

# Fort Frances Council

MARCH 14, 2022

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# Community Futures Program – FedNor

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- Strategic community planning and socio-economic development;
- Support for community-based projects;
- Business information and planning services;
- Access to capital for small and medium-sized businesses and social enterprises



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## Our Mandate

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*The Rainy River Future Development Corporation promotes and supports entrepreneurship, solution-based lending, and community partnerships in the pursuit of regional economic development.*



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# Loan Portfolio – Dec. 31/21

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Covid-19 Emergency Loans	\$380,000
Loan Guarantees	\$171,000
NWOIP Loans	\$999,000
RRRF Loans	\$2,567,300
Store Front Loans	\$20,000
Term Loans	<u>\$3,855,791</u>
<b>TOTAL PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>\$7,993,091</b>



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# Covid-19 Response

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RRRF Loans as of December 31, 2021: \$2,567,300

Breakdown:

78 loans to 50 businesses from RRRF

34 loans to 34 businesses from Investment Fund

**43% - Fort Frances**

57% - District



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# Business Counselling

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Number of General Inquiries	98
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Number of In-Depth Counseling Services:

- |                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| ◦ a) Non-loan clients      | 789        |
| ◦ b) Existing loan clients | <u>440</u> |

Total	1327
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# Covid -19 Response

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## **Professional Services Relief Grant:**

Up to \$5,000 in a non-repayable contribution to assist businesses to adapt to the Covid crisis.

Up to \$5,000. We approved 8 of these grants totaling \$30,622.

## **Covid Assistance Grant:**

Up to \$5,000 in a non-repayable contribution to assist with the costs related to adapting to new or existing operating protocols.

We approved 47 of these grants infusing \$177,906 into the district.



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# RRFDC Operations

## BUSINESS INVESTMENT

Investment Fund

Supported by Canada and  
used ONLY - for lending!

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Municipal Per Capita

Used for economic  
development projects and  
other services.



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# Municipal Per Capita

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The RRFDC's municipal per capita has remained at \$7.00, since inception.

No other organization can say this.

This is due to our ability to earn additional revenues through various projects thus reducing our need for municipal funds.



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# Senior Government

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The support of area municipalities for the RRFDC allows us to show senior government that we are ALL working together for the betterment of the region.



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# Fort Frances Activities

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Client Inquiries and industrial lots sales

Tourism

- Promotion –Social Media, Ads etc.
- Municipal Accommodations Committee (MAT)

Mining Supply and Services – Procurement Session

Mill Planning Study

Forestry and Wood Products

- Boundary Waters Forest Management Corporation
- Forest Modeling Survey



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# MAT Tourism Activities

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Digital Fishing Contest

Destination Fort Frances Website

WeGotSnow.ca Website

Destination Signage

Experiential Tourism Workshops



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# Digital Fishing Tournaments

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FORTFRANCES



EXPLORE RAINY LAKE  
DIGITAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

**\$5000 GUARANTEED PRIZING**

Longest Overall Walleye - **\$750**

	Adult:	Youth:
1st - Top 3 Walleye -	<b>\$1500</b>	<b>\$275</b>
2nd - Top 3 Walleye -	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$150</b>
3rd - Top 3 Walleye -	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$125</b>
4th - Top 3 Walleye -	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$100</b>

 MYCATCH  
BY ANGLER'S ATLAS



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# Digital Tourism Marketing

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## Community Promotion

<https://destinationfortfrances.ca/>

## Snowmobiling

<http://wegotsnow.ca/>

## Heart of Canada Touring Route

<https://www.northernontario.travel/motorcycle-touring/northwest-loop-touring-route?key=yu0aZCGJJJaLiU5lm4itbPla0TFSzxf251tHdZy5ACIA>

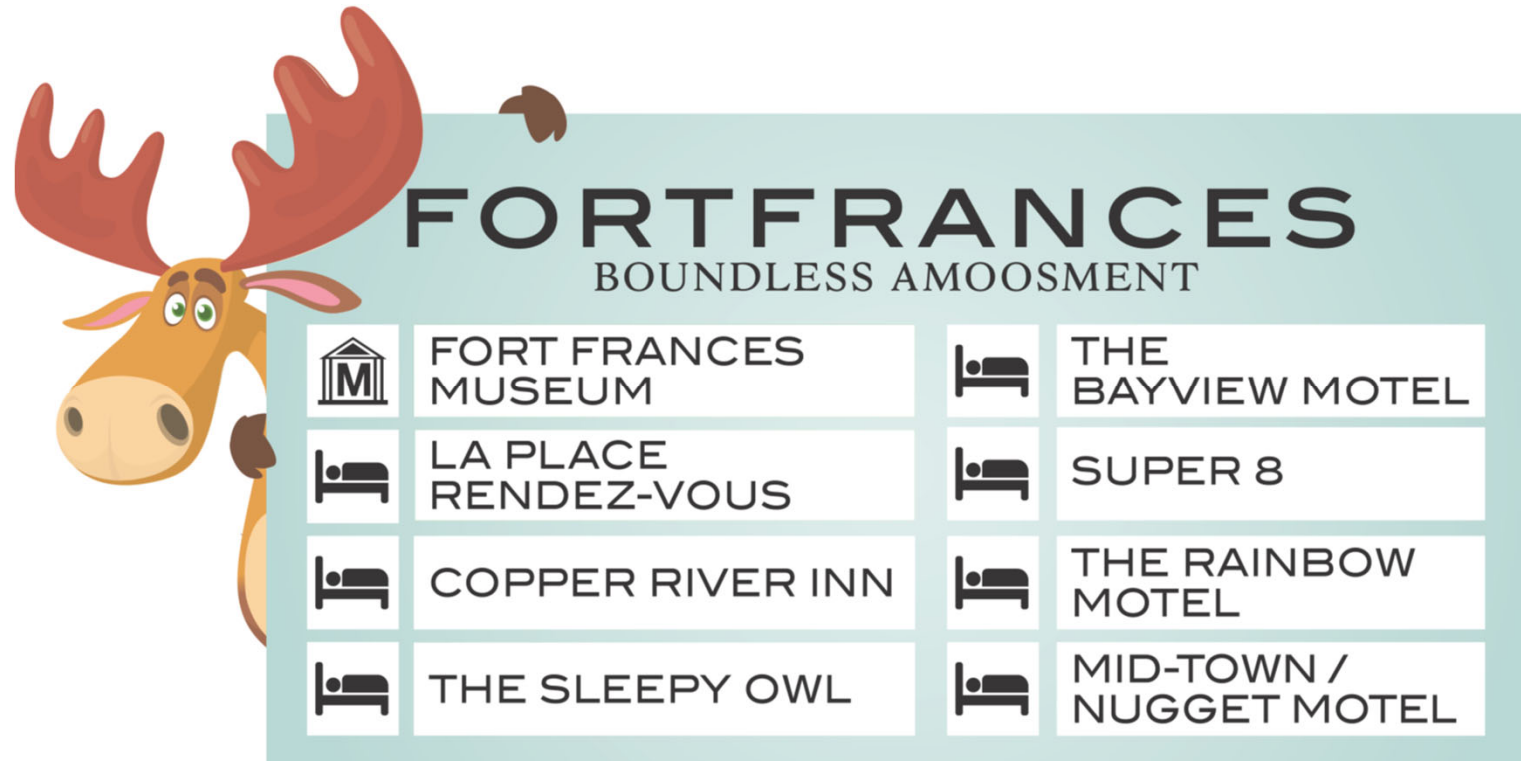


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# Wayfinding Signage



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# Experiential Tourism Workshops

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**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!**

OCTOBER 12 4PM TO 9PM

-OR-

OCTOBER 13 1PM TO 6PM

FREE WORKSHOP  
WITH INTERNATIONAL  
TOURISM EXPERTS



CONTACT 807-274-3276 OR  
ECDEV@FORTFRANCES.CA TO REGISTER



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# Other Municipal Assistance

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Fort Frances Economic Development Executive  
Committee

Chapple/Emo Industrial Parks

Rainy River Economic Development – EDO Assistance



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# Land Clearing and Tile Drainage Projects

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- ▣ Land Clearing #2 - \$1,700,000 (completed)
- ▣ Tile Drainage #5 - \$1,962,000 (Fall 2022)
- ▣ Tile Drainage #6 - \$1,965,000 (Fall 2022)
- ▣ Tile Drainage #7 – \$1,965,000 (Fall 2023)
- ▣ Tile Drainage #8 – in the planning process



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# Land Clearing Project – Completed

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# Economic Benefits

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These funds go directly to area contractors to do the work.

These contractors hire employees.

Maintain and purchase equipment locally.

Producers increase cattle herds or grow cash crops.



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# Tile Drainage

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# Increased Assessment

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The installation of tile drainage and grain bins increases the value of the land and thereby the assessed value.

MPAC Assessments: Land to Class 1

Dawson has asked for all tiled lands for MPAC review



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# 13,542 acres tiled in 7 projects

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Alberton - 748

LaVallee - 655

Emo – 1,654

Chapple – 737

Morley – 1,272

Dawson – 8,476

(projected total when completed)



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# Investment

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Total investment in tiling:

\$13,542 acres x \$1,300/acre

average cost = \$17,604,600

NOHFC Investment

13,542 x \$500/acre = \$6,771,000

**Producer investment =  
\$10,833,600**

**Plus, additional producer  
investments in buildings, storage  
bins, machinery and employees.  
(Estimated Investment of  
\$7,000,000)**



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# Additional Producer Investments

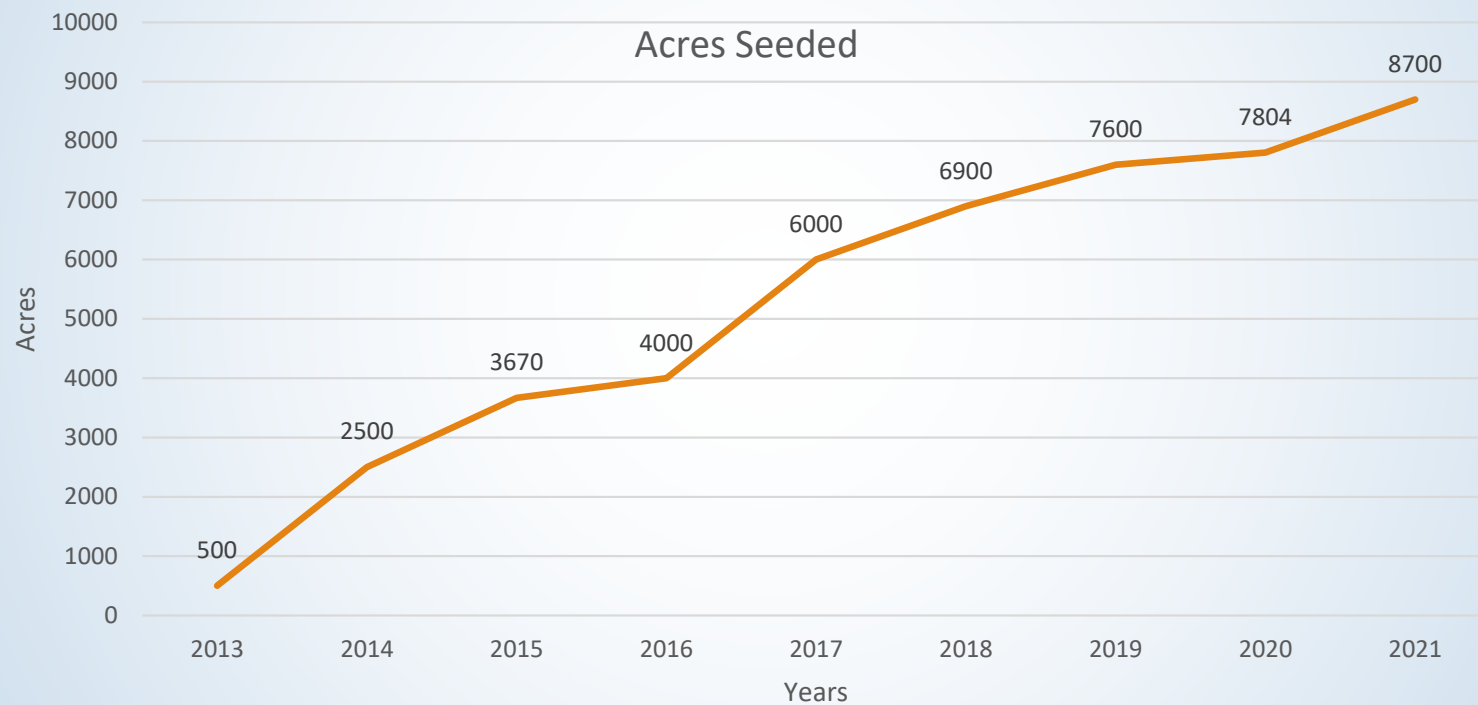
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# Agricultural Growth



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# Hops Harvested 2021

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# Hops Harvester and Bailer

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# Broadband Projects

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## Grand Council Treaty #3/Bell Canada Project

- Approved by Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) and Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) for \$51 million for GCT3 First Nations and adjacent non-indigenous communities.

## RRFDC/Community Network Partners Potential Project

- Alberton fiber optic project



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# Communities to be served in the Rainy River District

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## First Nations Communities:

Anishnaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy, Couchiching, Lac La Croix, Mitaanjigamiing, Naicatchewenin, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Ojibways of Onigaming, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River

## Adjacent Non-Indigenous Communities:

Devlin/LaVallee, Emo, Mine Centre, Morson, Nestor Falls, Sioux Narrows, and Stratton



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# Abattoir and Rainy River Meats

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# Go Local

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- 30 Member Business
- 4082 Active Card Holders
- 17,640 gift cards issued worth \$441,020
- 3,261,263 points issued by retail members



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# RRFDC Events Tent

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Events Tent – Municipal support of the RRFDC allows these events free use of the tent.

Has been used for:

**Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championship**

Rainy River Walleye Tournament

Rainy River Giant Pumpkin Festival



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# RRFDC Membership

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The RRFDC is a membership driven organization.  
Memberships are \$5.00 per year.

Please join !!!!



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# Thank you

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## Contact the RRFDC

- 807-274-3276
- 807-276-1592 – my cell
- [info@rrfdc.on.ca](mailto:info@rrfdc.on.ca)



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