

Dear Editor (an open letter to Fort Frances Town Council)

To Mayor June Caul - & - Members of Fort Frances Town Council April 22 . 2020



At a regular Council meeting of the Town of Fort Frances - in March 2020 - Mayor June Caul announced - that the Town of Fort Frances - would be stepping away from owning Sunny Cove Camp .

Mayor Caul argued that the Town's current financial condition - led to the Town's decision to divest itself of this asset . She also stated that Council was committed - to finding a new non profit owner - who would be willing to operate Sunnycove - like it has been run over the past few decades .

Mayor Caul argued that Sunnycove was outside the Town limits - & - cost the Town approximately (\$40,000) - forty thousand dollars per year to operate - & - selling this asset would free up this \$40,000 for other parts of the Town Budget ... Yep sell it - and save \$40,000 - of tax dollars .

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Well I find Mayor June Caul - & - Council's position to sell off this amazing asset - to be absolutely nonsense - & - nothing but a bunch of brown sugar - baffle garb - & - in my mind is absolutely foolish .

Why ?

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Well lets review a little history . This Council was going to sell off the vacated Daycare Building . Then the Council changed their mind - & - decided to look at kicking the seniors out of the Sister Kennedy Center - & - moving them into the vacated Daycare Building - then - once the Seniors were moved - Council planned - to sell off the Sister Kennedy Center ...WOW Now all of a sudden - this Council has another sale in place - Sunnycove Camp - for a cost saving of \$40,000 tax dollars - to use elsewhere in their budget . Wow Council wants to sell off a multi million dollar property - known as Sunny Cove Camp - to save their \$40,000 per year - but the owners who buy it - will run it - just like the Town was running it over the past few decades ...

Wow - Mayor Caul - do you already have a buyer in place ?

Well Councils argument - of recouping it's \$40,000 tax dollars - & - having the new owners of Sunnycove Camp - run it like has been run for decades - is now easily solved - yep 100 % solved - right now - and the Town can have it's \$40,000 dollar tax expenditure - and apply it anywhere in their budget - that they wish to place it - without selling this asset off . How ? - very simple - " FROM THE MOFFAT FUND " ,

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The Moffat Fund has been supplying Grants to the Town of Fort Frances for years . The amount of this years grant is \$ 93, 750.00 - & - guess what folks - the primary goal of this Fund is to

support and advance the economic , social , physical and intellectual well being of children and families consistent with the vision of the Moffat Fund . Wow - & - to think - Fort Frances Town Council is the party that accepts the applications - & -identifies where these funds go - and this money has not been assigned - nor handed out yet .. Wow again - what a win - win situation - unless there are other back door motives - or issues - we are not aware of yet - at least I hope not ..

In closing - I believe Council should keep Sunny Cove Camp - & - allocate - forty thousand dollars from the Moffat Fund to run Sunny Cove Camp - & - solve it's wish to utilize the Town Taxpayers dollars of \$ 40,000 elsewhere within their budget . Do this and there is absolutely no cost to the Town - & - Sunnycove does not have to be sold ..

I also request that Town Council develop a New By-Law that calls for a Mandatory Public Meeting that is well advertised - allowing a public meeting to take place - before any land or property is changed from its present purpose - occupancy - sold - or rented out . This is needed so an elected Party of seven - cannot without public input - dispose of major Public Assets - without full transparency - accountability - & - taxpayer input ...

A copy of the Moffat Fund Application is attached to this letter to verify the information I provided above - & - I trust the Editor will either verify the above information - or print the Moffat Fund Ad as copied with this letter ..

Thank You to the Editor - for printing this letter .

Your Truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan T Bedard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Allan" being more prominent than the last name "Bedard".

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Our community has the good fortune of being endowed with \$93,750.00 of charitable funding through the Winnipeg Foundation's Moffat Family Fund for 2020.

The primary goal of this funding is to support and advance the economic, social, physical and intellectual well being of children and families consistent with the vision of the Moffat Family Fund.

We invite registered charities and/or affiliated organizations to submit an application for funding between **Monday, March 2 at 8:30 a.m. and THURSDAY, APRIL 30 at 4:00 p.m.** addressed and delivered to:

**NEW
DEADLINE!**

Town of Fort Frances
Moffat Family Fund Steering Committee
320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 3P9

An information package is available upon request at the above address and online at:
<https://www.fortfrances.ca/town/administration-finance/moffat-family-fund>

Questions regarding this opportunity can be addressed to:
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or by phone at 807-274-5323 ext. 1212.