

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 051

August 13, 2012

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, August 13, 2012 from 7:32 p.m. to 7:52 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator and G. Treftlin, Clerk.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members:
 - 1) Councillor J. Albanese on Committee of the Whole agenda item #8.1 stating the claim for travel expense and per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
2. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
3. Non agenda items:
 - 1) Request from NOMA for resolution re: suspension of project to convert Thunder Bay G.S. to gas fired from coal fired.
 - 2) Invitation from Assisted Living Action Group to Mayor Avis to attend a strategic planning workshop.
4. Resolutions:

684 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

 - 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4.
 - 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 2.1
 - 3) Council Consent item # 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6.
 - 7.1 approved amending the records retention by-law for purposes of updating the schedule of records retention periods.
 - 7.2 approved a donation to the Watten Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$200.00 and further that it be noted that the Town of Fort Frances Fire Department attends fire emergencies in all Town owned buildings, including those outside of Town limits.
 - 7.3 approved supporting the Municipality of Durham endorsement of recommendations contained in the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards' White Paper, "Provincial Offences Act – Unpaid Fines" and their request that the Province of Ontario take immediate action to begin implementation of recommendations for fine collections and enforcement.
 - 7.4 approved receiving the Minutes of Settlement – Requests for Reconsideration re: 840 Fifth Street West (2012).
 - 2.3 proclaimed "October is Lupus Awareness Month".
 - 2.4 referred a letter of concern from L. Brown re: Accessibility Issues at the Memorial Sports Centre to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 2.5 referred a letter from A. Anderson re: Bill of Daycare Services to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 2.6 approved a request from LaVerendrye General Hospital Auxiliary re: Amendment to Lottery Licence M538394.

685 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 50 dated July 23, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

- 686 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being sessions No. 63 and 64 dated July 23 and 30, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 687 Perry-Albanese: That the oral update from W. Derksen, Solicitor re: Multiplicities of Litigation be received and that the matter proceed as directed. CARRIED
- 688 Albanese-Perry: THAT the letter dated August 9th, 2012 from Derksen Professional Corporation re: Skypower be received. CARRIED
Yea: A. Hallikas, K. Perry, P. Ryan, S. Tibbs
Nay: R. Avis, J. Albanese
- 689 Albanese-Perry: THAT the report dated August 13, 2012 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: SkyPower Limited – Amended and Restated Option Agreement re: 1003 Frog Creek Rd. be approved on condition and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared. CARRIED
Yea: A. Hallikas, K. Perry, P. Ryan, S. Tibbs
Nay: R. Avis, J. Albanese
- 690 Perry-Albanese: THAT the report dated August 3, 2012 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Options for Development & Disposition of Residential Building Lots be received and the matter proceed as directed. CARRIED
- 691 Perry-Albanese: THAT the letter received July 30, 2012 from Kerry Zucchiatti re parcel of land Plan SM141, Block K, Parcel K-1 be referred to the Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation with input from the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee. CARRIED
- 692 Perry-Hallikas: THAT the report dated August 8, 2012 from D. Scofield, Deputy Treasurer re: Councillor John Albanese – “Meet & Greet District FedNor Manager” - Travel & Per Diem be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: J. Albanese
- 693 Albanese-Perry: THAT the report dated July 26, 2012 from J. Kabel re: Museum and Technology Fund be approved. CARRIED
- 694 Albanese-Perry: THAT the report dated July 25, 2012 from D. Brown, Manager Operations and Facilities re: Tender 12-OF-10 – Renovations to the Riverview Cemetery Maintenance Garage be approved and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared. CARRIED
- 695 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the following by-law 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:
- 06/06-F A by-law to amend the retention periods for documents and records of the Town of Fort Frances. CARRIED
- 696 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT By-Law No. 41/10-C being a by-law to approve an amendment to an option to purchase agreement with CopperLight LP by its general partner 2246086 Ontario Corp., as assignee of SkyPower Limited 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: A. Hallikas, K. Perry, P. Ryan, S. Tibbs
Nay: R. Avis, J. Albanese

697 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the request dated July 18, 2012 from Monte McNaughton, MPP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex re his private member's Bill 76, an *Act to Amend the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Act of 1999* be received.

698 Albanese-Perry: WHEREAS the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has recently announced the suspension of their project to convert the Thunder Bay Generating Station from coal to natural gas until a power purchase agreement is finalized with Ontario Power Authority (OPA),

AND WHEREAS the Thunder Bay plant's full generating capability is required for the economic prosperity of Northwestern Ontario and the City of Thunder Bay,

AND WHEREAS a drought from low snowfall in the winter of 2014/15 and low spring rainfalls would seriously impair the ability of the existing hydro system to supply to the current level our demand at that time for electrical power,

AND WHEREAS supplying our area with power by long distance transmission is not a viable option under several power system related scenarios,

AND WHEREAS the date for the end of coal use for power plants in Ontario has been set for December 31, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Town of Fort Frances hereby requests the Minister of Energy to direct the OPA to immediately finalize a power purchase agreement with OPG so that the timely conversion of the Thunder Bay GS is completed to meet production requirements by January 1, 2015.

AND FURTHER that the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and local M.P.P.'s be advised of this resolution. CARRIED

699 Albanese-Perry: THAT the invitation dated August 7, 2012 from I. Simpson, Assisted Living Action Group re: Strategic Planning Workshop, October 3, 2012 be received and further that the following be authorized to attend: Councillor A. Hallikas. CARRIED

700 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk