

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. 040

May 11, 2020

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held virtually on May 11, 2020 from 6:09 p.m. to 7:50 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 (6:09-7:12pm), T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities (6:09-7:12pm), A. Bisson, Recreation & Culture Manager (6:09-7:12pm), J. Holliday, Deputy Treasurer (6:09-7:12pm), J. Forbes, Human Resources Manager, J. Hughes, Information Technology Manager (6:09-7:12pm)

1. COUNCIL MEETING (Session No. 040)

- 1.1 Call to Order at 6:09 p.m.
- 1.2 ~~Prayer~~ Silent Meditation
- 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 Judson disclosed an interest in Item 3.3 from this agenda as he is a member of the board of the organization making the requests outlined in this correspondence.

2. Delegations/Deputations:

- 2.1 2020 Budget Public Meeting - Presentation was made by D. Galusha, Treasurer.

383 Judson - Hallikas: THAT the 2020 Budget Presentation from D. Galusha, Treasurer be received.

CARRIED

3. Consent Agenda:

- 3.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole

384 Wiedenhoeft - Behan: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # ~~5.1~~, 5.2, ~~5.3~~, 5.4 and 5.5.
- 2) Council Consent items # 3.2 and ~~3.3~~.

CARRIED

- 3.2 Letter dated April 22, 2020 from A. Bedard re: Sunny Cove
- received with thanks.

- 3.3 Letter dated April 29, 2020 from Borderland Pride re: Celebrating Pride in the Time of COVID-19
- will be advised of Council's proclamation and flag raising will be coordinated directly with Mayor Caul.

Councillor Judson disclosed an interest in this item as he is a member of the board of the organization making the requests outlined in this correspondence. He did not vote on the

- 385 Wiedenhoeft - Behan: THAT the letter dated April 29, 2020 from Borderland Pride re: Celebrating Pride in the Time of COVID-19 be received, and the writer be advised of Council's proclamation and further flag raising will be coordinated directly with Mayor Caul.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Council Minutes: *

- 4.1 Session No. 039 dated April 27, 2020

- 386 McTaggart - Brunetta: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Session Nos. 039 dated April 27, 2020 having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: *

- 5.1 Session No. 040 dated April 27, 2020

- 387 Judson - Behan: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being Session No. 040 dated April 27, 2020 having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

6. Resolutions from tonight's Committee meeting

- 6.1 Council considered the following resolutions:

- 388 McTaggart - Judson: THAT the report dated May 6, 2020 from T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities re: Award of RFP 20-OF-01 – Supply of a Columbarium at Fort Frances Cemetery be approved agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee to award RFP 20-OF-01 to Brunet Monuments for the supply of 3 columbaria for Riverview Cemetery at a total price of \$194,977.00 plus applicable taxes, and that a by-law be prepared to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the corporation, and further that Dr. David Croal McKenzie and Herbert Williams be selected the significant people to be memorialized on the other two columbaria.

CARRIED

- 389 McTaggart - Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated April 22, 2020 from T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities re: Operations and Facilities Operational Plan through July 1 be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee that the service alterations relating to operational changes in response to COVID-19 pandemic be approved and further that Hammond's be reimbursed their sunk costs for the 2020 flower order and any flowers we purchase for other planting.

CARRIED

- 390 Brunetta - Judson: THAT the report dated May 7, 2020 from J. Forbes, Human Resources Manager re: Infection control Policy with COVID-19 procedures be approved to agree to implement the new policy.

CARRIED

7. By-Laws:

- 7.1 By-law 26/20 being a by-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required for all municipal purposes during the year 2020.

- 391 Hallikas - Behan: 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:

- 26/20 being a by-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required for all municipal purposes during the year 2020.
- 27/20 being a by-law to authorize the levy and collection of taxes for all municipal purposes in the Town of Fort Frances for the year 2020

CARRIED

- 7.2 By-law 27/20 being a by-law to authorize the levy and collection of taxes for all municipal purposes in the Town of Fort Frances for the year 2020.

8. New Items:

- 8.1 Resolution respecting Dr. Recruitment and Retention
- Council will consider resolution attached.

- 392 Brunetta - Wiedenhoeft: WHEREAS Doctor recruitment and retention is very competitive, with the Northwestern Ontario Region short some 60-65 Doctors and all municipalities struggling to attract and hold on to new Doctors;
WHEREAS the Rainy River District is short some 7 GP's and 2 GP Anesthetists with our current physicians overworked and burning out;
WHEREAS the cost for recruitment and retention continues to escalate as more municipalities ramp up bonuses;
WHEREAS government contributions continue to decline;
WHEREAS Doctor recruitment and retention is extremely expensive with annual costs exceeding \$200,000;
WHEREAS for every Doctor recruited at a cost approaching \$200,000, there is \$361,000 returned to the district;
WHEREAS the Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee relies heavily on businesses and municipalities to meet its budget obligations;
WHEREAS Emo and Fort Frances are the only district municipalities that currently contribute annual to Doctor Recruitment and Retention;
WHEREAS the entire district is being served by Doctors recruited through the work of this committee by providing surgery, obstetrics, emergency, chemotherapy, CT scans, diagnostic imaging and visiting specialists;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA) contribute annually to the cost of Doctor Recruitment and Retention by way of 20 percent of the membership fee paid by each municipality to the RRDMA being donated to the Recruitment and Retention Committee.

CARRIED

- 8.2 Homelessness Problem - Mayor Caul highlighted concern from residents and asked for people to think of suggestions / solutions.

9. Information Correspondence:

The following three items were received.

- 9.1 Letter from Town of Midland to Prime Minister Trudeau re: Direct Payment of Federal Funds (COVID-19 Pandemic)
- 9.2 Letter from City of Hamilton to Province of Ontario re: Regulate and Enforce Odour and Lighting Nuisances related to the Cultivation of Cannabis
- 9.3 AMO Communications
- Watch File April 28, 2020
- Call for Nominations AMO Board of Directors

10. Minutes:

The following two items were received.

10.1 Administration and Finance Executive Committee dated April 21, 2020.

10.2 Operations and Facilities Executive Committee dated April 22, 2020

11. Non-agenda Items - None.

12. In-Camera:

12.1 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees: Committee Matters (7:21-7:50pm)

D. Brown, CAO, E. Slomke, Clerk and J. Forbes, Human Resources Manager joined Council virtually to discuss this item. Direction was provided to the Clerk.

393 Brunetta - McTaggart: THAT 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 12.1 Committee Matters.

CARRIED

13. Public Session Resumes at 7:50 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

394 Brunetta - Behan: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed.

CARRIED

J. Caul, Mayor

E. Slomke, Clerk