

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO.036

March 9, 2020

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers on March 9, 2020 from 7:17 p.m. to 7:30 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, K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk, D. Galusha, Treasurer, T. Rob, Manager Operations and Facilities, A. Bisson, Recreation and Culture Manager, J. Forbes, Human Resources Manager, J. Hughes, IT Manager, C. Vangel, CBO/Municipal Planner.

1. COUNCIL MEETING (Session No. 036)

- 1.1 Call to Order - 7:17 p.m.
- 1.2 Silent Meditation and Recognition of Land
- 1.3 Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting - No items identified.
- 1.4 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.
 - Councillor McTaggart disclosed an interest in item 4.1 from the 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 4.3 from the Committee of the Whole agenda as his granddaughter is employed at the Memorial Sports Centre.
 - Councillor McTaggart disclosed an interest in item 4.1 from the February 24, 2020 agenda as he receives compensation from a corporation that is owned by a development corporation of one of the Agency One bands.
 - Mayor Caul disclosed an interest in item 8.1 from the Committee of the Whole Agenda as these are her per diem expenses for attending the RRDMA Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2020 in Devlin, Ontario.

2. Consent Agenda:

- 2.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole

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

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5
- 2) Council Consent items # 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5

CARRIED

- 2.2 Letter dated February 21, 2020 from P. Nastiuk re: request support for Central America
 - will be received with thanks at this time.
- 2.3 Letter of resignation from D. Cuthbertson from Downtown BIA.
 - received with thanks.
- 2.4 Request from Community Living Fort Frances and District re: Proclaiming May 2020 as Community Living Month in the Town of Fort Frances.
 - requester will be advised of Council's proclamation.

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2.5 Request from Rainy Lake Gymnastics Academy - Sole Use of the Memorial Sports Centre Auditorium from September 2020 through April 2021.
- request will be referred to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation.

3. Approval of Council Minutes: *

3.1 Session Nos. 034 and 035 dated February 24 and March 2, 2020

354 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Sessions No. 034 and 035 dated February 24 and March 2, 2020 having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: *

4.1 Session Nos. 036 and 037 dated February 24 and March 2, 2020

355 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being Sessions No. 036 and 037 dated February 24th and March 2nd, 2020 having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

5. Resolutions from tonight's Committee meeting

5.1 Council considered the following resolutions:

356 Behan-Brunetta: THAT the report dated March 2, 2020 from D. Brown, CAO re: Potential Risk be received and further that the matter proceed as directed.

CARRIED

357 Behan-Brunetta: THAT the report dated March 16, 2020 from A. Bisson re: Staffing Matter - MSC be received further that the recommendations therein be approved.

CARRIED

358 Brunetta-Behan: THAT the verbal update from D. Brown, CAO respecting Consulting Fees be received and further that the matter proceed as directed.

CARRIED

359 Behan-Brunetta: THAT the report dated March 3, 2020 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: Mayor June Caul – RRDMA Annual General Meeting Per Diem be approved to agree with 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 Mayor June Caul for her attendance at the RRDMA Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2020 held in Devlin.

CARRIED

360 Brunetta-Behan: THAT the report dated March 3rd, 2020 from J. Hughes, Information Technology Manager re: Northern Ontario Internship Program Agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation be approved to authorize Mayor and Clerk to execute immediately an agreement and authorizing by-law with NOHFC for the 1 year internship grant to fund an Information Technology Coordinator Intern at the Town of Fort Frances.

CARRIED

361 Behan-Brunetta: THAT the report dated March 9, 2020 from T. Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities re: Clarification to Report dated January 22, 2020 – Award of Tender 19-OF-18 be approved to accept the wording amendment to the administration

CARRIED

- 362 Brunetta-Behan: WHEREAS public health care consistently ranks as the top priority in public opinion polls, and;
WHEREAS public health provides vital health promotion and prevention services based on the unique demographic and economic, social and cultural needs of our communities, and;
WHEREAS the evidence from hospital amalgamation in Ontario and across Canada is that they have cost billions of dollars and have not yielded the promised administrative savings but have taken money away from frontline care, and;
WHEREAS there is no evidence to support the proposed closure of 25 out of 35 local Public Health Units, the closure of 12 of 22 local ambulance dispatch centres, and the closure of 49 out of 59 local ambulance services, and;
WHEREAS there is a deep consensus among virtually all stakeholders that increasing acuity in our long-term care homes requires additional staff and resources, not cancellation of the two special funds and real dollar cuts to per diem funding of our long-term care homes, and;
WHEREAS our local hospitals have been downsized for an entire generation and cannot meet population needs while sustaining real dollar cuts to hospital global budgets;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Fort Frances calls upon the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Units, land ambulance services, hospital and long-term care homes.

