

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 046

MAY 28, 2012

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, May 28, 2012 from 6:36 p.m. to 7:46 p.m.

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

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

1. Verbal communications:

- 1) Wendell Stevens, representing the Seniors, Retirees Against Pension and Elder Abuse spoke to Council on the appeal before the Assessment Review Board by Resolute Forest Products Ltd.
- 2) A. Bedard representing Seniors Retirees Against Pension and Elder Abuse spoke to Council about Government Cuts to Old Age Supplement and the Change in the Pension Legislation and A Protective Workers Rights Bill.

2. Written communications as per the agenda attached.

3. Non-agenda item:

- 1) M. Haukaas presented Council with a petition and spoke on the replacement of curb on Third Street East 300 block.

4. Resolutions:

- 600 Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT the presentation from Seniors Retirees Against Pension and Elder Abuse, as represented by W. Stevens re: Resolute Forest Products Ltd. tax download onto the ratepayers in Fort Frances be received. CARRIED
- 601 Wiedenhoef-Albanese: THAT the presentation from Seniors Retirees Against Pension & Elder Abuse, as represented by A. Bedard re: Government Budget Cuts to OAS (Old Age Supplement) be received. CARRIED
- 602 Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT the presentation from Seniors Against Pension & Elder Abuse, as represented by A. Bedard re: Change in Pension Legislation & a Protective Worker's Rights Bill be received. CARRIED
- 603 Wiedenhoef-Albanese: THAT the matter of the design of the 300 Block, Third Street East having been previously decided now be reconsidered. CARRIED
- 604 Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT the presentation and petition from Melvin Haukaas re: 300 Block Third Street East Curbing Replacement be received. CARRIED
- 605 Wiedenhoef-Albanese: THAT the following Consent items be approved:
- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items #7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9 and 7.11.
 - 2) Council Consent Summary Report #3.1
 - 3) Council Consent items 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6.
- 7.1 approved awarding Phase One (2012 Work) re: Tender No. 12-OF-01 – 2012 Road Reconstruction and Watermain Replacement to Makkinga Contracting at an estimated cost of \$801,341.76 including hst.

- 7.2 approved awarding Tender 12-OF-02 – Portage Avenue Underpass Pumpstation Modifications to Makkinga Contracting at an estimated cost of \$423,987.30 including hst.
 - 7.4 denied a request from Rainy River Standard Condominium Corp. No. 1 to plant trees on Town Right of Way along Crowe Avenue.
 - 7.5 approved a funding application from the Sister Kennedy Board of Management with New Horizons for Seniors Program re: purchase of a van for the Sister Kennedy Centre.
 - 7.6 approved the sale and disposal of certain items recommended in the report from Community Services Executive Committee re: 2012 Surplus Assets Sale.
 - 7.7 approved acceptance of the Child Care Service Auditor's Report on Compliance for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 from BDO Canada LLP and further approved payment of their invoice in the amount of \$1,625.00 plus hst.
 - 7.8 approved the 2012 BIA Budget and subsequent by-law setting the 2012 BIA tax rates.
 - 7.9 received only the financial request from the Steering Committee for the Mayors Coalition for Affordable, Sustainable and Accountable Policing.
 - 7.11 approved a Dress Code Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Workplace Harassment and Violence Policy.
 - 3.3 approved a Break Open Ticket Licence Application from LaVerendrye General Hospital Auxiliary at Sunset Schmiddy's –272 Scott Street from May 16 to November 1, 2012.
 - .3.4 referred a financial request from Town of Atikokan re: Funding for advancement of development of a regional tourism route to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation with input from the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
 - 3.5 referred a financial request from Royal Bank of Canada re: RBC Golf Tournament – June 23, 2012 to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 3.6 proclaimed November 4-12, 2012 as "English as a Second Language Week".
- 606 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 45 dated May 14, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 607 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being session No. 57 dated May 14, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 608 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT as per the notice dated May 8, 2012 from the Kiwanis Club of Fort Frances, appointments to the Kiwanis Sunny Cove Camp Advisory Committee of representatives of the Kiwanis Club be revised for the balance of term of office ending November 30, 2012 as follows: Sam Arbuckle to replace Alan Zucchiatti. CARRIED
- 609 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated May 22, 2012 from J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services re: Application for appointment to Fort Frances Sustainability Strategy Steering Committee be approved and further that the following be appointed to the Fort Frances Sustainability Strategy Steering Committee with term expiring November 30, 2014: James Ronard Cumming. CARRIED
- 610 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated May 22, 2012 from R. Hallam, Superintendent, Planning & Development re: MNR/ Town of Fort Frances Bear Responder Agreement be approved. CARRIED

- 611 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated May 23, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championship Financial Request be approved. CARRIED
- 612 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: 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:
- 21/12 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
- 23/12 A by-law to authorize the levying & collection in 2012 of a special charge of taxes upon the Business Improvement Area. CARRIED
- 613 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: That the invitation from Rainy River Future Development Corporation – re: RRFDC Annual General Meeting – June 12, 2012 be received and further that the following be authorized to attend: Mayor and Council. CARRIED
- 614 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the memo received May 14, 2012 from A. T. Bedard, Advocate for N.A.G. re: Sidewalk – Street snow & ice removal – filling of potholes be received. CARRIED
- 615 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk