

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

Police Services Board

AGENDA - December 18, 2020, 8:30 AM

MEETING - Civic Centre and virtually

Session # 8

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1. **Call to Order**
 - 1.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair
2. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof**
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8. **Adjournment**

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. 7

November 27, 2020

The meeting of Police Services Board of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room and Virtually via Teams on November 27, 2020 from 8:31 a.m. p.m. to 10:03 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J. McTaggart, Chairperson, Mayor J. Caul, Linda Hamilton, Gary Rogozinski

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander; Staff Sgt. D. McLean; E. Slomke, Clerk and K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary

1. **Call to Order - 8:31 a.m.**
2. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - no matters identified**
3. **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 Session No. 7 dated November 27, 2020.

30/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Police Services Board approve the November 27, 2020 agenda as prepared.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

4.1 Session No. 6 dated October 30, 2020.

31/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the minutes of the Board meeting being Session No. 6 dated October 30, 2020 having been typed and distributed to members now be approved.

CARRIED

5. New Business

- 5.1 Detachment Commander's Report - Reporting on October 2020. (please find attached).
 - Inspector N. Schmidt provided an overview of his report. He provided information respecting staffing levels and recruitment efforts. He provided an update on the Mobile Crisis Response Team program. Inspector Schmidt advised that some of his officers will be attending the virtual funeral services for Constable Marc Hovingh who was killed in the line of duty on Manitoulin Island. They will attend at the OPP Detachment. The Board Chair offered condolences on behalf of the Board. Inspector Schmidt advised that the annual "Stuff a Cruiser" campaign would be taking place on Saturday. The OPP will be set up outside Wal-Mart this year. Safety protocols will be in place.

32/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board receive the October 2020 Detachment Commander's report as presented by Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander, Rainy River District O.P.P. CARRIED

5.2 Request from Mayor J. Caul - Concentrated Foot Patrols.

Mayor Caul advised that she has been approached by individuals who had felt threatened by persons in the downtown, including the Rainy Lake Square. She requested that concentrated foot patrols by officers be reinstated. She felt that owners and shoppers would feel more secure with a physical presence from the OPP. Inspector Schmidt and Staff Sgt. McLean advised that a dedicated focused patrol has been undertaken and will take place from November 15th thru Christmas. This initiative will be re-evaluated after Christmas. Officers will talk to retail owners and a media release will be generated.

5.3 Request for input from the Solicitor General - A review of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Transfer Payment (TP) Program.

- Inspector N. Schmidt advised he will be providing input with respect to this program.

6. Standing Items

6.1 Provincial Appointments to the Fort Frances Police Services Board. - nothing to report.

6.2 Special Constables Update.

- Inspector Schmidt advised that the training for one of the special constables will have to be rescheduled with the next training session scheduled for some time in the spring. The detachment will not have to re-allocate an officer for court services for the 6 weeks the special constable would have been absent. The special constables have completed some training locally but will still be required to attend the spring session. They have been sworn in and are able to work in the interim.

7. Next Meeting Date - December 18, 2020

8. Adjournment

8.1 The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

33/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT this meeting of the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board be now closed.

CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Secretary



2021 OAPSB MEMBERSHIP

2021 Membership Dues

Voting Members (Police Services Boards)

Force Size	Membership Dues	HST	Total
1-10	CAD 699.38	CAD 90.92	CAD 790.30
11-30	CAD 1,193.20	CAD 155.12	CAD 1,348.31
31-50	CAD 1,454.24	CAD 189.05	CAD 1,643.30
51-100	CAD 3,050.96	CAD 396.63	CAD 3,447.59
101-200	CAD 4,449.73	CAD 578.46	CAD 5,028.19
201-300	CAD 5,142.59	CAD 668.54	CAD 5,811.12
Over 300	CAD 5,836.52	CAD 758.75	CAD 6,595.27

***Force size includes all paid employees - sworn officers, civilian & special constables**

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Event Registration

Membership Category:

Subtotal:

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Payment Options

Summary

Discount Code:

Discount:	\$0.00
Subtotal:	\$0.00
HST 13%:	\$0.00
Total (CAD):	\$0.00

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December 9, 2020

Mayor and Members of Council:

Please accept this letter as a request for assistance in developing Fort Frances into a destination for winter recreational activities. Kindly review our overall mission followed by a specific request to amend local by-laws.

In a year where tourism has been mostly obsolete, we believe there is opportunity to lay some ground work in establishing our community as a popular winter destination featuring various recreational activities. We believe our residents would appreciate improved access to healthy, family-friendly recreational activities such as snowmobiling, ice fishing and cross-country skiing. Local businesses and employees within our district can benefit from welcoming more tourists here during the slower winter season.

Many local snowmobile riders will not have the option to ride the popular US trails this winter and as a result the local trail permits have sold very well. This gives us an opportunity to showcase our offerings to locals. Based on feedback, some of the amenities the US trail system has to offer is the low cost of trail passes, well-groomed trails, and great accessibility to restaurants to stop for a break or a bite to eat.

Although we have no ability to influence the provincially regulated prices of trail permits in our district, we would like to explore some amendments to our bylaws that would allow more freedom to drive within town to access needed and wanted amenities and services. Connecting our beautiful trails to our local economy is a key step in establishing Fort Frances as a snowmobiling destination and would give more options for riders to dine, shop, visit and plan a vacation (or 'staycation') based around their snowmobiling hobby.

We have gained support with other local stakeholders in which we will continue to build on this initiative. The Borderland Snowmobile Club, Go Local Fort Frances, RRFDC, MAT Committee, and many businesses have offered support. New signage on trails, a winter tourism focused website, and digital marketing campaign are being explored and will likely to go live in January. Expansion to ice-fishing and cross-country skiing experiences are offerings to follow on this winter tourism initiative.

We seek support from the Town in this initiative and their guidance in improving access in a safe manner through consultation with the necessary parties. Thank you for considering our request to amend local bylaws to improve access within town. We believe this improved experience will keep local riders local and draw regional riders to our town.

Thank you,

Sarah Noonan – La Place Rendez-Vous, Dale Fortes – Boston Pizza

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. 66/90

(Being a by-law to regulate the use of motorized snow vehicles within the Town of Fort Frances. The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, Chapter 301, R.S.O. 1980.)

WHEREAS the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws regulating, governing or prohibiting the operation of motorized snow vehicles within the municipality including any highways therein or any part or parts thereof;

AND WHEREAS the Sunset Country Snowmobile Club has requested Council to provide for access routes for motorized snow vehicles within the limits of the Town;

AND WHEREAS the said Club has committed itself and its membership to the observance of certain restrictions, and general rules of conduct while operating their snow machines inside the Town limits and to provide the Town with certain resources necessary for effective policing of observance of the provisions of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS by resolution passed September 10th, 1990, Council approved in principle the concept of snowmobile access routes in the Town of Fort Frances and called for the preparation of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed advisable and expedient to prohibit the driving of motorized snow vehicles upon all pedestrian ways and upon certain streets and lanes in the Town of Fort Frances;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

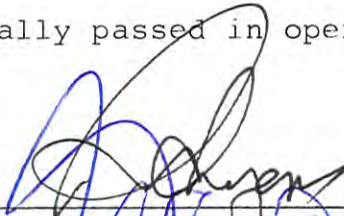
1. Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 5/71 and amendments thereto are hereby repealed.
2. In this by-law:
 - a) "Highway" means a highway as defined in The Highway Traffic Act and includes a street or lane.
 - b) "Motorized Snow Vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle designed to be driven primarily on snow or ice or both, or on wheels upon proper conversion from skis to wheels.
 - c) "Public property" means a property owned, maintained or made available by lease, agreement or otherwise, to:
 - 1) The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances or any of its Boards, Commission or Committees;
 - 2) The Fort Frances-Rainy River Divisional Board of Education,; and
 - 3) The Fort Frances-Rainy River District Roman Catholic Separate School Board;including any and all parks, riverfront boulevards, gardens, lawns, athletic fields, playgrounds, playlots, recreational areas/centres, established cross country ski trails, squares, utility stations or sub-stations, school grounds, boulevards, sidewalks and walkways, but does not include municipal land fronting on Eighth Street, immediately north of the Day Care facility site, and designated snow machine crossings along established cross country ski trails.
 - d) "Regulations" means regulations made under The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act.
 - e) "Town" means the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances.
3. No person under the full age of sixteen years shall drive a motorized snow vehicle within the limits of Town.

4. No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle along or upon any public property, pathway, or foot path used by or set apart for the use of pedestrians and forming part of any highway or bridge, boulevard, or other means of public communication within the Town.
5. No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle on the following highways in Town other than for the purpose of crossing at intersections with permitted highways:
 - King's Highway;
 - Second Street East;
 - Scott Street.
6. No person shall operate a motorized snow vehicle in the Town at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) kilometres per hour (15 mph).
7. Except as provided in Section 8., no person shall operate a motorized snow vehicle in the Town unless the operation of the said vehicle is for the purpose of proceeding to or returning from a point located outside the corporate limits of the Town.
8. The driving of a motorized snow vehicle shall not be deemed to be in violation of Section 7. of this by-law under the following conditions:
 - a) While engaged in the actual act of loading or unloading a motorized snow vehicle on or from a vehicle or trailer to be used for transporting the motorized snow vehicle.
 - b) While being driven for purposes of demonstration or repairs on premises owned or rented by a sales or service establishment which is in possession of a current valid Vendor's Permit for the collection of Ontario Provincial Sales Tax.
 - c) While running the engine for repair purposes provided that the motorized snow vehicle remains stationary.
 - d) That in the event of an emergency weather situation, the Mayor or Deputy Mayor may waive the provisions of this by-law upon giving proper notice to its residents and also to reinstate and again enforce the provisions of this by-law once such emergency weather situation ceases to exist.
9. No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle within the limits of the Town unless it is equipped with lights, both front and rear, and the lights are in the switched on mode.
10. All motorized snow vehicles shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise or excessive smoke, and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, by-pass, or similar device upon a motorized snow vehicle.
11. It is recommended that any motorized snow vehicle to be operated upon a highway within the Town be equipped with a red fluorescent safety flag attached to the rear of the motorized snow vehicle in such fashion that it is clearly visible not less than 1.5 metres (60") above ground level.
12. No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle within the corporate limits of the Town during the hours as set out on Schedule "A" to this by-law, commencing with the time shown in column two and ending with the time shown in column three on the respective days shown in column one of said Schedule "A".
13. Every owner and operator of a motorized snow vehicle shall comply with the provisions of the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act and regulations thereto, and as well any other relevant Provincial statutes and regulations, as may be amended from time to time.


14. Failure by the Sunset Country Snowmobile Club or its members to honour its commitments to the Town as set out in Schedule "B" to this by-law or abide by the restrictive provisions of this by-law shall be sufficient cause for Council, on notice by regular mail to said Club at its address of record, to repeal this by-law at any time during the period identified in Section 15. below.
15. The provisions of this by-law shall be in effect on a probationary basis for a period from date of passing hereof to September 24th, 1991.
16. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction may be subject to a penalty not exceeding (exclusive of costs), the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each offence and such penalty shall be recoverable under the provisions of The Provincial Offences Act.

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

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 24th day of September 1990.



MAYOR



CLERK

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

By-Law No. 66/90

Schedule "A"

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>
Sunday (morning)	1:00 A.M.	6:00 A.M.
Sunday (night)	11:00 P.M.	Midnight
Monday to Thursday inclusive (morning)	Midnight	6:00 A.M.
Monday to Thursday inclusive (night)	11:00 P.M.	Midnight
Friday (morning)	Midnight	6:00 A.M.
Saturday (morning)	1:00 A.M.	6:00 A.M.

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. 66/90-A

(Being a by-law to amend By-Law 66/90, a by-law to provide for snowmobile access routes within the Town of Fort Frances.)

The Council for the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances HEREBY ENACTS as follows:-

1. That Section 5 of By-Law 66/90 be amended by the addition of the following:

"Home Street from Armit Avenue easterly to the CNR right of way

Sinclair Street from Victoria Avenue to Armit Avenue

Victoria Avenue from Sinclair Street to Front Street

Front Street from Victoria Avenue to Armit Avenue."

