

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### MINUTES

SESSION NO. 020

August 12, 2019

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers , Civic Centre on August 12, 2019 from 6:52 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor J. Caul, Chairperson; Councillors M. Behan, W. Brunetta, A. Hallikas, D. Judson, J. McTaggart and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, E. Slomke, Clerk, D. Galusha, Treasurer, T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities, J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services, C. Vangel, CBO/Municipal Planner

### **1. COUNCIL MEETING**

(Session No. 020)

1.1 Call to Order at 6:52 p.m.

1.2 Prayer

1.3 Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting - None.

1.4 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

Councillor Brunetta disclosed an interest in Item 8.1 from tonight's Committee of the Whole agenda as these are her per diem claims for attendance at the NOMA Exec. Mtg. in Thunder Bay on July 16-17.

Councillor McTaggart disclosed an interest in Item 4.3 from tonight's Committee of the Whole agenda as he receives compensation from a corporation that is owned by a development corporation of one of the Agency One Bands.

Councillor McTaggart disclosed an interest in Item 9.2 from tonight's Committee of the Whole agenda as he is an owner in this project.

### **2. Delegations/Deputations:**

2.1 Public Meeting re: 357/358 Application for Tax Adjustment (319 Victoria Avenue).  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2018 taxes for October 15 to December 31, 2018 and for 2019 taxes under Section 357/358 of the ***Municipal Act*** for property located at 319 Victoria Avenue resulting from the purchase of the property by the Town of Fort Frances which is exempt from paying taxes.

199 Wiedenhoeft - Hallikas: THAT the report dated August 7, 2019 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: Public Meeting re: 357/358 Application for Tax Adjustment (319 Victoria Avenue) be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2018 taxes for October 15 to December 31, 2018 and for 2019 taxes under Section 357/358 of the ***Municipal Act*** for property located at 319 Victoria Avenue resulting from the purchase of the property by the Town of Fort Frances which is exempt from paying taxes.

CARRIED

2.2 Public Meeting re: 357/358 Application for Tax Adjustment (420 Mowat Avenue).  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2019 taxes under Section 357/358 of the ***Municipal Act*** for property located at 420 Mowat Avenue resulting from the purchase of the property by the Town of Fort Frances which is exempt from paying taxes.

200 Hallikas - Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated August 7, 2019 from D. Galusha,

Treasurer re: Public Meeting re: 357/358 Application for Tax Adjustment (420 Mowat Avenue) be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2019 taxes under Section 357/358 of the ***Municipal Act*** for property located at 420 Mowat Avenue resulting from the purchase of the property by the Town of Fort Frances which is exempt from paying taxes.

CARRIED

- 2.3 Public Meeting re: 357/358 Application for Tax Adjustment (335 Scott Street).  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2019 taxes under Section 357/358 of the ***Municipal Act*** for property located at 335 Scott Street resulting from a demolition of a building for the land to be used as a parking lot.

- 201 Wiedenhoeft - Hallikas: THAT the report dated August 7, 2019 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: Public Meeting re: 357/358 Application for Tax Adjustment (335 Scott Street) be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2019 taxes under Section 357/358 of the ***Municipal Act*** for property located at 335 Scott Street resulting from a demolition of a building for the land to be used as a parking lot.

CARRIED

- 2.4 Public Meeting re: 357/358 Application for Tax Adjustment (737 Scott Street).  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2019 taxes under Section 357/358 of the ***Municipal Act*** for property located at 737 Scott Street resulting from the change in classification of the property.

- 202 Hallikas - Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated August 7, 2019 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: Public Meeting re: 357/358 Application for Tax Adjustment (737 Scott Street) be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2019 taxes under Section 357/358 of the ***Municipal Act*** for property located at 737 Scott Street resulting from the change in classification of the property.

CARRIED

- 2.5 Public Meeting re: 357/358 Application for Tax Adjustment re: Front Street (2019).  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2019 taxes under Section 357/358 of the ***Municipal Act*** for property located at Front Street resulting from the purchase of the property by the Town of Fort Frances, which is exempt from paying taxes.

