

December 13, 2021

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

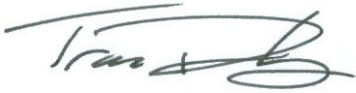
RE: Approval of Minutes of Settlement between the Town of Fort Frances and Ontario

Attached you will find a report from Mr. Craig Miller, P.Eng, Environmental Superintendent outlining the appeal filed against the Province of Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks relating to discharge water quality limits imposed on the Town's filter backwash water. The impetus for this appeal was the fact that the Town had not previously been notified that the Ministry would be applying the federal wastewater quality regulations to water treatment facilities, particularly relating to backwash water quality.

The Town has been working collaboratively with the province since this summer to come to an agreement surrounding these limits to allow the Town time to design, procure and construct a process to control our effluent water quality to match the standards being imposed. The province has agreed to remove the conditions from our Drinking Water license for its duration with the understanding that the limits will be reintroduced in the next issuance.

It is the recommendation of Administration that the attached Minutes of Settlement be approved by Council and further that an authorizing By-Law be prepared to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the minutes of settlement on behalf of the organization.

Respectfully Submitted



Travis Rob, P.Eng
Manager of Operations and Facilities

Council approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of administration that the attached Minutes of Settlement be approved by Council and further that an authorizing By-Law be prepared to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the minutes of settlement on behalf of the organization.