

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 041

MARCH 12, 2012

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, March 12, 2012 from 6:06 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, (chaired 6:06 p.m. to 6:14 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.;  
Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs (chaired 6:14 p.m. to  
6:15 p.m.) and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: G. Treftlin, Clerk; G. Bell, Manager, Community Services; L. Witherspoon,  
Treasurer and J. Kabel (new Manager of Community Services).

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members:

- 1) Councillor J. Albanese on Committee of the Whole item 8.2 stating that the claim for travel expense and per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
- 2) Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft on Committee of the Whole item 8.3 stating the claim for travel expense and per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
- 3) Mayor R. Avis on Committee of the Whole item 8.1 stating the claim for travel expense and per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter. Mayor Avis turned the chair over to Deputy Mayor S. Tibbs while the matter was considered.

2. Verbal communications:

- 1) Mayor R. Avis announced the public meeting March 26, 2012 at which the final budget for 2012 for the Town will be presented for adoption by Council. Mayor Avis read from a notice recently advertised to invite public participation at the meeting.

3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.

4. Resolutions:

514 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent item #7.1.
- 2) Council Consent Summary Report #3.1.
- 3) Council Consent item # 3.3.

CARRIED

7.1 approved review of the draft Canadian Railway-Roadway Grade Crossing Standards and associated policy in regards to wait times at public grade crossings.

3.3 referred the financial request from B. Caldwell re: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly-in, Drive-in BBQ at the Fort Frances Airport to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

515 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Sessions No. 39 and 40 dated February 27 and March 5, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

516 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being sessions No. 49 and 50 dated February 27 and March 5, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

517 Ryan-Albanese: THAT the report dated March 7, 2012 from G. Bell, Manager of Community Services re: Outstanding Invoices be received and further that the matter proceed as directed.

CARRIED

- 518 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 7, 2012 from D. Brown, Manager of Operations and Facilities re: Oakwood Road to be Utilized as a Detour Route During July or August of 2012 during the Closure of Hwy. 602 from Oakwood to Bone Road be approved. CARRIED
- 519 Ryan-Albanese: THAT the report dated March 5, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel and Per Diem be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis
- 520 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor John Albanese – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel and Per Diem be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: J. Albanese
- 521 Ryan-Albanese: THAT the report dated March 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel and Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: R. Wiedenhoeft
- 522 Albanese-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 5, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mark McCaig, CAO – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel Claim be approved. CARRIED
- 523 Ryan-Albanese: THAT the report dated March 6, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Federal Gas Tax and Federal Public Transit Audited Statements be approved. CARRIED
- 524 Ryan-Albanese: THAT the report dated March 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: 2011 Capital Financing be approved as amended. CARRIED
- 525 Albanese-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 6, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: 2012 Tax Ratios be approved. CARRIED
- 526 Ryan-Albanese: THAT the report dated March 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: P.O.A. Audited Statements for the year ending Dec 31, 2011 be approved. CARRIED
- 527 Ryan-Albanese: That the report dated February 24, 2012 from L. Pattison, Secretary/Receptionist re: 2012 Conference Listing be received and further that the following attendances be authorized:
- Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) annual conference in Kenora April 25-27, 2012: All members of council who are available to attend and CAO M. McCaig;
- Northern Networks Trade conference (date and location TBD): (no action taken);
- Northwestern Ontario Regional conference Thunder Bay September 26-28, 2012: All members of Council who are available to attend and CAO M. McCaig. CARRIED
- 528 Ryan-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:

10/12 A by-law to approve an Emergency Plan

11/12 A by-law to Establish Tax Ratios for prescribed Property Classes

- 12/12 A by-law to approve a contract to Wagner Construction Canada ULC for 2011 Road Reconstruction and Watermain Improvements
- 13/12 A by-law to authorize the entering into of certain lease agreements at the Fort Frances Municipal Airport.
- 14/12 A by-law to approve an employment agreement with Jason Kabel and for his appointment as Manager of Community Services for the Town of Fort Frances. CARRIED
- 529 Hallikas-Ryan: That the letter dated March 7, 2012 from the Assisted Living Action Group re: Invitation to participate in a Strategic Planning Session at the Sister Kennedy Centre on March 26, 2012 be received and that the following be authorized to attend: All members of Council who are available to attend. CARRIED
- 530 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the request dated March 6, 2012 from B. Krag re: Huffman School property be referred to the Planning and Development Executive Committee and Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation with input from the Economic Development Advisory Committee. CARRIED
- 531 Ryan-Hallikas: 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