

REPORTCOMMITTEE OF THE  
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A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Council was held in the Committee Room and Council Chambers, Civic Centre on February 10, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:46 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** D. Brown, CAO, E. Slomke, Clerk, D. Galusha, Treasurer (5:30-5:31, 5:34-6:10 and 6:13-6:46), T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities (5:30-5:31 and 6:13-6:46), J. Forbes, Human Resources Manager (5:31-5:33), A. Bisson, Recreation & Culture Manager (5:30-5:31 and 6:13-6:46) and C. Vangel, CBO / Municipal Planner (6:13-6:46)

**1. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.**

**2. Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting, both in-camera and in open meeting - None.**

**3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.**

Mayor Caul disclosed an interest in Item 8.1 from this agenda as these are submitted for her travel expenses and per diem when she attended the 2020 ROMA Conference in Toronto from January 18-21, 2020.

Councillor Brunetta disclosed an interest in Item 8.3 from this agenda as these are her travel expenses to attend the ROMA Conference in Toronto, January 19-21, 2020.

Councillor Brunetta disclosed an interest in Item 8.4 from this agenda as this is her claim for per diem to attend the RRDMA Annual General Meeting in Devlin on Saturday January 25, 2020.

Councillor McTaggart disclosed an interest in Item 4.2 from this 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 8.6 from this agenda as this is his expense requisition for his trip to ROMA in Toronto January 18-21, 2020.

Councillor Wiedenhoeft disclosed an interest in Item 8.7 from this agenda as this is his per diem for attending the RRDMA meeting.

Councillor Hallikas disclosed an interest in Item 8.5 from this agenda as this is the per diem allowed by Council for attending the Rainy River District Municipal Association annual general meeting held in Devlin on January 25/20.

Councillor Behan disclosed an interest in Item 8.2 from this agenda as the per diem being considered is his own.

**4. In-Camera at 5:31 p.m.**

4.1 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees: Personnel Matter (5:31-5:33pm)

J. Forbes, D. Brown, E. Slomke were in attendance.

- a verbal summary was provided by J. Forbes. Council supported the report as presented.

088 Wiedenhoeft - McTaggart: THAT Committee of the Whole of Council now meet in-camera in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; more specifically Item 4.1 Personnel Matter

- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; more specifically item 4.2 Agency One Matters

**CARRIED**

- 4.2 Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board: Agency One Matters (5:34-6:10pm)  
D. Brown, D. Galusha, E. Slomke were in attendance. Councillor McTaggart disclosed an interest and left the room.  
- a verbal update was provided by Mayor Caul and Councillor Hallikas. Members were provided opportunity to ask questions and obtain clarification. Direction was provided.

**5. Public Session Resumes in Council Chambers at 6:13pm**

**6. Council Reports on Board & Committee Activity:**

- 6.1 Mayor June Caul - A Verbal Update was provided by giving respect to former Mayor Dick Lyons who recently passed away and highlighted the upcoming visioning exercise,  
Councillor Douglas Judson - No Verbal Update  
Councillor John McTaggart - No Verbal Update  
Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft - A Verbal Update was provided respecting the Volunteer Bureau and last week's homeless walk.

**7. Consent Agenda:**

- 7.1 Northern Ontario School of Medicine - CampMed Support.  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to receive the request with no further action.

089 McTaggart - Wiedenhoeft: THAT the matters listed on the Consent Agenda be referred to the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council later tonight for approval being 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 and 7.14.

CARRIED

- 7.2 Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame Membership Request.  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the payment of a Business/Organization Membership Fee for 2020 in the amount of \$60.00 for the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.
- 7.3 Heart of the Continent Partnership Financial Request.  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to receive the Heart of the Continent Partnership (HOCP) financial request with no further action and further that the request be forwarded to the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Committee for consideration.
- 7.4 Accounts Receivable Bad Debts Write Off Request.  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the write-off of accounts receivable in the amount of \$5,441.50.
- 7.5 POA Write-Off Request.  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the write-off of 2013 POA accounts receivable in the amount of \$13,956.58 for accounting purposes, noting that this action does not absolve a convicted offender from the requirement to pay a fine as debts to the Crown are owed in perpetuity and never forgiven.
- 7.6 Accountability and Transparency Policy.  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to adopt the Accountability and Transparency Policy as presented.
- 7.7 Doug Brown, CAO - ROMA Travel Expense Claim.

- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the Travel Expense claim in the total amount of \$452.15 as submitted by Doug Brown, CAO for his attendance at the ROMA Conference in Toronto, Ontario from January 18-21, 2020.

- 7.8 Request dated January 9, 2020 - Installation of a memorial bench at McIrvine Park  
- approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee as outlined in the report.

- 7.9 Request dated January 22, 2020 to Stop up and Close Portions of Emo Road and Pit Road #2  
- approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee to develop a sale price for the road allowance, that the cost be relayed to the interested party and further that pending a sale, an appropriate by-law be developed to stop-up and close the associated road segments.

