appropriate level of safety and aesthetic value. We are currently working on a proposal to make the currently amendment (No.8/98-NN) permanent, which would allow for the continuation of the community garden project at the current location. It has come to our attention that there is a portion of chain link fencing at the current Huffman school property. As we know that the plans for the previous Huffman school will involve a complete demolition and clean up, we would like to request that the town considers donating the described fencing to the Fort Frances Community Garden project. The fencing would serve to fence a significant portion of the garden. As a primarily volunteer-based committee, the FFCGPC relies heavily on donations as well as applying for funding opportunities as they arise.

The FFCGPC would like to thank you in advance for the consideration of our request. If you would like to further discuss this matter, please contact Krista Nielson, acting chair of the Fort Frances Community Garden Planning Committee, at 274-9827 ext. 3639, or by email at [knielson@nwhu.on.ca](mailto:knielson@nwhu.on.ca).

Sincerely,

On Behalf of the Fort Frances Community Garden Planning Committee