- 203 Wiedenhoeft - Hallikas: THAT the report dated August 7, 2019 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: Public Meeting re: 357/358 Application for Tax Adjustment re: Front Street (2019) be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2019 taxes under Section 357/358 of the ***Municipal Act*** for property located at Front Street resulting from the purchase of the property by the Town of Fort Frances, which is exempt from paying taxes.

CARRIED

### 3. Consent Agenda:

- 3.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole

- 204 Hallikas - Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, ~~7.7~~, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11, 7.12, 7.13, 7.14, 7.15, 7.16, 7.17, 7.18, 7.19, 7.20 and 7.21

CARRIED

- 3.2 Letter of concern from J.A. Brandli re: Enforcement of the Town of Fort Frances Animal Control By-Law.  
- will be referred to the Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.3 Letter from Ms. L. Turgeon on behalf of residents of Patcin Ave., Kaitlyn Ave., Frenette Ave., and Sixth Street East re: Erin Crescent development.  
- letter will be received and residents will be advised of the date to attend the Public project construction meeting once determined.
- 3.4 Letter from J. & M. Cumming re: Asset Management of Mature Trees.  
- will be referred to the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.5 Sunset Country - Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution request.  
- will be referred to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.6 Request from Association des francophones du Nord-Quest de l'Ontario re: Proclaiming September 25th, 2019 as Franco-Ontarian Day in the Town of Fort Frances.  
- requester will be advised of Council's proclamation.
- 3.7 Request from the Watten Fire Department re: Waiving of Sunny Cove Rental Fees re: Annual Fish Fry Fundraising Event - Friday August 23rd, 2019.  
- will be referred to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation with input from Community Services Executive Committee.
- 3.8 Request from M. McFayden re: Building Permit Rebate.  
- will be referred to the Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.9 Request dated June 28, 2019 from CN re: Proclaiming September 23rd to 29th, 2019 as 'Rail Safety Week' in the Town of Fort Frances.  
- requester will be advised of Council's proclamation.
- 3.10 Report dated June 9, 2018 from T. Drysdale, RRFDC - Economic Development Consultant re: Request for Community Improvement Incentives (Belluz Concrete).  
- will be referred to Administration and Finance and Planning and Development Executive Committees for recommendation.

**4. Approval of Council Minutes: \***

- 4.1 Session No. 19 dated July 8, 2019.

205 Wiedenhoeft - Hallikas: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 19 dated July 8, 2019 having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

**5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: \***

- 5.1 Session No. 21 dated July 8, 2019.

206 Hallikas - Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being Session No. 21 dated July 8, 2019 having been typed and distributed be approved.

## 6. Resolutions from tonight's Committee meeting

### 6.1 Council considered the following resolutions:

Councillor Brunetta disclosed an interest in resolution 209 below as these are her per diem claims for attendance at the NOMA Exec Mtg in Thunder Bay on July 16-17. She did not speak to the matter nor vote on it.

Councillor McTaggart disclosed an interest in resolution 211 below as he is an owner in this project. He did not speak to the matter nor vote on it.

- 207 Judson - Behan: THAT the report dated August 2, 2019 from D. Brown, CAO re: Proposed Execution of an IT Support Contract be approved to ensure a contract with Norwest IT Solutions be entered into for a 6 month term, and further that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement and authorizing by-law.

CARRIED

- 208 Brunetta - Behan: THAT the report dated August 7, 2019 from T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities re: Award of Tender 19-OF-07 - 2019 Zoom Camera Inspection of Storm Sewers be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee to award Tender 19-OF-07 to Infratech Services at a total cost of \$16,697.04 including hst and further that Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement and authorizing by-law on behalf of the Corporation.

CARRIED

- 209 Behan - Judson: THAT the report dated August 7, 2019 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: Councillor W. Brunetta - NOMA Executive Meeting be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the Travel Expense and Per Diem claims in the amount of \$240.00 as submitted by Councillor Wendy Brunetta for her attendance at the NOMA Executive Meeting and Conference in Thunder Bay on July 16-17, 2019.