- 7.10 Blue Box Program Transition - Preferred date of transition  
- approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee as outlined in the report.

This item was pulled by Councillor Wiedenhoeft. The Manager provided a verbal update.

- 7.11 October 2019 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report  
- approval of this report will accept the October 2019 report prior to it being made available to the general public.

- 7.12 November 2019 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report  
- approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee to accept the November 2019 report prior to it being made available to the general public.

- 7.13 December 2019 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report  
- approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee to accept the December 2019 report prior to it being made available to the general public.

- 7.14 Deeming By-law Application - 814 & 820 Scott Street  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Planning & Development Executive Committee to approve the application to deem property located at 814 and 820 Scott Street (PCL 411-1 SEC ALBTP; PT LT 411 TOWN PLOT ALBERTON AS IN SP2679 EXCEPT SLT19234 & SLT30028; FORT FRANCES and PCL 411-2 SEC ALBTP; PT LT 411 TOWN PLOT ALBERTON AS IN SLT19234, SLT52154, SLT99405; FORT FRANCES) as one lot of record known as 820 Scott Street through by-law brought forward at a future meeting.

## **8. Administration and Finance Division:**

- 8.1 Mayor June Caul - ROMA Travel Expense Claim.  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the Travel Expense claim in the total amount of ~~\$250.00~~ \$810.00 as submitted by Mayor June Caul for her attendance at the ROMA Conference in Toronto, Ontario from January 18-21, 2020.

Mayor Caul disclosed an interest in this item. She did not speak to the matter. (friendly amendment to amount above)

- 8.2 Councillor Michael Behan - RRDMA Annual General Meeting Per Diem.  
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and

Finance Executive Committee to approve Schedule "F" Travel Statement - Mayor/Council Honorarium per diem claim in the total amount of \$160.00 as submitted by Councillor Michael Behan for his attendance at the RRDMA Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2020 held in Devlin.

Councillor Behan disclosed an interest in this item. He did not speak to the matter and further turned over the Chairperson responsibilities to Councillor Brunetta.

8.3 Councillor Wendy Brunetta - ROMA Travel Expense Claim.

- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the Travel Expense Claim in the total amount of \$510.74 as submitted by Councillor Wendy Brunetta for her attendance at the ROMA Conference in Toronto, Ontario from January 19-21, 2020.

Councillor Brunetta disclosed an interest in this item. She did not speak to the matter.

8.4 Councillor Wendy Brunetta - RRDMA ~~Travel Expense~~ Per Diem Claim.

- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve Schedule "F" Travel Statement - Mayor/Council Honorarium per diem claim in the total amount of \$160.00 as submitted by Councillor Wendy Brunetta for her attendance at the RRDMA Annual General Meeting On January 25, 2020 held in Devlin.

Councillor Brunetta disclosed an interest in this item. She did not speak to the matter.

8.5 Councillor Andrew Hallikas - RRDMA Annual General Meeting Per Diem.

- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve Schedule "F" Travel Statement - Mayor/Council Honorarium per diem claim in the total amount of \$160.00 as submitted by Councillor Andrew Hallikas for his attendance at the RRDMA Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2020 held in Devlin.

Councillor Hallikas disclosed an interest in this item. He did not speak to the matter.

8.6 Councillor John McTaggart - ROMA Travel Expense Claim.

- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve the Travel Expense claim in the total amount of \$241.90 as submitted by Councillor John McTaggart for his attendance at the ROMA Conference in Toronto, Ontario from January 18-21, 2020.

Councillor McTaggart disclosed an interest in this item. He did not speak to the matter.

8.7 Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft - RRDMA Annual General Meeting PerDiem.

- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve Schedule "F" Travel Statement - Mayor/Council Honorarium per diem claim in the total amount of \$160.00 as submitted by Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft for his attendance at the RRDMA Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2020 held in Devlin.

Councillor Wiedenhoeft disclosed an interest in this item. He did not speak to the matter.

**9. General:**

9.1 2020 NOMA Conference Registration.

- Council will receive this information and authorize Councillor's attendance at the 2020 NOMA Conference being held in Fort Frances April 29th, 2020 to May 1st, 2020. A resolution will be considered in tonight's Council meeting.

9.2 Executive Committee Meeting Changes

- A long discussion took place. Members of Council provided their input. Item will be further discussed at a future Committee of the Whole meeting where all members of Council are attendance.

**10. Information:**

The following four items were received.

10.1 Fort Frances Fire & Rescue - December 2019 Report.

10.2 January 2019 FIR Data.

10.3 Operations & Facilities Division - Public Works Area Operations Statistics  
(September, October, November and December 2019)

10.4 Operations & Facilities Division - Environmental Area Operations Statistics  
(May-December 2019)

**11. Non-agenda items - None.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

12.1 The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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

CARRIED

M. Behan, Chairperson

E. Slomke, Clerk