CARRIED

6. By-Laws:

- 6.1 By-law 03/14-R being a by-law to amend Zoning by-law 03/14, as amended. (Second Dwelling Units)

- 363 Hallikas-Wiedenhoef: 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 03/14-R being a by-law to amend Zoning by-law 03/14, as amended. (Second Dwelling Units)
 - By-law 03/14-S being a by-law to amend Zoning by-law 03/14, as amended. (Brewery Definitions and Zoning Provision)
 - By-law 63/11-D being a by-law to amend the Town of Fort Frances Official Plan - 2011, as amended. (Second Dwelling Units)
 - By-law 48/19-A being a by-law to amend certain user fees in 2020.
 - By-law 17/20 being a by-law to authorize the entering into of a renewal lease agreement with
 - Bearskin Lake Air Service LP at the Fort Frances Municipal Airport.
 - By-law 18/20 being a by-law to authorize the entering into of a renewal lease agreement with Enterprise Rent-A-Car Canada Limited at the Fort Frances Municipal Airport.
 - By-law 19/20 being a by-law to establish tax ratios for prescribed property classes.
 - By-law 20/20 being a by-law to approve an agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding for an Information Technology Coordinator Intern from the Northern Ontario Internship Program.
 - By-law 21/20 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Westchester Financial Group Ltd. for Benefit Plan Consulting & Brokerage Services awarded through the Request for Proposal process.

CARRIED

- 6.2 By-law 03/14-S being a by-law to amend Zoning by-law 03/14, as amended. (Brewery Definitions and Zoning Provision)

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- 6.8 By-law 20/20 being a by-law to approve an agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding for an Information Technology Coordinator Intern from the Northern Ontario Internship Program.
- 6.9 By-law 21/20 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Westchester Financial Group Ltd. for Benefit Plan Consulting & Brokerage Services awarded through the Request for Proposal process.
- 6.10 By-law 22/20 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with 1876118 Ontario Limited o/a Makkinga Contractors for 2020-2021 Roadway Reconstruction of Scott Street – Reid Avenue to Colonization Road East within the Town of Fort Frances awarded through the public tender process.
- 364 Hallikas-Wiedenhoef: THAT By-law 22/20 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with 1876118 Ontario Limited o/a Makkinga Contractors for 2020-2021 Roadway Reconstruction of Scott Street – Reid Avenue to Colonization Road East within the Town of Fort Frances awarded through the public tender process.

CARRIED

7. Information Correspondence:

The following 6 items were received:

- 7.1 Letter from G. Chapman, District Manager - Fort Frances, MNRF re: Crossroute-Sapawe Forest Management Plan
- 7.2 Newsletter from the Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre
- 7.3 Letter from J. Hruska, Vice President, Canadian Plastics Industry Association re: Plastic Bag Ban
- 7.4 Letter from County of Haliburton re: Tourism Oriented Destination Signage Fee Increases
- 7.5 Letter from Minister Steve Clark, MMAH re: Provincial Policy Statement 2020
- 7.6 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Communications:
- AMO Watchfile February 27, 2020
- Draft Community Benefit Charge / Development Charge Regulatory Proposal and Provincial Policy Statement Posted

8. Minutes:

The following 3 items were received:

- 8.1 Police Services Board dated January 24, 2020.

8.2 Community Services Executive Committee dated February 18, 2020

8.3 Administration and Finance Executive Committee dated February 4th and February 18th, 2020

9. Non-agenda Items - No items were identified

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

CARRIED

J. Caul, Mayor

D. Judson, Chairperson

K. Lawson, Deputy-Clerk