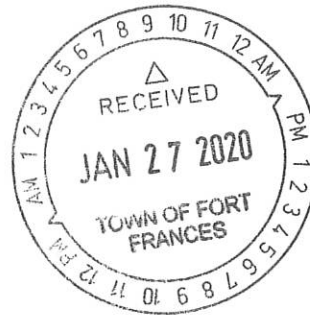


Mayor Caul
Members of Municipal Council
Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances, Ontario



January 20, 2020

Dear Members of Council,

We request that Council upgrade the Town's transportation system and put in place a Public Town Bus. (Preferably Electric - or Bio- Deisel as they actually run cleaner than petrochemical)

Reasons ;

We have an aging population and many no longer have drivers licence's - nor a car

Cost of taxi fares - is far to expensive for those on limited fixed income .

For several Seniors - it is much safer taking a bus - rather than driving their own automobile - or walking - especially when there is lots of ice - wind and snow .

Bus use over high traffic use is less poisonous to the environment and aides in reducing Global Warming problems

A bus service is needed for those who do not drive - to attend medical appointments - go shopping - paying bills - picking up medications - going out to lunch - visiting family and friends - attending the Senior Center - Legion Meals - point park in the summer etc...

We believe Local and District busing is a right - and by way of this letter we are asking our Member of Parliament to assist us in having a District Bus Service so there can be safe transportation from Fort Frances to Rainy River - to Kenora - to Thunder Bay return that would meet the needs of those who must travel for medical reasons - family visits - travel reasons etc..We discussed this matter with Mr Rickford our MPP and ask Council to support both of these initiatives by putting a Town Bus in place in Fort France - and a call out from Council requesting the Provincial Government support and finance a District Bus ..

Towns and cities - the Provincial - and Federal Governments spend millions of dollars on building - fixing - repairing roads out of citizen tax dollars - but they have no way of measuring the degree that these expenditures serve Non Drivers - the only alternative - is to then put Public Busing in place .

Each person should have a reasonable right to transportation - like a bus - which should be affordable in fare rates - yet subsidized - by tax dollars - so it will not - ought not be a profit making system .

Taxi fares are too high. This is a basic and fundamental issue - and an important economical development issue as well.

We want Council to address this area of transportation asap and get a Fort Frances Public Bus in Place.

We also want Council to request - and pursue a District Bus with our Local MPP Greg Rickford

Attached is a copy of the type of bus used by Arrowhead Transit in International Falls, MN and how it operates - including the fare amount.

Thank You for your consideration of this matter - and a written response from Council is Greatly appreciated ..

Yours Truly

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