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TO THE letter Sent to Council.

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I know Council has taken a lot of flack on numerous issues having offended many taxpayers in the Town of Fort Frances - that Council was elected to represent . A few notable examples of our complaints are as follows ;

Council decided to sell the Daycare Building when it became empty - then changed their mind - & - decided they were going to kick the Seniors out of the Sister Kennedy Center - & - sell off the Senior Center - & - shove them into the Daycare Building . The Seniors revolted - then Council changed their mind - & - said the Seniors could remain in the Sister Kennedy Center .

Council then cold heartily cut the meals on wheels funding for shut-ins during this time of a serious CoronaVirus Pandemic . Showed you how much they cared for these seniors

Council then elected to put our only true Lakeshore Property at Sunnycove Camp up for sale - & - told the Community that the Moffitt Fund was not open to be used to offset the taxes spent on maintaining this property at \$ 40, 000,00 dollars per year . However the Moffitt Fund had been used before - & - could be used again - & - guess what - Town Council selects - who gets these funds - &- the Sunny Cove application would certainly have been approved by the Moffitt Fund - because it met the Funds criteria ...In the future with the Moffitt Fund engaged at Sunny Cove Camp - this property could be maintained by the Town - for years into the future - without any further taxpayer cost .

Council then trashed \$ 17,000.00 dollars worth of flowers for the Cemeteries - & - refused to plant our family paid for - Contractual - Perpetual Care flowers on the graves in our Cemeteries - & - stated it was because of the Covid Rules - by the Province of Ontario .. In Council's opinion they stated it was also to look after the employee's safety ..However what the Council did not tell us - was - those restrictions were removed many weeks ago by the Province of Ontario who ruled - all that was needed for employees to work in the Cemeteries was to have proper Personal Protective Equipment - follow the Occupational Health - & - Safety Act - & - follow safe distancing .

Council then spent a heavy amount of money on Shevlin Yard - & - a lot more money will be spent in Shevlin - based on their study - & - there was a recent press report talking about allowing a Company to come in and sell off all the equipment in the Local Paper Mill .. All of this is set in place - & - our Town Council - did not even demand a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study . So guess what folks - If Town Council continues on this path - & - we end up getting stuck with this property - or - left holding the bag - & - all the mill assets are sold off - what guarantee will there be - that the Town Taxpayers - will not be left holding the financial bag - on the environmental hook for Shevlin - & - the total mill property - the dump sites - lagoons and pipelines - & - how would this affect our water rights - the Dam - & - our future Power rates ? ..

Now - even more complaints are coming in from Seniors who wanted to pay their town taxes - water - & - sewer bills with their Toronto Dominion - CIBC - & - Royal Bank Visa Cards - or Mastercard - & - the Town of Fort Frances will not accept any Credit Card Payments from anyone . That is why some seniors have credit cards - to help them out financially when they are in a pinch ..

Approximately 54 % of the residents of Fort Frances are Senior Citizens- on limited income Taxpayers have always been proud of our Cemeteries - our Sister Kennedy Centre - Our Meals on Wheels Program - they enjoy the beach - rental units at Sunny Cove Camp - & - how well it was used - rented out - and open to numerous renting interests - & - the Community ...


This Council has prided ourselves as being an Age Friendly Community .. I say Age friendly my butt - and my advice to this Town Council is to get rid of your personal agendas - & - start looking after those who elected you - by being open - transparent - honest - & - listening to the taxpayers who put you in office .. " Leave Us Alone " - or have the decency to resign - & - allow us to replace all of " YOU " with individuals - whose only agenda is to do the work of the Community ...

Yours Truly,


Allan T Bedard

June 28 , 2020

*X I removed the sentence respecting the solar panels on the Daycare Building - that was told to me by two different Town Employees - as I am not convinced that this information is accurate , I apologize for this failure - on my part to confirm 100 % - or not the information that they gave to me .. Allan

— CORRECTION — 

→ Withdrew letter from "Editor"
— Will look at a re-submit - not sure.
depends on Council Conduct & Actions.

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