2. That Section 6 of By-Law 66/90 be amended as follows:

by the deletion of "twenty-five" (25)"

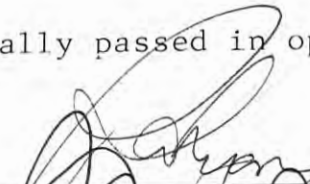
and substituting therefore "twenty (20)"

3. That By-Law 66/90 be amended by the addition of the following section:

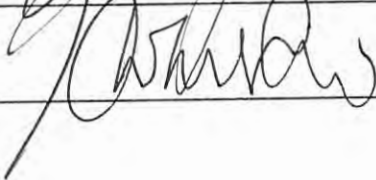
"17. That in order to permit effective enforcement of the provisions of this by-law, police officers and by-law enforcement officers of the Town of Fort Frances, while in the performance of their duties, be exempt from the provisions of this by-law."

This by-law shall come into full force on final passing.

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 26th day of November 1990.



MAYOR



CLERK

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. 66/90-B

(being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 66/90, a by-law to provide for snowmobile access routes within the Town of Fort Frances.)

WHEREAS by resolution passed April 22, 1991, council approved an extension of one year to the provisions of the snowmobile by-law;

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances HEREBY ENACTS as follows:-

1. That Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 66/90 be amended as follows:
 - a) by the addition of the following section:

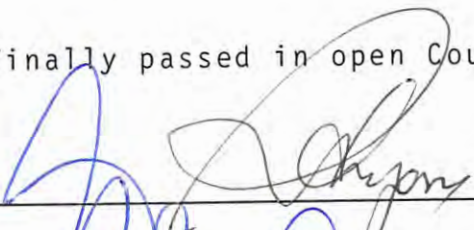
"12.a) No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle within the corporate limits of the Town until such time as the Chief of Police has officially proclaimed the current season for operation of snow vehicles to have commenced. The Chief of Police shall make said proclamation in each year that this by-law is in force.
 - b) by the deletion of Section 15 which reads as follows:

"15. The provisions of this by-law shall be in effect on a probationary basis for a period from date of passing hereof to September 24th, 1991."
 - c) by the subsequent re-enactment of Section 15. which shall read as follows:

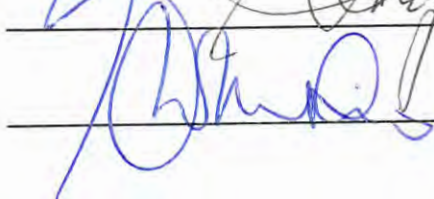
"15. The provisions of this by-law shall be in effect on a probationary basis for a period from date of passing hereof to September 24th, 1992."

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

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 27th day of May 1991.



MAYOR



CLERK

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. 66/90-C

(Being a by-law to re-enact Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 66/90, as amended, a by-law to provide for snowmobile access routes within the Town of Fort Frances - The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, c. M.44, R.S.O. 1990.)

WHEREAS by resolution passed October 13th, 1992, Council directed that a by-law be prepared to extend the provisions for snowmobile access routes within the Town of Fort Frances;

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances **HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:

1. That Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 66/90, as amended, be re-enacted with the exception of Section 15.
2. That Section 15 of Town of Fort Frances By-law No. 66/90 be re-enacted as follows:

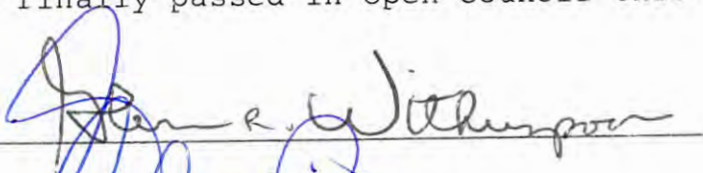
"15. The provisions of this by-law shall be in effect on a probationary basis for a period from date of passing hereof to October 25, 1993."

3. That Section 5 of Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 66/90, as amended, be further amended by the addition of the following:

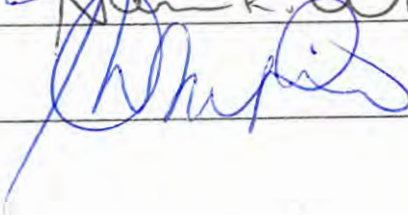
"Eighth Street East from Christie Avenue easterly to the CNR right-of-way."

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

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 26th day of October 1992.



MAYOR



CLERK

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. 66/90-D

(Being a by-law to further amend Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 66/90, a by-law to provide for snowmobile access routes within the Town of Fort Frances - The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, c. M.44, R.S.O. 1990.)

