

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 004

FEBRUARY 8, 2010

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, February 8, 2010 from 8:10 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, K. Perry, A Hallikas, G. Paul Ryan and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; D. Brown, Manager, Operations & Facilities; L. Witherspoon, Treasurer.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members:
 - 1) Councillor Albanese on agenda item #16 stating the claim for per diem and travel expenses claim was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 2) Councillor Perry on agenda item #18 stating the claim for per diem and travel expenses claim was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 3) Councillor Hallikas on agenda item #17 stating the claim for per diem and travel expenses claim was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 4) Councillor Ryan on agenda item #5 stating a family member is employed at Fort Frances Clinic; on agenda item #19 stating the claim for per diem and travel expense was his; and on agenda item #52 stating he occasionally contracts with the company. Councillor Ryan did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on any of these matters.
 - 5) Councillor Wiedenhoeft on agenda item #20 stating the claim for per idem and travel expenses claim was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
2. Verbal communications:
 - 1) Meghan Haehn, Town of Fort Frances PSAB Coordinator provided an update on the Public Sector Accounting Board Project.
 - 2) Allan Bedard presented Council with concerns and questions set out in a letter authored by B. Krukoski and him regarding health care services, Fort Frances Clinic and physician recruitment in Fort Frances.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Non Agenda item:
 - 1) By-Law 11/10.
5. Resolutions:
 - 038 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the provisions of the Procedure By-Law be suspended to allow this meeting to start post 7:30 p.m. CARRIED
 - 039 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the presentation from Meghan Haehn, Town of Fort Frances PSAB Coordinator re: Public Sector Accounting Board Project Update be received. CARRIED

- 040 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the presentation from A. Bedard re: Fort Frances Clinic be received. CARRIED
- 041 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following Consent items be approved:
- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items #9,10,11,12,13 and 15
 - 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 37
 - 3) Council Consent items #39,40,41,42 and 43. CARRIED
- 9) authorized submission of an application to the Trillium Foundation in the amount of \$145,000. to complete necessary remedial repairs to the Sunny Cove Camp.
 - 10) approved Airport lease renewal agreements for terminal space and parking lot services with North Air Services, Ivey Aviation Ltd., Bearskin Airlines and Enterprise-Rent-A-Car.
 - 11) approved that certain sidewalks along the 700 and 900 blocks of Portage Avenue remain as is; and that homeowners abutting this section of sidewalk be notified that sections will be removed and replaced to allow for installation of sewer and water services lines to their property line.
 - 12) approved a Geospatial Data sharing Agreement with Hynde Paul Planners.
 - 13) approved the write off of uncollectable accounts receivable in the amount of \$2,840.05.
 - 15) received Minutes of Settlement – Request for Reconsideration re: 420 Mowat Avenue.
 - 39) referred a financial request from Rainy River Valley Safety Coalition re: 2009-2010 per capita funding to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 40) referred a financial request from T. Nordin re: Competition expenses for the 2010 Dominion of Canada Northern Ontario Men's Provincial Championship to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 41) referred a financial request from Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board re: New Tenants Welcome Package to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 42) referred a financial request from Rainy River District Music Festival Association re: 70th Festival of the Performing Arts – April 2010 to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 43) referred a financial request from Community Broadcasting Services re: March Break Child Safety Program Ads to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 042 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 2 dated January 25, 2010 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 043 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being Session No. 4 dated January 25, 2010 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 044 Albanese-Hallikas: THAT the presentation from R. Zanette re: Condo Development be received. CARRIED
- 045 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the matter of potential condominium development proceed as directed. CARRIED

- 046 Albanese-Hallikas: THAT the correspondence dated February 1, 2010 from Dr. M. Elaine Spencer, President Nelson Medicine Professional Corporation and from Dr. Jason A. Shack be received and further that the matter proceed as directed.
CARRIED
- 047 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the correspondence dated February 4, 2010 from Derksen Professional Corporation re: Fort Frances Clinic be received and that the matter proceed as directed.
CARRIED
- 048 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the report dated February 4, 2010 from G. Treftlin, Clerk re: iCompass Technologies Inc. Services Agreement be approved and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared.
CARRIED
- 049 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the offer to purchase dated February 5, 2010 from Walter H. Cunningham re: municipal property at 319 Third Street West be accepted, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the offer to purchase on behalf of the Town and that the appropriate authorizing by-law be prepared.
CARRIED
- 050 Perry-Albanese: THAT the report dated February 2, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Fort Frances Junior Lakers' Financial Request be approved.
DEFEATED
- 051 Albanese – Hallikas: THAT the report dated February 2, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Paul Ryan – Travel Expense and Per Diem Claims be approved.
CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: P. Ryan
- 052 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the report dated February 2, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Ken Perry – Travel Expense and Per Diem Claims be approved.
CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: K. Perry
- 053 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated February 2, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Andrew Hallikas – Travel Expense and Per Diem Claims be approved.
CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: A. Hallikas
- 054 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated February 2, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor John Albanese – Travel Expense and Per Diem Claims be approved.
CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: J. Albanese
- 055 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the report dated February 2, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft – Travel Expense and Per Diem Claims be approved.
CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: R. Wiedenhoeft
- 056 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: THAT the request dated January 19, 2010 from the Fort Frances Lakers be approved.
CARRIED
- 057 Albanese-Hallikas: THAT the report dated February 3, 2010 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Council Remuneration be approved and further that one third of Council remuneration continue to be deemed to offset expenses incident to the discharge of duties as members of Council. CARRIED

- 058 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the report dated February 4, 2010 from D. Brown, Manager Operations and Facilities re: Report No. 3 – Establishing Water and Sewer Rates be approved. CARRIED
Yea: R. Avis, J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, P. Ryan, R. Wiedenhoeft
Nay: K. Perry
- 059 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: 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:
- 02/10 A By-Law for the purpose of fixing remuneration and benefits for elected officials.
- 06/10 A By-Law to authorize the execution of a letter of understanding with CUPE.
- 07/10 A By-Law to authorize a license agreement for purposes of utilization of the Town's geospatial data with Hynde Paul Planners.
- 08/10 A By-Law to authorize a lease with respect to certain municipal property at 501 Sixth Street West.
- 10/10 A By-Law to approve an agreement with iCompass Technologies Inc. for CivicWeb web hosted application services. CARRIED
- 060 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: THAT By-Law No. 81/09-A, being a By-Law to impose water and sewer user fees in 2010 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. CARRIED
Yea: R. Avis, J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, P. Ryan, R. Wiedenhoeft
Nay: K. Perry
- 061 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT By-Law No. 09/10, being a By-Law to authorize an agreement with Tom Veert Contracting Ltd. granting conditional extension into 2010 of terms of tender 09-OF-02 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. CARRIED
Yea: R. Avis, J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, R. Wiedenhoeft
Nay: K. Perry
Disclosure of Interest: P. Ryan
- 062 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT as requested January 25, 2010 by Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, the Energy Resolution as passed by the NOMA Board of Directors at their January 2010 meeting be supported. CARRIED
- 063 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the Break Open Ticket Licence Application from Riverside Foundation for Health Care at LaVerendrye Hospital - (Lobby) from February 10, 2010 to August 9, 2010 be approved and further that a Break Open Ticket Lottery License be issued on condition that provincial rules and regulations are met. CARRIED
- 064 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT By-Law 11/10, being a by-law to authorize the sale of certain land and building to Walter H. Cunningham 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. CARRIED

- 065 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances
be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk