



## REPORT

**TO:** Mayor Avis & Council  
**FROM:** Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager  
**DATE:** November 30, 2017

**RE: Sister Kennedy Centre Name Change**

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At the regular meeting of the Sister Kennedy Centre Board of Management on November 14, 2017, there was a resolution passed as follows:

Moved by June Caul,

Seconded by Dalton Taylor

To change the name of the Sister Kennedy Centre to the Fort Frances Senior Centre and to recognize the contributions of Sister Betty Kennedy inside the facility through a dedicated memory wall named in her honour. **CARRIED.**

There was good discussion on the matter by the Board and included public participation from a couple in attendance for the meeting.

### History

**1978** – Sister Betty Kennedy along with a few Seniors created the first Seniors (55+) drop-in Centre in Fort Frances, known as the Pleasant Past Times Place. It was located in the back of the Pentecostal Church next door to the Royal Canadian Legion.

**1981** – July – Bylaw established by Mayor & Council to set up a committee for the purpose of constructing a Senior Citizen's drop-in centre on the old St. Mary's School property. This marked the commencement of much community fundraising.

**1983** – April – Tenders were opened and the contract to construct the new building was awarded to Tom Jones & Sons General Contractors from Thunder Bay.

**1983** – October 22 – Grand Opening took place & the Centre was renamed Sister Kennedy Centre.

**1987** – April – The Fix-it Shop was opened on the same grounds.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor & Council to change the name of the Sister Kennedy Centre to the Fort Frances Seniors Centre and to recognize the contributions of Sister Betty Kennedy inside the facility through a dedicated memory wall named in her honour.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kabel".

Jason Kabel