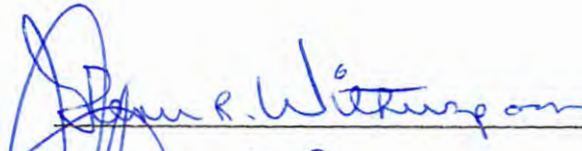
WHEREAS by resolution passed October 12, 1993 Council directed that a by-law be prepared to extend indefinitely the provisions for snowmobile access routes within the Town of Fort Frances:

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances HEREBY ENACTS as follows:-

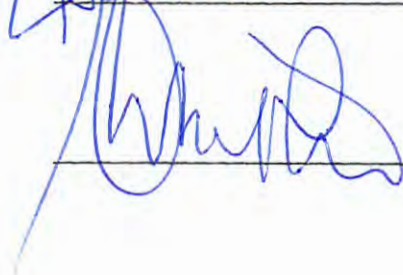
1. That the Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 66/90, as amended, be now further amended by the deletion of Section 15.

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

READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED in open Council this 12th day of October, 1993.



Mayor



Clerk

SUNSET COUNTRY SNOWMOBILE CLUB

BY-LAW NO. 66/90

SCHEDULE "B"

September 21, 1990

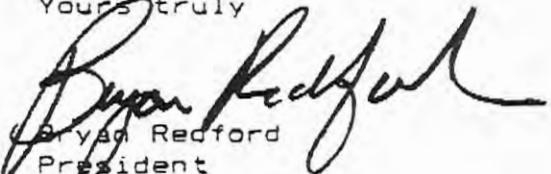
Dear Mayor Lyons:

This letter will confirm the Sunset Country Snowmobile Club's support for the amended bylaw. We would also like to indicate our members intent to assist in the continual monitoring of the bylaw, provide recognized safety education programs to our community commencing this fall and assist the Town with enforcement efforts.

In addition the Club will make available upon request of Council, a snowmobile during the upcoming year for the Town's use should this become necessary.

I trust that efforts such as these indicate our commitment to work for the success of this bylaw with the result being not only enhanced recreational opportunities for citizens but also positive economic benefits through increased winter tourism.

Yours truly



Bryan Redford
President

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. 66/90-E

(Being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 66/90, the Motorized Snow Vehicle By-Law - the *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 44.)

WHEREAS on September 24th, 1990, Council enacted By-Law No. 66/90 to regulate the use of motorized snow vehicles within the Town of Fort Frances,

AND WHEREAS on February 12th, 2007, Council approved a recommendation from the Planning and Development Executive Committee to amend By-Law No. 66/90 with respect to the commencement of each season on proclamation by the Chief of Police, and to correct the names of the School Boards referred to therein.

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. That Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 66/90, (the Motorized Snow Vehicle By-Law) be amended as follows:

- a) by the deletion of section 12 a).

- b) in paragraph c) of section 2., by the deletion of item 2) and subsequent replacement of item 2) with the following:

“The Rainy River District School Board; and”

- c) In paragraph c) of section 2., by the deletion of item 3) and subsequent replacement of item 3) with the following:

“The Northwest Catholic District School Board;”

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

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 12th day of March 2007.



Mayor



Clerk

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. 66/90-F

(Being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 66/90 regarding the use of motorized snow vehicles within the Town of Fort Frances, the *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.44.)

WHEREAS on November 24, 2008 Council approved a recommendation from the Planning and Development Executive Committee to add certain emergency services personnel to those being exempt from the provisions of By-Law 66/90 while in the performance of their duties;

AND WHEREAS certain references in By-Law 66/90 to Ontario Statutes require updating.

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances HEREBY ENACTS as follows:-

1. That Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 66/90 as amended be now further amended as follows:
 - 1) The authority for enactment of By-Law No. 66/90 is the *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 44 as may be amended from time to time.
 - 2) That section 17 be rescinded and replaced with the following section 17:

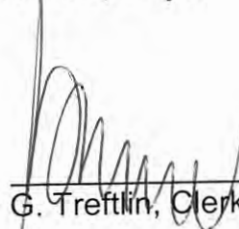
“That municipal by-law enforcement officers, police officers, fire/rescue personnel and primary care paramedics (ambulance attendants) are exempt from the provisions of this by-law while in the performance of their official duties.”

This by-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 26th day of January 2009.



R. Avis, Mayor



G. Treftlin, Clerk