CARRIED

- 210 Brunetta - Judson: THAT the report dated August 8, 2019 from E. Slomke, Town Clerk / Interim Municipal Planner re: Zoning By-law Amendment and Removal of 'H' Symbol (1408 Eighth Street East) be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Committee of Adjustment and Planning & Development Executive Committee to permit the Zoning by-law designation change and removal of the 'H' symbol as outlined in the report.

CARRIED

- 211 Judson - Brunetta: THAT the report dated August 6, 2019 from E. Slomke, Town Clerk / Interim Municipal Planner re: Application for Condominium - 201 Minnie Avenue be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Planning and Development Executive Committee to approve the 'draft' Plan of Condominium once it is prepared, authorize an exemption under the Condominium Act, and further authorize the waiver of Application for Condominium fees, leaving the developer with the responsibility of the legal costs as they relate to the Application for Condominium.

CARRIED

## 7. By-Laws:

- 7.1 By-law 25/19 being a by-law to approve an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation through its Connecting Links Program (Reconstruction of Scott Street between Colonization Road East and Reid Avenue)
- 212 Wiedenhoef - Hallikas: THAT the following by-laws be introduced and read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the

Corporate Seal and become law forthwith:

- By-law 25/19, being a by-law to approve an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation through its Connecting Links Program (Reconstruction of Scott Street between Colonization Road East and Reid Avenue)
- By-law 26/19, being a by-law to approve an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation through its Connecting Links Program (Design Work for King's Highway between Pit Road No. 1 and Oakwood Road)

CARRIED

- 7.2 By-law 26/19 being a by-law to approve an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation through its Connecting Links Program (Design Work for King's Highway between Pit Road No. 1 and Oakwood Road)

## **8. New Items:**

- 8.1 Notice from Rainy River District Municipal Association re: RRDMA General Meeting - September 18, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - Township of Chapple.  
- resolution required to confirm attendance.

- 213 Hallikas - Wiedenhoeft: [THAT the invitation from Rainy River District Municipal Association re: RRDMA General Meeting – Wednesday September 18, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - Township of Chapple, Chapple Community Centre be received and further that the following be authorized to attend:](#)  
- all members of Council available.

CARRIED

## **9. Information Correspondence:**

The following nine items were received.

- 9.1 Correspondence dated July 22nd, 2019 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Provincial Policy Statement Review - Draft Policies.
- 9.2 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Watch File dated July 11th, July 18th and August 8th, 2019.
- 9.3 Resolution as passed from the City of Stratford re: Opposition to Changes in 2019 Provincial Budget and Planning Act.
- 9.4 Resolution passed July 8, 2019 from the Town of Halton Hills re:Reducing Litter and Waste.
- 9.5 Resolution passed July 15, 2019 from the Township of McKellar re: Municipal Amalgamation.
- 9.6 Invitation from Senate Lake Superior Scottish Regiment re: Dedication of Civic memorial in recognition of the 52nd (New Ontario) Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, September 21, 2019.
- 9.7 Correspondence dated June 30, 2019 from Stewardship Ontario re: Industry Funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the first quarter of the 2019 Program Year.
- 9.8 Notice from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Subject - Stage 4 - Crossroute-Sapawe Forest 2020-2030 Forest Management Plan: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan: Information Centre.

9.9 Invitation from the College and Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario re: Nominate an Outstanding Ontario Physician in Your Community - The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Council Award.

**10. Minutes:**

The following seven items were received.

10.1 Fort Frances Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated March 14, 2019.

10.2 Business Improvement Area Board Management (BIA) dated June 12, 2019.

10.3 Planning and Development Executive Committee dated June 17, 2019.

10.4 Community Services Executive Committee dated June 17, 2019.

10.5 Committee of Adjustment dated June 26, 2019.

10.6 Administration and Finance Executive Committee dated July 2nd, 2019.

10.7 Operations and Facilities Executive Committee dated July 3, 2019.

**11. Non-agenda Items - None.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

12.1 The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

214 Hallikas - Wiedenhoeft: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed.

CARRIED

J. Caul, Mayor

E. Slomke, Clerk