

Appendix E

Application for Delegation / Deputation


**REQUEST FOR DELEGATION / DEPUTATION BEFORE
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES**
**ALL DELEGATIONS / DEPUTATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN
SUBMISSION PRIOR TO THE AGENDA DEADLINE**

All written or electronic submissions and background information for consideration by Council must be submitted to the Clerk's Office by 12 noon on the Thursday preceding the meeting. Electronic submissions should be submitted in Microsoft Power point, Microsoft word or PDF format. As per the Procedural By-law, there is a maximum of three (3) deputations allowed per meeting and delegates are given ten (10) minutes to make their presentation.

Preferred Meeting Date: November 1 or November 8, 2021

I am requesting a delegation / deputation to speak:

- a) ☐ On my own behalf; or
b) ☒ On behalf of a group / organization / association (if b) please state name of group below)

Best for Kitty Cat Rescue

Will you be providing an electronic formatted presentation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Speaker (s) – A delegation / deputation wishing to appear before Council shall be limited to a total speaking time of ten (10) minutes (regardless of the number of speakers listed). Please state name of speaker(s) below.

Gord McCabe/Joan Foley

Subject of Presentation

Please describe below the subject matter of the requested delegation / deputation in sufficient detail to provide the Town of Fort Frances a means to determine its content and define how the matter aligns with Council's mandate / strategic priorities. All material needs to be provided to the Clerk by 12 noon on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Request to use the town's animal facility to house cats in emergency situations.

(use a separate sheet of paper if not enough space allowed here)

Reason why this delegation / deputation is important to Council and to the municipality:

We do a great deal to alleviate the stray cat population in town.

Date of Request: October 25, 2021 Signature of Speaker: *R McCabe* *Joan Foley*

Address: 921 Banta Blvd.

Telephone / Fax Numbers: 807 275-9753

E-mail Address: bestforkitty@gmail.com

Scheduling will be at the discretion of the Clerk and will be confirmed prior to the meeting deadline. There are no guarantees that by requesting a certain date(s) your delegation / deputation will be accepted, as prior commitments may make it necessary to schedule an alternate date suggested by the Clerk.

Individuals who submit letters and other information to Council should be aware that any personal information contained within their communications may become part of the public record and made available through the Council Agenda process.



Best for Kitty
308 Fifth St W.
Fort Frances, ON
P9A 3S1

October 6, 2021

Town of Fort Frances

Dear committee members

We would like to introduce you to Best for Kitty. We are a "cats-only" rescue which began operation in October 2020 to address a need that we felt existed in the Rainy River District. Prior to Covid, Paws and Claws, an animal rescue organization in International Falls, was able to serve many of the area's needs. However, with the border no longer accessible, we launched our organization and to date we have rescued and rehomed close to 70 cats and kittens, something we are very proud of.

We operate solely on donations. We take stray, abandoned or neglected cats and kittens, have them vetted (shots and neuter/spay), and then find them loving, forever homes or transfer them to larger rescues in Ontario where the demand for cats or kittens is greater. We believe we are helping tremendously with the stray cat population in Fort Frances and surrounding areas.

We are not asking for any direct financial assistance. We do have a small group of fosters, and these people, along with our small group of 5 volunteers, pay all expenses for fostering (food, kitty litter, etc.), We pay for the bulk of this out of our own pockets. We use donations largely to pay for vet care which is very expensive.

We do, however, need your help. One of our major issues is a warm and safe place to house cats who come into our care when no foster is available. We are asking the Town to allow shared access to a portion of the animal facility on Fifth St. W. We would use this space to house a small number (max. five) of cats ONLY when we have no foster available. We would be solely responsible for all aspects of their care so would require access to visit the facility daily. We are hoping this will be the first step in developing a working relationship with the Town to help alleviate the problem of stray and abandoned cats in the community.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have, either from individuals, or if necessary, at a full meeting of Council.


Gord McCabe
President


Joan Foley
Secretary/Treasurer

Helping cats and kittens of the Rainy River District

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