

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

AGENDA - May 28, 2012

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COUNCIL MEETING

(Session No. 46) 6:20 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Prayer
- 1.3 Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting
- 1.4 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

Delegations/Deputations

- 2.1 Seniors Retirees Against Pension and Elder Abuse Presentations: 4-17
 - 1) Wendell Stevens - Resolute Forest Products Ltd. downloading of taxes
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 - 3) William Krukowski and Allan Bedard - Change in Pension Legislation & A Protective Workers Rights Bill

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Session No. 45 dated May 14, 2012.

Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes *

Session No. 57 dated May 14, 2012.

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| 7.1 | 21/12 | 24-26 |
| | To establish a percentage by which tax decreases are limited in 2012 to properties in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-residential property classes. | |
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| | To authorize the levying and collection in 2012 of a special charge of taxes upon the Business Improvement Area | |

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Seniors Retirees Against Pension & Elder Abuse (SRAPEA)

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To: Mayor & Members of Ft Frances Town Council

From: S.R.A.P.E.A.

Date: May 3 , 2012

MESSAGE

Attached are three presentations which we would like to make to Council at it's next regular meeting .

Presentation #1 - by Mr Wendell Stevens -- Resolute Forest Products Ltd - tax download - onto the ratepayers in Fort Frances -presentation time - approximately 10 minutes.

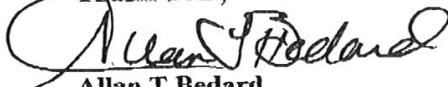
Presentation #2 - by Mr Gordy Bell - Government Budget Cuts to OAS -(Old Age Supplement) - presentation time - approximately - 5 to 10 minutes

Presentation #3 - by Mr Bill Krukoski & Allan T Bedard - change in Pension Legislation & a protective Workers Rights Bill - presentation time - approximately 10 minutes .

ALSO ATTACHED - a copy of our requests of council respecting our presentations .

Please fax the writer as to the specifics of : the date of the next Council meeting - and- the time allocated on the Agenda to make these presentations .

Thank You ,


Allan T Bedard
Chairman - SRAPEA

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On behalf of the Seniors Retirees Against Pension & Elder Abuse - I would like to thank Council for allowing me to make this presentation here this evening :

My name is Wendell Stevens -

The tax relief sought by (Abitibi) Resolute Forest Products - if granted will have a very significant and negative impact on this community .

This makes me and several residents very nervous --- as I see it already , many homeowners are tightening their belts - and -----others are already trying to budget their limited dollars .

With Municipal taxes already going up-- it is difficult enough for many who are on fixed or limited incomes ---- to pay the tax burdens they already face ---- let alone having to deal with the Tax forgiveness Resolute is demanding - and - say we owe them , for back taxes paid by Resolute for previous tax years .

This tax shift will land on the shoulders of those who can least afford to pay them ,which is almost everyone in this community .

The problem is -- we are getting an increased demand already on property taxes --- at a time when homeowners are really having a hard time paying those taxes -

Couple this with high fuel & energy costs - winter bills - higher food costs - it is tough out there .----- They cannot afford to pay Resolute's taxes - pure & simple .

You couple this tax shift with the job loss here -- and-- you get a struggling economy --- in a struggling community --- whose overall economic health is and has been suffering for some time now & getting worse .

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Millions of dollars (in job loss due to downsizing) have been taken out of this economy , in both direct & indirect job loss and purchasing power has been in decline for the last several years -- with no end in sight ...

-many are struggling to make ends meet - some are in danger of losing their homes - some seniors are leaving their homes and moving out of this community .

- there continues to be a negative impact on the Retail sector - less sales mean job cuts and less jobs ----- which are resulting in store closures.

With less jobs ----our youth continue to migrate away from their home town --- our community

- Our Group - expect -- with the declining job base -- you will see home market values decline .

- Our job security is severely shaken - with the belief these layoffs will continue and this mill will , more than likely -- in the near future ,shut down .

- With a majority of the seniors living on fixed incomes in tough times they are facing a 21% potential shortfall on their pensions ---- if the mill shuts down and a windup occurs ---- these pensions will be reduced by 20% or better ---- many will be in real trouble ---- how will they pay their taxes then ??????---let alone pay the added tax burden imposed on them by Resolute Forest Products Ltd ?????

I am not sure at this stage how we resolve these very problematic concerns ----- other than to say we need a Community that can pull together ----- find and work solutions that can get us off this Piracy Merry Go Round that (Abitibi) - Resolute has us on -

We demand this Council seek an independent Mill Market Value Assessment - Independent from the Company Consultants Assessments - and do so immediately ----We ask Council not to accept anything less

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than a victory --- and victory is not --the company only got half or a quarter of what they were after ----we want you to stand up and do what is right for us ----those on fixed and small incomes

The day of catering to this company at the expense of our pocket book in our opinion is over and we ask this council to do what is right by us ""

That is why a group of Seniors -Retired mill workers - formed this new Organization - Called Seniors Retirees Against Pension & Elder Abuse- we will be dealing with a multiple of issues - Municipal Taxes (Resolutes efforts to reduce their property taxes & recoup money from taxes already paid by them , from the Municipal tax payer --and-- the Pension shortfall (re: possible mill shutdown & windup on the Pension Fund) and the OAS (Old Age Supplement)to name a few...

I know the Town is challenging the Company download of taxes onto the Community tax base - we cannot fathom the market value of this mill to be \$ 15 million - verses the \$28 million they paid taxes on - the value of this mill and property -- far exceeds the \$80 million dollar cost of the bio-mass alone ---so -- any revision downward in our opinion would be politically tainted - and morally wrong -- the use of a judicial system to perpetrate an injustice on many is not justice ----- even the few who become advantaged by this injustice should hang their heads in shame .

There was a Court case in Cowichan B.C. When Catalyst Paper tried to get their property taxes reduced . This case went all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada -and - Cowichan was very successful in stopping Catalyst bid to get that reassessment . The Supreme Court ruled that Cowichans Tax By-law was not unreasonable and that Municipalities have extensive latitude in what factors they may consider when taxing different categories of properties & services - and - Council may consider broader social , economic and political factors that are relevant .These are the relevant factors here in Fort Frances and believe the Supreme Court will uphold our case - if we use this case as reference .

So please access this case - and use it - in your legal presentations.

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I have a few points to make - and - believe you have a copy of .
(Read points Topic # 1 attached) — A-5 + A-6.

In closing my presentation - I find it unfair to say --OK Grandma - get out your change purse and pay this hefty download of taxes by Resolute Forest Products Ltd. . I find this tantamount to forcing those on limited - and - fixed incomes - to - buying Cadillacs for those wealthy CEO's & shareholders - and- that just flies in the face of dignity and respect of what this country was based on - Justice & dignity for all . Clearly another case of Elder Abuse .

Thank You - on behalf of the SRAP&EA

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Topic # 1 -

Corporate down loading of taxes by Abitibi-Bowater onto Ft Frances taxpayers ---(Resolute Forest Products Ltd.....)

- * mill taxes based on a \$28 million dollar assessment**
- * Company going to court to have the assessed value reduced to \$15 million**
- * the company asks for retro activity going back an additional two years**
- * the down loading affect is calculated at approximately a 30% tax hit on Ft Frances ratepayers - Source - ForestTalk.com**
- * Bio - mass Blg - valued at over \$ 80 million alone & that does not include the value of the rest of the mill or its surrounding property values - Shevlin Yard - was stated to be valued at \$10 million - does not include the value of the Kraft Mill --Papermill -- Kraft Mill Woodroom - Papermill Woodroom - Groundwood mill - Lap Pulp Bldg - Kraft Mill Stores & Garage - Office Bldg on Mowat - Old Dr Boyles home on Mowat - Parking Lots on the old Irwin Hotel property - or the Kraft Mill -- Warehouse by Ft Frances Times Ltd- the public streets given the company : Nelson street & Portage Ave - does not include the main office bldg on 3rd Str nor the Lagoon or Landfill site ---nor the Canada Customs facility -nor the Canadian portion of the Bridge & railway system --nor the green belt areas around the mill --**
- * We would say - in our opinion - the taxes paid by Abitibi have been grossly underpaid by the company for many years and their assessed value in our opinion from \$28 million - down to \$15 million on assessment is both criminal and profit driven at the expense of a community where fixed Senior & low incomes will be subsidizing the bottom line or profit of this company .to us seniors that is Elder Abuse .**
- * We want this Council to call in and pay - for an independent property assessment - and to tax this company at the true value - of taxes owed , Based on that assessment - that assessment should be independent & free from - political interference - or political bias - and ought not be tainted in any way -**
- * We want this council to secure Legal Council- of equal credentials with the**

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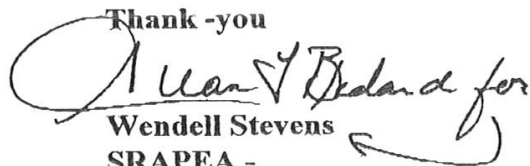
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Companies Legal Council . - not just a paralegal -and - we do not want this Council cutting any deals with this company that will reduce Resolutes tax burden - (that once agreed to will download that share onto local taxpayers .)

We also ask for regular updates as to the status of this case so the public will remain informed on a continuing and regular basis -

- * Power Dam sold for \$360 plus million alone with the Iroquois & Kenora dams - just a point .**
- * Power from Dam sold into grid for profit - bought back at a high price to run mill - now because they are purchasing power the Government has provided them a cheque for several million dollars - We believe it was \$6 million taxpayers dollars to subsidize purchased power for their mill.**
- * this download of taxes is only meant to increase profits off the backs of Ft Frances citizens ---**

Thank -you



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Topic # 2

Federal Government Budget

- * **OAS - Old Aged Supplement - Seniors under the age of 54 will have to work longer to collect and qualify for OAS - It will start in 2023 - when the OAS will gradually increase from age 65 to age 67 - this is an 11 year notification and a six year phase in which will conclude in 2029 .**
- * **Purpose of the legislation is two fold - keep Canadians in the workforce longer and to boost the economy and provide taxes to the government by ensuring there are fewer beneficiaries (as stated by the Harper Government)**
- * **Retirement Age will be increased from age 65 - to - 67**
- * **this will severely hurt the poor and those on fixed but limited pensions**
- * **Government stated they will save billions of dollars on this move alone - this is money taken from the pockets of all seniors and will increase the senior poverty in this country - clearly a case - of Elder Abuse**
- * **the Government states - individuals will have to save for their retirement How will this happen - the middle class is gone - people are working for \$10 to \$12 dollars and are struggling just to get by - rent and mortgages alone are \$700 a month or better and the cost of utilities - food - taxes are so high - who can save for their retirement & have a nest egg they can put in place that will carry them through retirement .**
- * **the government says this will not hurt anyone - it will be transitional & not affect anyone over age 55 today - and will be transitional into - in 2023 This is placing seniors against their children and vice versa - the haves verses the have nots . Us against them - that is wrong dead wrong and truly criminal . Generational disparity -**
- * **the Government elected - Mr Stephan Harper - he claelry promised in the last election campaign that he would not touch these benefits ---did it anyway .**
- * **In a recent survey 68 % of those surveyed opposed this move**

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* Experts stated there is no need for the Government to take this position as the OAS is a self sustaining fund and the funding in place will protect those including the baby boomers - without having a negative impact on this program - this is nothing less than a political agenda by the Harper Government which is not in the true interests of those he is purported to represent - it will increase poverty in this Country to seniors - that is Elder Abuse -

* Many Senior Groups - are challenging the government and are taking political Action against this Governments attack on Seniors benefits - that is clearly Elder Abuse

* More seniors than ever will live in real poverty - will cause havoc with the GIS - Guaranteed Income Supplement * combined with other cuts to Health Care and the Government moving to Privatized major features of our Health Care - seniors will be placed in third world status -that to us is Elder Abuse

OAS - presently \$527.00 per month

6% Health and Social Transfer cuts from Fed to Prov - to be cut
many health care costs will be put onto the patient - tests - C sections- etc

Every Senior will be affected -- yet these Elected Officials are not leading by example - they have Gold Plated Pension funds - Gold Plated Health Care Plans etc... the wealthy get a rain check and the poor gets stuck paying a bill -- ---- that---- will significantly take food and shelter away from many Canadians and increase poverty to thousands of seniors across this country - that my friends is Elder Abuse --

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Topic # 3

Statement - All the information given to you tonight - is information gathered through many sources over the last few months - we have to the best of our knowledge collected and prepared a portion of the data collected which we will be presented to you this evening - if there are any errors - and - to this presentation in any way we will immediately make the correction and so inform you . As it stands now we believe this information to be correct in all information provided to you .

How Group started - senior complaint and suggestion box at senior centre - asking for answers to the issues surrounding the Retirees Pension Fund at Abitibi Bowater - now known as Resolute Forest Products Ltd . Concerns were raised as a result of letters sent out by Abitibi - re - pension shortfalls and the statement of a possible windup - of the pension fund if mill is closed .

Explain - Pension wind-up - shortfall approximately 21 cents on a dollar - company would divest itself from the Pension Fund - An Annuity would be put in place through an Insurance scheme - and you would receive your pension for the rest of your life - however - for each dollar being paid to a retiree now it would be 21 cents to 25 cents less on each dollar in pension funds presently being received by each retiree - and- with our fund sitting in limbo we are concerned that those figures will only increase .

We want to make it clear -there are many - many private pension funds with several different companies who are in the same boat we are in . This is a very systemic problem and a problem that must be addressed by a Legislative re-write of Legislative and Regulatory oversight - The Legislation must remove these plans from both Corporate and or Union Management control and place these funds with an Independent Trust Company - with stringent regulatory authority that insures all money placed into these pension funds - or - have to be put into these Pension Plans in the future is mandatory and on time -These funds are not low on money simply by falling stock market returns on investments - or historically low interest rates and changing demographics , they are also low because these companies have been taking Contribution Holidays , where by , they were just not putting these pension contributions into the fund - therefore their control over the pension plan & it's funds - must be removed to a third party by legislation - such as a Trust Company .

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Also at fault is the --“ Provincial Governments ”- which has a regulatory body called the Ontario Finance Commission - it is our position that this oversight body did not do it's due diligence to insure the protection of these funds by the regulations in place - they did not insure pension shortfalls were collected within a five year period as established by regulation - etc... and as such -- are in our opinion--- liable as an oversight regulatory body to insure the integrity of the pension funds they regulate , which we now know they failed miserably . (a court case has been implemented in Nanaimo BC on this very point)

Even more at fault is the consequences that exist when a company goes into bankruptcy - or - bankruptcy protection - and our pension money - the money earned by workers is last in line after - creditors and bank lenders who always come before the worker - this has to be changed in legislation - and a New Bill of Workers Rights must be introduced to put employees earned benefits ahead of bankers and other creditors .

Bankers get money first not pensioners .

In the sale of assets - billions of dollars - never went to pay off the pension shortfalls - money was written off - except for Bank Creditors and Corporate Plans which included millions of dollars in bonus for Corporate CEO's & Directors who have run their Company into the ground - This Rape and Greed by these Corporations - allowed by legislation is truly a legalized (in our opinion) a theft of our hard earned money and benefits - and is clearly a case of Elder Abuse against all Retirees & Seniors .

Last negotiations - Pension retirees were not consulted - not asked to participate - nor even told that agreements were struck that removed benefits from all Retired Pensioners and their surviving spouses - we do know the Cola clauses meant to kick in - 2011 was not paid - and - the Cola clause kick in - re: 2013 will not be paid either - what else has been affected--- we are attempting to determine this -- and-- the results are not fully in at this point in time

When calling the Ontario Finance Commission to get answers they referred us to our Company - for answers

Meetings were held with our elected members - Sarah Campbell and John

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Rafferty to see if they could provide us with the info we needed on a large number of questions we had --- they have both been stellar and very responsive to our needs and questions - both making themselves available to us and very supportive and willing to assist our agenda of advocacy to address this complex and difficult problem - we also asked them to write a letter on our behalf to officials of the company requesting a meeting regarding our pension concerns and also to share with us the long term 5 - 10 year operational or shut down plans of the Fort Frances mill --so every one would know where they stand with their Pensions (windup -or- not) -so the employees would know how to plan their life and Ft Frances could plan for the future -with or without the mill - to leave everyone hanging was irresponsible and criminal in nature , as so many individual , family , community lives and local business hang in the balance - depending on decisions beyond our control . These decisions must be made so actions and community plans can be developed to minimize any future negative impacts .

So we gathered as much information as we could - and formed this group - Seniors , Retirees Against Pension & Elder Abuse -

We have met with Company officials - we are waiting on information and will be in a better position to understand what is happening to us once we receive that information ----

However one thing is clear - we need to make critical changes to Legislation - and- that is why we are here asking your support - as - outlined on our front page ...

Thank you :


Wm Krukoshi

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Seniors Retirees Against Pension & Elder Abuse



Action Requested of Council :

Topic # 1 - Download of taxes -

Hire a top notch competitive Law Firm that would be Professionally competitive with the Company Lawyers - not just Paralegals --

Hire an independent firm to provide an unbiased - non - political - true and unfettered property Assessment - based on the requirements of law ... (Market Value)

Access and use the Legal Case Award as issued by the Supreme Court of Canada Re: Catalyst Paper - vs - Cowichan B.C.

Provide regular updates to the public .

Do not negotiate any settlement by which tax payers pick up any of the taxes being downloaded by Resolute Forest Products Ltd (Abitibi - Bowater)

Topic # 2 - Federal Government Budget -

Send a letter to Prime Minister - Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party - objecting to any cuts to the OAS - as described in his recent Budget - and the Town states clearly in that letter that they support the SRAPEA to nullify these discriminatory cuts - as it relates to the transitional changes in these benefits in their entirety - inclusive of moving the qualifying age - from age 65 - to age 67 ..and agree with the SRAPEA that this is truly Elder Abuse --and - a copy of this letter be sent to the SRAPEA & our local Members Mr John Rafferty & Ms Sarah Campbell .

Topic # 3 - Pensions

Council send a letter to Prime Minister - Mr Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party - and to - The Premier of Ontario - Mr Dalton McGuinty - and the leaders of the New Democratic Party - Ms Andrea Horwath - and Mr Tim Hudak of the Progressive Conservative Party - along with Mr John Rafferty & Ms Sarah Campbell - our local elected officials - and the SRAPEA - stating ;

Ft Frances Town Council agrees with the SRAPEA - that Legislation must be changed to fully protect Private Pension Plans and funds - in all circumstances - including bankruptcy - whereby the money in these funds are cannot be touched by anyone except for the

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purpose they were meant to be used for - and that is the Pension incomes, of the plans members only . Council also agrees these Pension Plans and Funds ought to be removed from both Company and Union Control and placed in a separate Trust Fund where they are totally out of the reach of the Company & Union - the Town also agrees this Trust Company will be limited , (and audited- with a copy of said audit of Pension Plan Accounts and Administrative or other costs - be available to any plan member upon request) to the Administrative costs charged against the plan and must invest this money in the safest form of investments .

This Council also agrees that the Trust company ought to be Regulated to a high standard - with any shortfalls in the Plan or Fund to be made up immediately by the Company - and will not exceed a two year time frame on said make-up of said shortfalls .

In any and all cases of shortfalls in the Pension Fund on windup - will be paid by the company within a two year period from date of windup -

In any and all cases of wind-up - even with bankruptcy - or - bankruptcy protection - if the company survives the bankruptcy protection they will be required to make up any and all money funding deficiencies in the Pension Plans within a five year period from the date they leave bankruptcy protection -

The Fort Frances Council also support the wages and benefits , including severance pay be paid to said employees and not be a part of creditor protection for any reason .

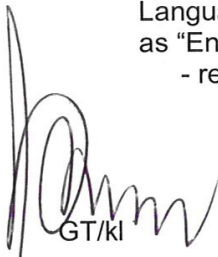
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THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: G. Treftlin
SUBJECT: Town of Fort Frances
Council Meeting - Monday, May 24, 2012.
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1. Items referred from Committee of the Whole:
See individual reports.
2. Break Open Ticket Licence Application from LaVerendrye General Hospital Auxiliary at Sunset Schmiddy's – 272 Scott Street from May 16, 2012 to November 1, 2012.
 - License will be processed in conformance to provincial regulations and rules.
3. Financial request dated May 18, 2012 from the Town of Atikokan re: Funding for the advancement of development of a regional tourism route.
 - will be referred to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation with input from the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
4. Financial request dated May 10, 2012 from the Royal Bank of Canada re: RBC Golf Tournament – June 23, 2012.
 - will be referred to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
5. Request dated May 16, 2012 from Teachers of English as a Second Language Association of Ontario re: Proclaiming November 4th-12th, 2012 as "English as a Second Language Week" in the Town of Fort Frances.
 - requester will be advised of Council's proclamation.


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May 18, 2012

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As you know, since 2005, Atikokan has been working with communities throughout this area on the Path of the Voyageur, a project to develop a regional branding for a culturally-themed tourism route to increase the number of visitors coming to our area. We are proposing a project to proceed with this concept. This project will be a great enhancement of the existing MOM's route that has been in place for many years. We are looking at using a cultural theme to strengthen the connections between Winnipeg and Thunder Bay, both of which include significant attractions related to voyageur and First Nations history and identifying related attractions in other communities along this route. In so doing, it is anticipated that visitors will slow down and spend more time in our area as they travel through the corridor between Winnipeg and Thunder Bay.

In 2011 a group of agencies and communities contributed funds towards an intern to work on this project under the Northern Ontario Youth Internship Program. The intern, Amy Holzwarth collected information about attractions in this area and developed a map of the route. In January 2012, the steering committee agreed that the work that was started by the intern should be advanced and that the community of Atikokan should seek the required funding.

We have identified two projects for which we are applying for funding. Both of these projects are directed at taking advantage of the GoTourOntario programme for Motorcycle and RV touring that is being developed by the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation (OTMPC).

The first of these projects is to undertake the coordination and marketing of the many diverse cultural and recreational assets in the region and integrate them with the tourism industry through the Regional Tourism Organizations (RTO's) and OTMPC. It is anticipated that this project will cost about \$100,000. In order to proceed with our application for this project, we will need to secure contributions of \$10,000 as the community partners share.

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May 18, 2012

The second project is to retain a consultant to develop a branding package for the route. This project will cost about \$45,000. We will require contributions of \$20,000 as a share from community partners in order to proceed with an application to fund this project.

In total, therefore, we are seeking a minimum of \$30,000 in order to advance the development of a regional tourism route. Atikokan has committed to contributing \$3,000 towards this project. We are asking that you consider a contribution of \$3,000. We will also need a commitment from our partners to devote some time and human resources to the project. This would include a contact person to work with the coordinator and consultant in identifying local attractions and working with local businesses and agencies. Donations in kind such as accommodation for community visits would be another contribution that would be most appreciated.

Your assistance in helping to move these two projects forward is necessary and will be much appreciated. We would appreciate a response by June 18, 2012.

Yours truly



Dennis Brown
Mayor

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May 10, 2012

Mr. Mark McCaig
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9

Dear, Mr. Mark McCaig

This is to request your support for the **RBC Golf Tournament** being held on June 23, 2012 at the Kitchen Creek Golf Course. Our goal is to raise \$5000.00 for KidSport-Fort Frances. KidSport-Fort Frances wants all children to experience the benefits of sports and recreation in our community. Sports give a child a chance to be part of a team, gain self-confidence, develop self-esteem and learn new skills.

RBC would be delighted if you choose to partner with us to profile your Product/Company to this desirable target audience. We will, of course, ensure you are properly recognized for your partnership. Participation levels include:

- Donation ~ A cash donation.
- Gifts / Prizes ~ Promotional items for tee gifts and prizes.
- Hole Sponsorship ~ A sponsorship of a specific hole for \$300.00.
- Foursome ~ A foursome for a fee of \$400.00.

We hope that you will be able to help RBC achieve our goal and make this event an outstanding success.

We will be in touch soon to confirm your involvement. Alternatively, you can contact Lisa Plourde directly at (807) 274-7271 or myself for more information.

Sincerely,

Heather Johnson
Branch Manager
(807) 274-7175

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TEACHERS OF ENGLISH
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May 16th, 2012

His Worship Mayor Roy Avis
The Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 3P9

Your Worship,

We thank you for taking part in our Ontario wide initiative to raise the awareness of the importance of English language learning opportunities for newcomers to Canada by declaring English as a Second Language (ESL) Week in the Fall of 2011 during the week in which our annual conference took place.

I am writing on behalf of TESL Ontario (Teachers of English as a Second Language) to invite you to again take part in our Province-wide initiative to recognize Ontario's ESL community and declare the week of November 4th to 10th, 2012 as "English as a Second Language Week". Given the ever growing diversity of the population of Ontario, we hope you will continue to support our efforts and grant us this request. In 2011, fifty-one municipalities declared ESL Week and we anticipate that this number will continue to grow, helping the ESL community to celebrate and expand its development.

For 40 years, TESL Ontario has held its Annual Conference to provide professional development for educators, administrators, students and volunteers who make it possible for immigrants, refugees, citizens, and visitors to learn the English language. This year, our conference "TESL Ontario at 40: Thriving, Excelling, Sharing, Leading" will be held November 8th to 10th, 2012 and we will be honoured if representatives of your council can participate.

Last year's TESL Ontario conference attracted 1510 registrants. Our members travel from across the province and beyond to attend workshops, research symposia, our technology fair and publishers' displays. For many of us, this annual journey to Toronto marks a time when we can share our experiences, expand our skills, and reaffirm the positive contribution that our province makes to diversity.

Through a set of criteria developed to ensure measurable qualifications among ESL professionals, TESL Ontario demands the best qualifications of our members, as well as the best in training from our teaching programs. As a result, we offer the finest in second language education to our students, who are capable of contributing a wealth of knowledge and experience to Ontario communities.

TESL Ontario will be developing a poster for our annual conference that will display all of the municipalities who have contributed to the success of ESL Week by granting a proclamation. Should you decide to grant the ESL Week Proclamation again this year, we would appreciate it if you would email to administration@teslontario.org a .jpg or .eps version of your community logo so that we may display it on the poster.

Attached, please find our suggested wording of the proclamation. If you have any suggestions or comments as to the content of this document, please contact our Executive Director, Renate Tilson, at 416-593-4243 ext. 203.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Sheila Nicholas,
Chair

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SUGGESTED WORDING OF PROCLAMATION

Ontario has been the destination of choice for many immigrants who have added to the diversity of the province by bringing their culture, customs and language, even as they endeavour to acquire the ability to communicate in English.

The community of English as a Second Language learners are represented in all aspects of society. They are students in elementary and secondary schools, universities, colleges, public and private schools, adult education students pursuing literacy and basic skills, participants in workplace-training programs, researchers and subjects, volunteers and workers, employees and business owners, labourers and professionals, neighbours and friends.

The professional organization Teachers of English as a Second Language (TESL) Ontario hosts a conference in Toronto each year consisting of workshops, research symposia and a technology fair to maintain and expand the skills and abilities of its members.

NOW THEREFORE, I, _____ on behalf of _____ of _____ Council, do hereby proclaim November 4th to 10th, 2012 as "English as a Second Language Week" in the _____ of _____.

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TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. 21 /12

Being a By-Law to establish a percentage by which tax decreases are limited in 2012 to properties in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-residential property classes.

WHEREAS subsection 330 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended provides that the Council of a municipality may pass a by-law to establish a percentage by which tax decreases are limited for a taxation year in respect of properties in any property class subject to Part IX of the Act, in order to recover all or part of the revenues foregone as a result of the application of section 329 of the Act to other properties in the property class;

AND WHEREAS subsection 330 (3) of the Act provides that such a by-law must establish the same percentage for all properties in a property class, but may establish different percentages for different property classes;

AND WHEREAS subsection 327 (4) of the Act provides that Part IX of the Act applies to the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes;

AND WHEREAS on April 9, 2012, Council passed By-Law No. 16/12 establishing the revenue neutral capping parameters for commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes and would be financed from withholding decreases within each class where possible;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances enacts as follows:

1. THAT for the taxation year 2012, the tax decrease retained, as supported by Schedule "A" forming part of this by-law, for property in:
 - a) the multi-residential property class shall be limited to 100.00%;
 - b) the commercial property class shall be limited to 97.4258%;
 - c) the industrial property class shall be limited to 95.9173%;
2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on final passing.

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 28th day of May 2012.

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2012 Capping Summary Analysis Report using Actual Rates

Fort Frances Town, 5912

Capping Report

Frequency Distribution Report

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		Multi-residential	Commercial	Industrial
Capping Parameters				
Annualized Tax Limit		10.00%	10.00%	10.00%
Prior Year CVA Tax Limit		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CVA Tax Threshold - Increasers		0	0	0
CVA Tax Threshold - Decreasers		0	0	0
Exclude Properties Previously at CVA Tax		Yes	Yes	Yes
Exclude Properties that Move from Capped to Clawed Back		Yes	Yes	Yes
Exclude Properties that Move from Clawed Back to Capped		Yes	Yes	Yes
Capping Clawback and Retained Percentages				
Clawback Percentage		0.0000%	2.5742%	4.0827%
Retained Percentage		100.0000%	97.4258%	95.9173%
Total		100%	100%	100%
Total Tax Adjustment				
Capped Properties		0	-1,355	-683
Clawback Properties		0	1,355	683
Net Class Impact/Shortfall		0	0	0

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Category	Properties	2011 Annualized Taxes	2012 CVA Taxes Without Adjustments	2012 CVA Taxes Before Levy Change	2012 Capping Adjustment	2012 Overall Levy Change Adjustment	Threshold Adjustment	Revised 2012 Tax	Tax Adjustment for 2012	
									\$ Amount	% of CVA Taxes
Multi-residential										
At CVA Tax due to Exclude Options:										
Previously CVA Tax	18	523,239	536,239	522,162	0	0	0	536,239	0	0.00%
Commercial										
Capped/Protected by Annualized Tax Limit	2	6,580	8,668	8,580	658	74	0	7,312	-1,355	15.64%
Tax Above CVA Tax due to Clawback	210	1,917,683	1,884,650	1,865,569	-50,773	19,095	0	1,886,005	1,355	0.07%
Total Subject to Capping	212	1,924,264	1,893,318	1,874,149	-50,115	19,169	0	1,893,318	0	0.00%
New Construction/Class	2	0	13,391	13,255	0	0	0	13,391	0	0.00%
At CVA Tax due to Exclude Options:										
Previously CVA Tax	50	1,139,208	1,177,858	1,165,932	0	0	0	1,177,858	0	0.00%
Moved from clawed back to capped	10	49,952	50,537	50,025	0	0	0	50,537	0	0.00%
Total Excluded	60	1,189,160	1,228,394	1,215,957	0	0	0	1,228,394	0	0.00%

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Class Total	274	3,113,424	3,135,103	3,103,362	-50,115	19,169	0	3,135,103	0	0.00%
Industrial										
Capped/Protected by Annualized Tax Limit	1	136	834	825	14	2	0	151	-683	81.84%
Tax Above CVA Tax due to Clawback	3	2,030,851	2,039,062	2,014,336	-15,841	24,734	0	2,039,745	683	0.03%
Total Subject to Capping	4	2,030,987	2,039,896	2,015,161	-15,827	24,736	0	2,039,896	0	0.00%
At CVA Tax due to Exclude Options:										
Protection Below Limits	2	4,048	4,320	4,273	225	47	0	4,320	0	0.00%
Previously CVA Tax	36	133,395	133,806	132,337	0	0	0	133,806	0	0.00%
Total Excluded	38	137,443	138,126	136,610	225	47	0	138,126	0	0.00%
Class Total	42	2,168,430	2,178,022	2,151,771	-15,602	24,783	0	2,178,022	0	0.00%
Total All Classes										
Capped/Protected by Annualized Tax Limit	3	6,717	9,502	9,405	672	76	0	7,464	-2,038	21.45%
Tax Above CVA Tax due to Clawback	213	3,948,534	3,923,712	3,879,905	-66,613	43,829	0	3,925,750	2,038	0.05%
Total Subject to Capping	216	3,955,251	3,933,214	3,889,310	-65,942	43,905	0	3,933,214	0	0.00%
New Construction/Class	2	0	13,391	13,255	0	0	0	13,391	0	0.00%
At CVA Tax due to Exclude Options:										
Protection Below Limits	2	4,048	4,320	4,273	225	47	0	4,320	0	0.00%
Previously CVA Tax	104	1,795,842	1,847,902	1,820,431	0	0	0	1,847,902	0	0.00%
Moved from clawed back to capped	10	49,952	50,537	50,025	0	0	0	50,537	0	0.00%
Total Excluded	116	1,849,842	1,902,759	1,874,729	225	47	0	1,902,759	0	0.00%
Grand Total	334	5,805,092	5,849,364	5,777,294	-65,717	43,952	0	5,849,364	0	0.00%

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TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. 23/12

(Being a By-Law to authorize the levying and collection in 2012 of a special charge of taxes upon the Business Improvement Area as provided in the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, Section 208.)

WHEREAS By-Law No. 32/78 and Schedule "A" attached thereto, designating a certain area a Business Improvement Area, was duly approved by the Ontario Municipal Board on February 16, 1979, by Order No. M7929;

AND WHEREAS on May 28, 2012, Council approved the Treasurer's report reflecting the required 2012 BIA levy;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of \$44,955.00 is required to be raised as taxes for the Business Improvement Area purposes.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances enacts as follows:

1. THAT the Revenue and Expenditure estimates in the amount of \$89,230.00 by the Board of Management of the Business Improvement Area for the year 2012 as shown in Schedule "A" be and the same are hereby approved.
2. THAT there shall be a special levy against occupied property in commercial and industrial classes located within the area designated as the Business Improvement Area in Schedule "A" to By-Law No. 32/78, on the basis of those rates particularly set forth in Schedule "B" forming part of this By-Law in the manner set forth in the said Schedule "B".

The taxes as shown on Schedule "B" shall be payable in two (2) installments, the first being fifty percent (50%) of the total taxes levied and the second being the remaining balance of said taxes with the due dates for payment as follows:

First Installment:	July 31, 2012
Second Installment:	August 31, 2012

3. THAT the said levy be placed on the Collector's Roll of record of the Town of Fort Frances for the year 2012 and collected according to statute and by-law.
4. THAT all taxes shall be paid into the office of the Collector.

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5. THAT the Treasurer and Collector are hereby empowered to accept part payment from time to time on account of taxes due.
6. THAT on all taxes which are in default on the day after the due date a penalty of 1.25 percent shall be added and thereafter a penalty of 1.25 percent per month will be added on the first day of each month the default continues until December 31, 2012.
 - a) On all taxes levied in default on January 1, 2013, interest will be added at the rate of 1.25 percent per month for each month of default.
7. THAT penalties and interest added on all taxes in default shall become due and payable and shall be collected forthwith as if the same had originally been imposed and formed part of such unpaid tax levy.
8. THAT the Collector may mail or cause the same to be mailed to the residence or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice specifying the amount of taxes payable.
9. THAT taxes be paid through the following facilities:
 - Town of Fort Frances Civic Center, 320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, Ontario
 - Telebanking and Internet Services through any major financial institute
 - Preauthorized Payment Plan
 - Mail Service via Canada Post
 - Night Depository, 320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, Ontario
10. THAT the Treasurer or Collector is hereby empowered to accept partial payment from time to time on account of taxes due.

This by-law shall come into force and take effect on final passing.

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 28th day of May 2012.

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Schedule "A" to By-Law No. *23/12*

FORT FRANCES BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BUDGET FOR 2012

	Account Number	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget
Revenue:				
BIA Taxation - Commercial	B-055-0140-0014	(46,174)	(46,174.20)	(44,683)
BIA Taxation - Industrial	B-055-0150-0014	(276)	(275.81)	(272)
BIA Supp/Omit - Commercial	B-055-0122-0014			
W/O Vacancy Rebates	B-055-0122-0024	737	863.41	
W/O Charity Rebates	B-055-0122-4512	640	631.61	
Exp. Grant	B-823-0430-0411			
RRFDC Grant (Project/Advertising)	B-823-0430-0410			(11,000)
Expense Recoveries (Other Income)	B-823-0430-0589	(500)	(140.04)	(200)
Associate Membership	B-823-0430-0641			
Promotions Income	B-823-0430-0688			
Prior Year Accumulated Surplus	B-L80-0000-0000	(9,919)	(9,919.09)	(33,075)
		(55,492)	(55,014.12)	(89,230)
Expenditures:				
Vacation, Stats, Etc.	B-823-1101-1115		142.85	
WSIB	B-823-1101-1122		79.86	
CPP	B-823-1101-1123		104.18	
EI	B-823-1101-1124		92.56	
EHT	B-823-1101-1129		72.43	
Part-time Salaries/Wages	B-823-1101-1130	3,600	3,571.25	4,100
Telephone/Communications	B-823-1200-1251	1,233	1,289.73	1,400
Postage	B-823-1200-1252	200	167.40	200
Memberships/Subscriptions	B-823-1200-1260			
Office Supplies	B-823-1400-1410	500	517.99	500
Meeting Expenses	B-823-1500-1532	300	19.47	300
Office Equipment Rental	B-823-1500-1543			100
Office Rental	B-823-1500-1552	2,034	1,831.68	2,034
Advertising & Public Notice	B-823-1500-1591	12,000	8,123.22	12,000
Public Relations/Promotions	B-823-1500-1592			
Events/Activities	B-823-1500-1593			500
Museum Project	B-823-1900-1905	5,000	5,000.00	5,000
Future Projects Study Exp	B-823-1900-1906	20,625		42,596
Electrical	B-823-2740-1420			
Soil/Plants/Trees	B-823-2740-1440	3,050	864.96	2,500
Grounds Maintenance (Mural)	B-823-2740-1545	1,000	61.06	1,000
Planters, Banner & Poles Materials	B-823-2750-1471	5,950		17,000
		55,492	21,938.64	89,230
Accumulated (Surplus)/Deficit	B-L81-0000-0000	-	(33,075.48)	-

Schedule "B" to By-Law No. 23/12

2012 BIA TAX RATES

Class	RTC/ RTQ	2012 CVA	Tax Rate Discount	Discounted CVA	Tax Ratios	Weighted CVA	Effective Tax Rate	2012 BIA Tax Levy
Commercial	CT	10,046,670	1	10,046,670	2.026121	20,355,769	0.00444759	44,683.43
Industrial	IT	44,000	1	44,000	2.811688	123,714	0.00617200	271.57
Total		10,090,670		10,090,670		20,479,483		44,955.00
Base Rate		$\frac{44,955.00}{20,479,483}$		Dollars Required Weighted Assessment				
		0.002195124		Base Rate equal to tax ratio of 1				

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cc Council, Mark
2012-05-17
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**RAINY RIVER FUTURE
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
A Community Futures Development Corporation



May 8, 2012

Mayor Avis & Council
The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, Ontario
P9A 3P9

Dear Mayor Avis & Council:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rainy River Future Development Corporation, I would like to invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2012. The meeting is to be held at the Emo Legion (123 Jessie Street) at 7:00 pm.

