



**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION
TREASURY REPORT 2014/133**

TO: Mayor & Council
FROM: Dawn Galusha, Deputy Treasurer
DATE: December 10, 2014
SUBJECT: Jackie Lampi-Hughes re: Waive Property Tax Late Fees Request

BACKGROUND

At the November 24, 2014 Council Meeting, the letter received from Jackie Lampi-Hughes requesting consideration of waiving property tax late fees was referred to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

As indicated in her letter attached, Ms. Lampi-Hughes stated that she was taking a political stance and withheld payment on her property taxes until she was heard and is requesting that Council consider waiving the late fees that have accumulated during the year, which to date are \$1,492.95 (\$1,362.44 as of November 12th plus \$130.51 December 1st). Ms. Lampi-Hughes asks that the Town consider her business and the effect they have on it the Memorial Sportplex purchases equipment and the competition of publicly funded venue versus a private business owner.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommends that the property tax late fees per the letter of Jackie Lampi-Hughes continue to be payable to the Town of Fort Frances.

Council Approval of This Report Will Agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee and the property tax late fees will continue to be payable by Jackie Lampi-Hughes.

780 King's Highway
Fort Frances, ON
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Bringing Health & Fitness to the Community!

November 12, 2015

Dear Tara,

This letter is in direct response to the 'Tax Reminder Notice' I received on November 3, 2014.

You will be receiving, in full my payment of \$19,518.70 minus the late fees of \$1,362.44, due to my political stance on holding back my taxes until I was "heard". I am a residential AND commercial taxpayer.

I would like the following to be brought to the attention of Council.

In the nine years that Energy Motivation Inc. has been established, I have always paid my taxes, and on time. It was merely a political move on my part, as I was feeling challenged by the direct competition of publically funded venues versus private business owners, who I will point out again, fund the tax base for the Town of Fort Frances to continue to operate.

I ask, that the Town, consider my local business and the effect they may have on it when they purchase equipment that directly competes with me.

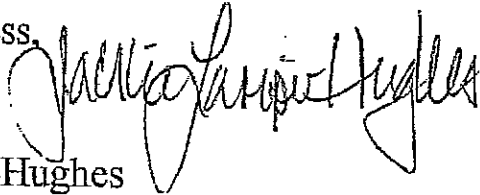
I understand that the Sportsplex has recently received new cardio and weight equipment, which I realize is an upgrade. (Particularly the TREADCLIMBER which cost \$12,000k) However, I host the same equipment and my taxes pay for the upgrades. If I was to cease

operating as a business owner and my building were to be zoned residential the tax base would be 25 % of what I pay; that gives me an extra 'income' of \$ 15,000 / annually. PLUS I could operate a business elsewhere for a much less nominal overhead from a school (publically funded); as many groups do.

I have felt the need to look into other options that may be better suited for this space.

I truly hope that this never comes to fruition, as I am passionate about my business and the personal fitness of all ages in our community..

Yours in Fitness,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Lampi-Hughes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jackie" being more prominent and the last name "Lampi-Hughes" following in a similar style.

Jackie Lampi-Hughes
Owner
Energy Fitness



TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL

Session No. 121

Resolution No. _____

Moved by Paul Ryan

Dated November 24, 2014

Seconded by [Signature]

THAT the request dated November 12, 2014 from J. Lampi-Hughes re: Waiving of Late Fees be referred to the Administration and Finance Executive Committee for review and recommendation.

TO: Laurie W.
FROM: Lisa Stomke
Approved as Regular
Nov 25/14 Consent item.

	Yea	Nay	Disclosure of Interest
R. Avis			
J. Albanese			
A. Hallikas			
D. Kitowski			
K. Perry			
G. Paul Ryan			
R. Wiedenhoef			

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November 26, 2014

Energy Fitness
Attn: Jackie Lampi-Hughes
780 King's Highway
Fort Frances, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Lampi-Hughes:

At their meeting November 24, 2014, Council referred the request dated November 12, 2014 from Jackie Lampi-Hughes re: Waiver of late fees to the Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

By copy of this letter, your request has been referred as directed.

Please direct any questions you may have to L. Witherspoon, Treasurer, at 274-5323, ext 248.

Yours very truly,

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION



Elizabeth Slomke, Clerk

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c.c. L. Witherspoon, Treasurer
D. Galusha, Deputy Treasurer (att'd)