



November 3, 2015

REPORT TO: Mayor & Council  
FROM: Elizabeth (Lisa) Slomke, Town Clerk  
SUBJECT: Marriage Solemnization Services

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On August 13, 2007, Council approved a report from the former Town Clerk recommending authorization to deliver civil marriage solemnization services through the Office of the Clerk. The necessary by-law was subsequently passed and enacted by Council on August 27, 2007.

In reviewing the specifics of By-law 47/07 it should be noted that the former Town Clerk is named as having the authority to solemnize marriages in the Town of Fort Frances. I suggest that we name the position of Town Clerk as having the authorization to perform due to the fact that this is legislated within the Marriage Act.

Therefore, it is necessary to present a new by-law, which will repeal By-law 47/07 and will include updated language and be generic (Town Clerk only - no name). There will be no change to the services being delivered by the Office of the Clerk.

On November 3, 2015, the Administration & Finance Committee supported the changes being recommended.

<p><b>Council's approval of this report</b> will direct the Clerk to bring forward a new by-law which authorizes the delivery of civil marriage solemnization services by the Office of the Clerk for the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances.</p>
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