There will be an election for three positions on the Board of Directors, as well as an update on the progress of various projects and the plans for the coming year. We will also be seeking members to serve on our various Committees.

The Board of Directors looks forward to seeing you in Emo.

Sincerely,

George Emes,
Chair



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Memo

To : Mayor Roy Avis & Members of Ft Frances Council

From : Allan T Bedard - Advocate -N.A.G.

Date : April 21, 2012

Re: Sidewalk - Street - snow & ice removal - filling of pot holes .



Message

I have been asked to prepare and send this letter to Council respecting the removal of barriers for seniors & people with disabilities . The issue I am concerned with is the removal of snow & ice from our sidewalks , roads and the filling of potholes on the street .

The ice & snow make it extremely dangerous for people using mobility aids such as - motor scooters , canes , crutches , walkers , wheel chairs - and those with vision impairments . It is no secret that slips , falls are a major threat to seniors health - and- on numerous occasions these types of injuries often cause major disabilities and even death . Potholes are also of great concern as they are accidents waiting to happen for the walking public and those on scooters .

It is safe to say the ice , snow & potholes are barriers which impede the independence of those unfortunate enough to suffer from disabilities . It also impedes their only source of transportation .

Removing these barriers will permit healthier lifestyles and generate greater independence for those who need to utilize these transportation links , to get around to hospital , clinic visits , going to church , shopping etc.... (It is safe to say , the money lost , due to the inability to get around town , to spend this money , has a negative import , on the overall well being of the economic prosperity of Ft Frances .)

We believe the Town ought to place a greater emphasis on & adopt a pro-active pedestrian- "Mobility Plan" - which would include and place a strong emphasis on - a "Sidewalk & Road Clearing Strategy ", from snow & ice - and the timely filling of potholes - which must be incorporated and put in place to insure year round walkability and scooter ability in a timely fashion after each

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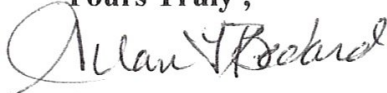
snowfall - or - freezing rain event .

Remember “ Healthier & Independent Lifestyles ,” ride on your decision , and we are fast becoming a senior -or- aging community , where this request is now timely .

I trust you will review this matter and consider adopting a “ Mobility Plan ”, for seniors with mobility impairments and disabilities - and respond in kind .

On behalf of Mr Ron Kuharski and other interested Seniors , I wish to remain

Yours Truly ,



Allan T Bedard
274-7288

IF YOU AGREE
PLEASE SIGN BELOW

c.c

Mr Ron Kuharski



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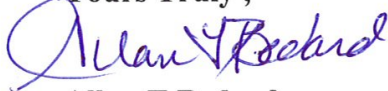
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c.c
Mr Ron Kuharski

IF YOU AGREE
PLEASE SIGN BELOW

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"AMO Communications"
<Communicate@amo.on.ca>

17/05/2012 09:00 AM

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AMOWatchFileTeam@amo.on.ca

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Subject AMO Watch File - May 17, 2012

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May 17, 2012

In This Issue

- Get recognized: Making Ontario's Communities Walk Friendly.
- Only one week left to apply for an AMO Gas Tax Award.
- AMO presents Heads of Council Training on August 18, 2012.
- "What Lies Ahead in 2012" - AMO Councillor Training.
- "Meetings to Meet Your Needs" - AMO Councillor Training.
- Learn to manage risk and lower municipal costs.
- LAS helps you lower your group benefits costs.
- Career opportunity with Local Authority Services Ltd (LAS).
- *Links to full text articles below.*

Guest Column *

In 2013, Ontario municipalities will be eligible for a new Walk Friendly Ontario designation. Learn how your community can be recognized for creating more walk friendly spaces and places.

Federal Matters

Apply for an AMO Gas Tax Project Award or Capacity Building Award by May 25th, using the new, simplified application process. Winners will receive their award on the main stage of the 2012 AMO Annual Conference.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Register today for an interactive AMO Heads of Council training session designed to hone your existing leadership skills and help you develop new ones, in Ottawa - pre-AMO Conference.

Face the year with "What Lies Ahead in 2012 – AMO Councillor Training." Space is limited - register today for a session in Thunder Bay.

Chairing and participating in meetings places challenges and opportunities in front of you. Prepare yourself for successful and effective meetings with AMO Councillor Training. Register today!

LAS

Access timely information about new and longstanding municipal risk issues through LAS' Risk Management Partnership with Frank Cowan Company. Good education and guidance can help lower municipal risk and also reduce the severity of claims against your organization.

Continue to be frustrated by ever-rising group benefit costs? LAS' Group Benefits Consortium Program offers average savings of 12% at time of enrollment and very competitive renewal rates. Members also have full flexibility related to plan design to accommodate any collective agreement requirements.

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May 24, 2012

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- New municipal representatives appointed to Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Board.
- AMO Conference 2012: Terry Fallis to speak at Banquet.
- Collaborate. Discover. Innovate. The Fall CRST Symposium.
- Evanturel shines light on municipally owned Solar Projects.
- Save on your personal home/auto insurance with LAS.
- Energy Planning Tool (EPT) now available.
- Career opportunity with Local Authority Services Ltd (LAS).
- *Links to full text articles below.*

Provincial Matters

Earlier this month, the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, appointed three new municipal representatives to the Board of Directors of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Selected from a list of names provided by AMO, the three individuals joining the Board are: Bob Kilger, Mayor, City of Cornwall; Ken Hughes, Deputy City Treasurer, City of Ottawa and John Skorobohacz, CAO, Town of Innisfil. The appointments are effective May 16, 2012 and run for three years.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Terry Fallis takes delegates on "His Unorthodox Journey to the Published Land." Hear his story and learn from other speakers at the [AMO Conference, August 19-22, Ottawa](#).

The [2012 CRST Fall Symposium](#) presents concepts that build and strengthen the fabric of Ontario communities through social innovation and enterprise. Mark your calendars for October 24 & 25, 2012. Further details will be available shortly.

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Evanturel Township demonstrates the benefits of using Canada's Gas Tax Fund and working with LAS to develop a strong performing [Solar PV project](#).

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May 17, 2012

His Worship Roy Avis
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Avis:

The Ministry of Transportation recognizes that municipal roads and bridges are essential components of Ontario's transportation network.

Since 2003, the province has provided municipalities with over \$13 billion in infrastructure funding, including over \$1.5 billion in funding for municipal roads and bridges. These investments have helped municipalities to modernize and expand their transit systems, repair and upgrade roads and bridges, and revitalize community infrastructure.

In addition, uploading social assistance benefit programs costs - along with other increases in our ongoing support to municipalities - will ensure that municipal property tax dollars are focused on local priorities, such as municipal roads and bridges. The province's ongoing support to municipalities has increased to \$3.2 billion in 2012.

We are currently working with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Toronto to complete the Roads and Bridges Review which will provide recommendations to support the sustainability of municipal roads and bridges.

While the 2012 provincial budget did not announce any new funding for municipal roads and bridges or Connecting Links projects, the provincial government remains committed to working with municipalities to help address these needs.

As part of *Building Together*, the province has committed to work with the municipal sector and the federal government to develop a municipal infrastructure strategy to help meet the challenges of current and emerging infrastructure needs.

This strategy will help ensure that every dollar we invest in municipal infrastructure is focusing on what is most important and leveraging the best possible outcomes.

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The recommendations of the Roads and Bridges Review will be considered as part of the province's municipal infrastructure strategy.

It is important for all levels of government to work towards a common goal to advance investment in municipal infrastructure in a responsible and sustainable way.

This can be achieved through sound asset management to focus on the most critical infrastructure needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Chaput', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gerry Chaput, P.Eng.
Assistant Deputy Minister

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Dear Glenn:

At the open regular Council Meeting of the Township of La Vallee held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, the following resolution was passed:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Town of Fort Frances' resolution opposing the recent decision of the Provincial Government to close all the Tourist Information Centres in Ontario's Sunset Country and inviting the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport to discuss with the Mayors of the region alternative methods that would provide the ground information services while still cutting overhead costs."

I trust that this is satisfactory. If you should have any other questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the above number.

Yours truly,


Sylvia Smeeth
Clerk-Treasurer

SS/pm



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March 2012

The March meeting of the Fort Frances Public Library Board was held in the Library on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. In attendance were: Chair J. Cunningham, A. Georgeson, S. Tibbs, R. Wiedenhoeft, Manager of Community Services, G. Bell and Secretary-Treasurer M. Sedgwick.

Regrets: R. Schulz

The meeting commenced at 3:10 p.m. after unsuccessful attempt to communicate with A. Zucchiatti via Skype.

1. Conflict of Interest There were no declarations of conflict of interest at this time.
2. Non-agenda The following items were added to the agenda:
 - 5 g. Easter Hours
 - 5 h. Letter of Resignation
3. Minutes MOTION #16: A. Georgeson moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of February 29, 2012 as amended. Seconded by S. Tibbs. Carried.

The computers and security cameras have been purchased.
The March break videoconferences were successful.
4. Priorities The following priorities were identified for the next three months:
 - Bank Account name change to comply with the Public Libraries Act
Action: M. Sedgwick will contact the Treasurer to change the name of the fundraising account to the Fort Frances Public Library and determine signing authorities for the April meeting.
 - Reserve Account:
Action: G. Bell will bring a financial report on the status of the library's dedicated reserve account to the April meeting.
 - Building Deficiencies:
Action: A committee consisting of G. Bell, J. Kabel, G. Matheson and M. Sedgwick will complete a walk about of the building to determine deficiencies.
 - Organizational Chart:
Action: A committee consisting of J. Cunningham, G. Bell, J. Kabel and M. Sedgwick will develop a "Who does What" chart using the Mississauga document as a guide.

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- Policies:
Action: M. Sedgwick will present Town of Fort Frances and Trillium sample hiring and personnel policies at the April meeting.
- Building for the Future outstanding pledges:
Action: M. Sedgwick will contact donors with non-automatic pledge withdrawals
- IT grant:
Action: M. Sedgwick will complete the final report for the IT grant in July. A copy will be sent to the Board.
- The Working with our Peers Networking meeting originally scheduled for the spring of 2012 will be deferred until fall.
Action: J. Cunningham will plan the Working with our Peers Networking meeting to be held in the fall of 2012.
- AODA Customer Service Training:
Action: M. Sedgwick will contact OLS-N for advice and assistance in meeting the legislative requirements under the AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) regarding Customer Service Training for Library Board members.
- Memorandum of Understanding:
Action: The Library Board will formalize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Fort Frances.

6. Hiring Committee The Hiring Committee reported that the CEO job description has been completed and the advertising is in place. The deadline for applications is April 30 after which candidates will be shortlisted and interviewed locally or via Skype, with secondary interviews to take place face-to-face. Predicted hiring date is early June for the position to commence on July 1, 2012.

7. Job Description MOTION #17: R. Wiedenhoeft moved to approve the job description for the advertised position of CEO. Seconded by A. Georgeson.

A recorded vote was called:

J. Cunningham	Yes
A. Georgeson	Yes
S. Tibbs	No
R. Wiedenhoeft	Yes

The motion was carried.

8. FOPL The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries Proposal to the Ministry of Tourism & Culture for Increasing the Provincial Operating Grant to Ontario Public Libraries

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was received. This document contains valuable information and will be a useful resource in the future.

9. Financial Report MOTION #18: S. Tibbs moved to accept the financial report for February 2012. Seconded by R. Wiedenhoeft. Carried.

10. Smartboard A quote to moved the Smartboard from the Computer lab was tabled.
Action: M. Sedgwick will investigate less expensive options to move the Smartboard.

11. Easter Hours MOTION #19: A. Georgeson moved to close the library on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012. Seconded by R. Wiedenhoeft. Carried.

12. Resignation A letter of resignation from the Board was received from Peggy Loyie.

Action: M. Sedgwick will send a letter to Mrs. Loyie thanking her for her letter and interest.

13. Information: The following Information Items were received:
 February Activity Report
 Upcoming Programs: Orchestra concert April 1 at 2 p.m., Royal Botanical
 Videoconference April 14 at 1 p.m.
 Updated Policy Manuals were distributed.

14. Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on April 25 at 3 p.m.

15. Adjournment MOTION #15: R. Wiedenhoeft moved to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

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April 2012

The April meeting of the Fort Frances Public Library Board was held in the Library on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. In attendance were: Chair J. Cunningham, R. Schulz, S. Tibbs, A. Zucchiatti, Manager of Community Services, G. Bell, new Manager of Community Services, J. Kabel, and Secretary-Treasurer M. Sedgwick.

Regrets: A. Georgeson & R. Wiedenhoeft

1. Conflict of Interest There were no declarations of conflict of interest at this time.

2. Non-agenda The following items were added to the agenda:
 5e. In Camera Procedure
 5f. Final Complete Building Report

3. Minutes MOTION #21: R. Schulz moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2012. Seconded by A. Zucchiatti. Carried.

The name of the fundraising account has been changed to the Fort Frances Public Library. There was lengthy discussion concerning the signing authorities on this account.

The financial reports on the status of the library's reserve accounts were discussed.
Action: J. Kabel will present reports on library reserves twice each year.

The building deficiencies walkthrough was completed.
Action: M. Sedgwick will have a kickplate installed on the Shaw closet door.
Action: G. Bell will contact architect John Knox re: the lighting issue.

R. Wiedenhoeft has been added to the "Who Does What" committee. G. Bell may be called in as a resource person.

The final report for the IT grant is due to SOLS on August 31.
Action: M. Sedgwick will include a copy of the report on the September meeting.

J. Cunningham has sent out preliminary emails regarding dates for the fall Working With our Peers Networking meeting and has tentatively booked the Shaw room.

OLS-N has been contacted re: AODA Customer Services Training for Library Board members.

The Memorandum of Understanding is on hold until policies and the Who does What chart are completed.

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J. Cunningham suggested that the July 1 date for the start day of the new CEO is a best case scenario.

A quote of \$500 to move the SmartBoard was received from Sight & Sound.
MOTION # 22: R. Schulz moved to move the SmartBoard and pay applicable costs.
Seconded by S. Tibbs. Carried.

A letter was sent to Peggy Loyie thanking her for her interest in the Library Board.

- 4. Policies An ad hoc committee consisting of J. Cunningham, A. Zucchiatti & M Sedgwick was set up to look at policies.
- 5. CAP Letters will be sent to Industry Canada & local MPs regarding the cancellation of the Industry Canada Community Access Program.

6.MOTION #23: S. Tibbs moved to accept the Financial Report for March 2012.

When the budget for 2012 has been finalized, the budgeted figures will be added to the monthly financial report.

- 7. In Camera J. Cunningham has investigated In Camera Procedures.
Action: M. Sedgwick will present draft In Camera Procedures at the May meeting.
- 8. Building **Action: M. Sedgwick will present the building budget outlining specific costs at the May meeting.**
- 9. Information: The following Information Items were received:
 - March Activity Report
 - Upcoming Programs: Teen Author Kelly Armstrong April 26
 - Author Bonnie Ferrante April 28
 - Friends of the Library Booksale May 26
 - Various Computer Classes.

10. Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on May 23 at 3 p.m.

11. G. Bell George Bell was presented with a gift for his valuable service to the Library Board.

11. Adjournment MOTION #24: A. Zucchiatti moved to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING



Place: Civic Centre Committee Room

Date: 2012 May 7th

Time: 0830 hours

Meeting Session No.

Present:

PDEC; J. Albanese, R. Wiedenhoeft, S. Tibbs, R. Hallam

Delegations;

Others; G. Treftlin, M. McCaig, F. Flatt, R. Avis, P. Briere, A. Byrnes

Disclosure of pecuniary interest;

- No disclosure of pecuniary interest expressed.

Items discussed & disposition thereof;

- Moved & Seconded (Wiedenhoeft/Tibbs) that the minutes of the meeting held 2012 May 7th be accepted as circulated.
- Request from Geo. Armstrong Co. Ltd re; purchase of portions of Pit Rd. #2 & Emo Rd.
 - Referred to Committee of Adjustment for comment
 - Referred to Municipal Planner to research.
- Financial Request from July 1st It's EH Celebration Planning Committee.
 - There were no issues relevant to PDEC.
 - Issue to remain as a A&F Executive matter.
- Request from Robert Moore School re; changes to parking & signage.
 - This matter will come back to PDEC when the requester has finalized their proposed plan for developing a "Kiss & Ride" drop off area.
- Property Standards Oversight Committee.
 - Consensus to return to original intent of the Strat' Plan for the oversight committee.
 - Committee will schedule some time to complete drive about.
- By-Law 14-09
 - Discussion of a proposed amendment to the noted by-law.
- Bear Wise Responder Agreement.
 - Staff directed to correspond with MNR re status of 2012 agreement.


Chairperson


Committee Administrator

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
Operations & Facilities Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting

Date: May 9, 2012 Session No. 33



A meeting of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee was held in the Committee Room on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 from 7:29 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. [In camera from 7:34 a.m. to 8:05 a.m.]

Committee Members present: Rick Wiedenhoeft, Chair; Paul Ryan, Ken Perry, Mark McCaig, Doug Brown

Also present: Roy Avis, David Donaldson, Ross Donaldson, Doug Herr, Jason Kabel & John Albanese

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest as required under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* by Committee Members on agenda items: Roy Avis – President of West End Motors – Item 2.3 Tender No. 12-OF-04.
2. Agenda items considered at this meeting: *(note the recommendations to be taken to Council or other disposition of the items by this Committee)*
 - 1) Approve the minutes of the meeting of this Committee on April 17, 2012 – approved as circulated.
 - 2) David Donaldson & Ross Donaldson – Fire Hydrant Damage near 1516 Colonization Road West - **In Camera** – David Donaldson & Ross Donaldson presented their side of the story in regards to the damage of a fire hydrant near 1516 Colonization Road West back in June of 2011. All members of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee were given an opportunity to seek clarification or provide additional information on the damages to the fire hydrant from the Donaldson's. Ross Donaldson handed out a letter dated May 8, 2012 prepared by Mike and Susan Carmody in regards to the fire hydrant in question. The Donaldson's left the meeting @ 7:49 a.m. The Executive Committee had a lengthy

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discussion where the prepared Administration report will be revised to include a recommendation. The revised report will be forwarded to Council for approval at the May 15th, 2012 Council meeting. Doug Herr left the meeting @ 8:05 a.m.

- 3) Tender No. 12-OF-04 Supply & Delivery of One ½ Ton, 2-Wheel Drive, 4-Door Pick Up Truck – the Operations & Facilities Manager handed out an Administration report on the results. The report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.
 - 4) 2011 Strategic Plan – Item No. 29 – Parks Operational Review – the previously prepared Administration report was reviewed where Items No. 4 & 5 was reconsidered. After a lengthy discussion it was recommended that Items No. 4 & 5 be eliminated where the PW summer students will provide assistance during the period when the Parks crew are planting the annual flowers. The PW crew will ensure that all Parks and open spaces are maintained to an acceptable standard during this period. The Administration report will be revised and forwarded to Council for approval.
 - 5) Bell Mobility to Rent Space on the Existing Water Tower to Install Antennas – the Administration report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.
 - 6) 2012 Tonnage @ Landfill Site – as of April 30th, 2012 - the April spreadsheet was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.
 - 7) Airport Monthly Statistics – April 2012 - April spreadsheets were reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.
 - 8) Operations & Facilities Division – Public Works Area – Operations Statistics – March 2012 - the monthly statistics were reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.
 - 9) Operations & Facilities Division – Environmental Area – Operations Statistics – March 2012 - the monthly statistics were reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.
3. Non-agenda items considered at this meeting: *(note the recommendations to be taken to Council or other disposition of the items by this Committee) (include this only if there were non agenda item(s))*
- 1) Free Spring Tipping Day @ Landfill Site – Councilor Rick Wiedenhoft informed the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee that Planning & Development Executive Committee is deferring it's request for an all residential waste to be tipped at the Landfill Site during the annual organic spring tipping day. The issue will be considered during the 2013 budget process.

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4. Resolutions:

- 1) A motion was moved by Councilor Paul Ryan and seconded by Rick Wiedenhoef to go in-camera to discuss the damaged fire hydrant by David Donaldson.

There being no further matters before this Committee at this time this meeting was closed.


Chair


Manager

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FORT FRANCES MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting: Tues May 22, 2012, 4:15 p.m.

Present: Bruce Caldwell, Robert Schulz, Judy Kielczewski, Beth Caldwell
Committee Secretary: Sherry George Guests:

Minutes from last meeting, Apr 16: accepted as sent.

Museum Report: April visitors: 374 (165 in 2011); May/June exhibit: *Voices of the Town, Vaudeville in Canada* . July/Aug: Will cover the various anniversaries taking place this year: War of 1812, Allan Cup, Customs, Queen's Jubilee, Oberholtzer & Magee canoe trip north, sinking of Titanic. Lindsay Hamilton changed out upstairs exhibit (as volunteer!); same themes, but different artifacts; moved meeting area from back to east side of room. Students returned Apr 30; heritage sites and museum open daily for summer. Neil McQuarrie promoting his book on Dawson trail evening of May 30, 7-9.

New Business:

I will apply for an intern's position to transfer our old database to the new PastPerfect software.

Old Business:

'Friends of the Museum'

Garage sale May 12.

Wine & cheese gala for fall. Will unveil *What Hooks You Here* project – now complete! – and Norval Morriseau.

Genealogy group met May 3, 6:30; one new person. Following June 7 meeting, group will break for the summer.

Picked up Norval Morriseau painting in Winnipeg. I have decided not to hang the painting until the unveiling.

D.Allan working on getting new museum server into place.

Correspondence: none

Ontario Arts Council: nothing.

Follow-up: *Recommendations to be made to Executive Committee of Community Services...*

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Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next meeting: *unsure of date for next meeting as Judy & Deb away on June 18th.*

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