

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. 043

June 22, 2020

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held virtually on June 22, 2020 from 6:11 p.m. to 8:11 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 (6:11-7:13), T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities (6:11-7:13), A. Bisson, Recreation & Culture Manager, C. Vangel, CBO/Municipal Planner (6:11-7:13), J. Hughes, Information Technology Manager (6:11-7:13) and J. Forbes, Human Resources Manager (6:11-7:13)

1. COUNCIL MEETING (Session No. 043)

- 1.1 Call to Order at 6:11 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 - None.

2. Delegations/Deputations:

- 2.1 A presentation by Jamie Petrin and Peggy Loyie on behalf of the Fort Frances Homelessness Committee re: request representation was received by Council. Members of Council had the opportunity to ask questions and obtain further clarification.
- 412 Behan - Judson: THAT the presentation by Jamie Petrin and Peggy Loyie on behalf of the Fort Frances Homelessness Committee be received with thanks.

CARRIED

- 2.2 A presentation by Sarah & Paul Noonan on behalf of La Place Rendezvous re: Development at Shevlin Woodyard was received by Council. Members of Council had the opportunity to ask questions and obtain further clarification.

- 413 Judson - Hallikas: THAT the presentation by Sarah & Paul Noonan on behalf of La Place Rendezvous re: Development at Shevlin Woodyard be received with thanks.

CARRIED

3. Consent Agenda:

- 3.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole

- 414 Brunetta - Behan: THAT the following Consent items be approved:
 - 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 5.1, 5.2, ~~5.3~~, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7.
 - 2) Council Consent item # 3.2.

CARRIED

- 3.2 Letter dated June 12, 202 from K. Trimble re: Resignation from Downtown BIA Board - will be received with thanks for contribution.

4. Approval of Council Minutes: *

4.1 Session No. 042 dated June 8, 2020

- 415 Wiedenhoeft - Brunetta: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Session Nos. 042 dated June 8, 2020 having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: *

5.1 Session No. 043 dated June 8, 2020

- 416 Hallikas - Behan: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being Session No. 043 dated June 8, 2020 having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

6. Resolutions from tonight's Committee meeting

6.1 Council considered the following items:

- 417 Hallikas - Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated June 15, 2020 from A. Bisson, Recreation & Culture Manager re: Owandem Storage be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee with input from the Manager of Operations & Facilities to have the boat moved back to Town property and placed on timbers in the public works yard.

CARRIED

- 418 Hallikas - Judson: THAT the report dated June 18, 2020 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: BIA 2020 Budget and Tax Rates be approved to approve the 2020 BIA Budget and authorize that a by-law setting the 2020 BIA tax rates, levy and collection be brought forward later at tonight's Council meeting.

CARRIED

- 419 McTaggart - Hallikas: THAT the report dated June 17, 2020 from T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities re: Information on Ontario's Transition to Full Producer Responsibility of Blue Box Recycling be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee that the updated resolution on Transition to Full Producer Responsibility be passed by Council.

CARRIED

- 420 Judson - Hallikas: WHEREAS the Town of Fort Frances is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products; AND WHEREAS the Town of Fort Frances is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Fort Frances strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces. AND THAT any questions regarding this resolution can be directed to Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities trob@fortfrances.ca at (807)274-9893. AND FURTHER THAT the resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

CARRIED

- 421 Wiedenhoeft - Judson: THAT the report dated June 18, 2020 from D. Brown, CAO re: Waiving of Event Rental Fees for the Rainy Lake Square for Local Restaurant and Bar Establishments be received and further that Council approves waiving the rental fees for the Rainy Lake Square for local food service establishments during the COVID-19 emergency.

CARRIED

7. By-Laws:

- 7.1 By-law 09/15-E being a by-law to authorize an extension to a license agreement with the Minister of Government and Consumer Services for purposes of leasing storage space at the airport garage.

- 422 Hallikas - Brunetta: 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:

- 09/15-E being a by-law to authorize an extension to a license agreement with the Minister of Government and Consumer Services for purposes of leasing storage space at the airport garage
- 30/20 being a by-law to authorize the signing of a collective agreement with the Fort Frances Professional Firefighters Association
- 31/20 being a by-law to authorize the levying and collection of a special charge of taxes upon the Business Improvement Area as provided in the Municipal Act, 2001

CARRIED

- 7.2 By-law 30/20 being a by-law to authorize the signing of a collective agreement with the Fort Frances Professional Firefighters Association.

- 7.3 By-law 31/20 being a by-law to authorize the levying and collection of a special charge of taxes upon the Business Improvement Area as provided in the Municipal Act, 2001.

8. Information Correspondence:

The following two items were received.

- 8.1 Town of Orangeville re: Request support for Resolution

- 8.2 Email from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: File #59-T-201228 - Rice Bay, Rainy Lake, Watten Township, Rainy River District (Notice - Application for Plan of Subdivision)

9. Minutes:

The following five items were received.

- 9.1 Community Services Executive Committee - June 1, 2020

- 9.2 Administration & Finance Executive Committee - June 2, 2020

- 9.3 Operations & Facilities Executive Committee - June 3, 2020

- 9.4 Fort Frances Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation - 2019 minutes (March, June, September and December)

- 9.5 Downtown BIA - March 10, 2020

10. Non-agenda Items - None.

11. In-Camera at 7:13 p.m.

- 11.1 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board: Expression of Interest
(7:13-8:10 p.m.)

R. Wright, Kiwanis, A. Bisson, Recreation & Culture Manager, D. Brown, CAO and E. Slomke, Clerk joined Council virtually.

- A. Bisson provided a summary of the process followed.
- R. Wright explained Kiwanis' participation and support.
- A lengthy discussion took place.

Council supported tabling this matter until the July 13th meeting in order to acquire additional information from the Town Solicitor.

- 423 Hallikas - Behan: THAT Council now meet in-camera in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; more specifically Item 11.1 Expression of Interest

CARRIED

12. Public Session Resumes in Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- 13.1 The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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

CARRIED

J. Caul, Mayor

E. Slomke, Clerk