

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 038

FEBRUARY 13, 2012

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, February 13, 2012 from 7:11 p.m. to 7:48 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, (chaired 7:11 p.m. to 7:26 p.m. and 7:27 p.m. to 7:48 p.m.); Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, K. Perry, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs, (chaired 7:26 p.m. to 7:27 p.m.), and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; G. Bell, Manager, Community Services; D. Brown, Manager, Operations & Facilities.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members;
 - 1) Councillor J. Albanese on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.2 stating that the claim for per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 2) Councillor S. Tibbs on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.5 stating that the claim for per diem was hers. She did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 3) Councillor P. Ryan on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.4 stating that the claim for per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 4) Councillor K. Perry on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.3 stating that the claims for travel expense and per diem were his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 5) Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.6, stating that the claim for per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 6) Mayor R. Avis on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.1, stating that the claims for travel expense and per diem were his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter. He turned the chair over to Deputy Mayor S. Tibbs while the matter was considered.
2. Verbal communications:
 - 1) Agenda item 8.1 was brought forward from new items for consideration early on in the meeting. Rod Otterness, City Administrator and Councillor Cynthia Jackson of International Falls, Minnesota presented the proposal for proclamation by President Obama and Prime Minister Harper of International Peaceful Borders Day, July 2, 2012.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Mayor Avis announced the various activities begin sponsored by Council at Town facilities on Family Day. Also, the Public Library is hosting an event for families, and the snow sculptures completed under the Rainy River Art Collective project: Winter Sculpture Gardens: the Arts are available for viewing.
5. Resolutions:
 - 473 Albanese-Perry: That the proposal from the City of International Falls, MN to submit for consideration by Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada and Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, a Proclamation to Celebrate International Peaceful Borders Day July 2, 2012 be enthusiastically endorsed by this Council.

CARRIED

474 Albanese-Perry: 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 and 7.8
 - 2) Council Consent Summary Report #3.1
 - 3) Council Consent items #3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8 CARRIED
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- 7.1 approved a Forest Fire Management agreement with Ministry of Natural Resources.
 - 7.2 approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Canadian Red Cross for the provision of disaster relief services.
 - 7.3 approved the Vandalism and Wilful Damage Policy.
 - 7.4 approved transferring the funding for two Emergency Services capital purchases from revenue fund to capital fund.
 - 7.5 denied a financial request from Sunset Country Metis Association re: Rental costs for use of the Townshend Theatre.
 - 7.6 approved the purchase of 12 vinyl bumper stickers which will be recoverable from taxi owners to comply with current access legislation and regulations respecting identification information on the rear bumpers of taxi cabs.
 - 7.7 approved a financial payment in the amount of \$100.00 for sponsorship advertisement in the Fort Frances High School yearbook.
 - 7.8 approved the write-off of uncollectable accounts receivable account #4341 in the amount of \$108.37.
 - 3.3 referred a financial request from Alzheimer Society re: Annual "Spring Reflections" Charitable Dinner to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 3.4 referred a resolution from Fort Frances Police Services Board re: Establishment of a by-law for the purpose of controlling excessive alarm reports with the Town of Fort Frances to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 3.5 referred the proposal from Union Gas Utility Services re: "Helping Hands" project at Canadians and Ice for Kids Arenas to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 3.6 referred an invitation for input from Rainy River District OPP re: 2011-2013 Rainy River District Business Plan to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 3.7 referred a letter from E. Katona re: Smoking By-Law enforcement issues to the Complaint process.
 - 3.8 referred a financial request from Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board re: Operation of 9-1-1 Emergency Number Systems in Ontario to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

475 Perry-Albanese: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 37 dated January 23, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

476 Albanese-Perry: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being sessions No. 45 and 46 dated January 23 and February 6, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

477 Hallikas-Tibbs: That the document "Notice of Abandonment of Motion", (Court file no. 98-0743 and Court file no. 98-0910), received February 8, 2012 by fax from Derksen Professional Corporation, be received and that the matter proceed as now further directed. CARRIED

478 Tibbs-Hallikas: That the report dated February 2, 2012 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Appeal of Zoning Amendment 8/98-TT (Nelson Street Park) by Eric Rude et al (OMB File: PL120059) be approved. CARRIED

- 479 Hallikas-Tibbs: That the report dated February 9, 2012 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: 850 Williams Avenue (pka Huffman School) Proposal for Disposition/ Development be received. CARRIED
- 480 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the report dated February 6, 2012 from R. Hallam, Superintendent of Planning and Development re: Appointments to Boards and Committees re BIA be approved and further that the following be appointed to the Business Improvement Area Board of Management with term of office expiring November 30, 2014: Marietheres Metke and Annely Armstrong. CARRIED
- 481 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the report dated February 8, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – Travel and Per Diem Claims be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis
- 482 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the report dated February 8, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor John Albanese – Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: J. Albanese
- 483 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the report dated February 8, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Ken Perry – Travel and Per Diem Claims be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: K. Perry
- 484 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the report dated February 8, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Paul Ryan – Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: P. Ryan
- 485 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated February 8, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Sharon Tibbs – Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: S. Tibbs
- 486 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the report dated February 8, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft – Per Diem Claims be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: R. Wiedenhoeft
- 487 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the report dated February 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Officers and Signing Authority be approved. CARRIED
- 488 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the report dated February 7, 2012 from D. Brown, Manager of Operations and Facilities re: Report No. 4 Establishing 2012 Water & Sewer Rates be approved. CARRIED
Yea: R. Avis, J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, P. Ryan, S. Tibbs, R. Wiedenhoeft
Nay: K. Perry
- 489 Hallikas-Tibbs: That the report dated February 1, 2012 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager, re: Accessibility Plan be approved and further that the Town of Fort Frances Accessibility Plan for 2012 be approved. CARRIED
- 490 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the report dated February 9, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Fort Frances Curling Club Financial Request – Bantam Boys Provincial be approved. CARRIED

- 491 Perry-Albanese: 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:
- 10/03-X A by-law to amend the Traffic Control By-Law to provide for an additional Church Loading Zone in front of the Salvation Army on Victoria Avenue
- 07/12 A by-law to authorize a lease with J. Peterson for municipal property at 501 Sixth Street West. CARRIED
- 492 Perry-Albanese: That the recommendation from Fort Frances Economic Development Advisory Committee expressed in resolution dated February 6, 2012 for Council to embrace commemorations of the 100th Bridge Anniversary be received. CARRIED
- 493 Albanese-Perry: THAT the matter of the 100th Anniversary of the International Bridge be referred to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation for consideration of participation and recommendation to Council; and further that Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft be designated as the Town's contact person in this matter. CARRIED
- 494 Albanese-Perry: That this Council supports the activities by Osisko Hammond Reef Gold Ltd. in all phases of its project to explore the economic feasibility of, develop, and operate a gold mine on the Hammond Reef property in the vicinity of Atikokan, Ontario. The potential economic benefit to the Rainy River District and indeed all of Northwestern Ontario from this venture, is very significant and comes at a time when such a major injection of resources into the local economy is seriously needed and most welcome. CARRIED
- 495 Perry-Albanese: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

S. Tibbs, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk