

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 50

JULY 23, 2012

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, July 23, 2012 from 6:17 p.m. to 6:53 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk; J. Kabel, Manager, Community Services; D. Brown, Manager, Operations & Facilities; L. Witherspoon, Treasurer

1. Verbal Communications:

- 1) Councillor A. Hallikas re: agenda item 8.2. He commended staff for the great job they were doing producing the Fort Frances Museum Newsletter.
- 2) Mayor Avis re: agenda item 8.3. He expressed his appreciation to Bruce Caldwell for his excellent work in putting together the recent Fly-In Drive-In BBQ.
- 3) Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft re: item 8.11. He gave an update on the upcoming wine and cheese celebration for the 100th Anniversary of International Bridge and Local Customs August 1, 2012 at the Fort Frances Museum. Councillor A. Hallikas also encouraged the public to take in some of the activities related to this event.
- 4) Councillor J. Albanese expressed his congratulations to L. Skaarup on placing first in the recent Ontario Strong Man Competition.

3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.

4. Non agenda items:

- 1) By-Law No. 36/12.
- 2) Watten Volunteer Fire Department request re: Use of Sunny Cove Camp for fundraising.
- 3) Invitation from Rainy River Future Development Corporation Meet and Greet Luncheon with Kathryn Turner, Manager FedNor NWO – July 26, 2012.

Resolutions:

671 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 7.1 and 7.2.
- 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 2.1
- 3) Council Consent item # 2.3 and 2.4.

CARRIED

- 7.1 approved designating Miller Environmental Corporation as the Town's Municipal Special or Hazardous Waste Service Provider to Host a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event in 2012.
- 7.2 approved replacing the current CM800 postage machine and meter with a Connect +1000 postage machine/meter system at an annual cost of \$4,560.00 plus hst.
- 2.3 referred the request from Fort Frances Community Garden Committee re: Community Garden Project Proposal to Planning and Development Executive Committee with input from Operations and Facilities Executive Committee.
- 2.4 referred recommendations on Provincial Offences Act Unpaid Fines as adopted June 27, 2012 from the Regional Municipality of Durham to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

- 672 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 49 dated July 9, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 673 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being sessions No. 61 and 62 dated July 9 and 17, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 674 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated July 19, 2012 from J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services re: Private Home Daycare be approved. CARRIED
- 675 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the municipal property described as 363 Church Street, the former site of the Fort Frances Public Library legally described as PIN 56018-0123 - PCL 239-1 SEC ALBTP; PT LT 240 TOWN PLOT ALBERTON; PT LT 239 TOWN PLOT ALBERTON PT. 1 & 2 RR181; FORT FRANCES be declared surplus to the Town's needs. CARRIED
- 676 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the reports dated July 17, 2012 from D. Scofield, Deputy Treasurer re: Federal Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, dated July 18, 2012 from D. Brown, Manager of Operations and Facilities re Funding Program Under the Federal Government Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) and dated July 18, 2012 from J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services re Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund be received. CARRIED
- 677 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the Town make application under the Federal Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund for funding of the following projects listed in priority order:
- (1) Memorial Sports Centre Facility Upgrade;
 - (2) Multiple Recreational Facilities;
 - (3) Civic Centre;
 - (4) Water Treatment and Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades. CARRIED
- 678 Tibbs-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:
- 27/12 A by-law for the purpose of controlling and regulating outdoor burning in the Town of Fort Frances
- 34/12 A by-law to declare certain property to be a public lane
- 35/12 A by-law to declare certain property to be a public road – part of Shevlin Avenue. CARRIED
- 679 Hallikas-Tibbs: WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has established an Electricity Distribution Sector Review Panel, that has a focus of greatly reducing the present 74 local distribution companies,
- AND WHEREAS any aggregation, amalgamation or consolidation of utilities which includes Fort Frances Power Corporation (FFPC) could prove to be detrimental to the premium rates that we now enjoy,
- AND WHEREAS the present Board of Directors of the Fort Frances Power Corporation have an extensive knowledge of the electricity sector including aggregation, amalgamation and consolidation of utilities,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances, as the sole shareholder of FFPC, appoints the FFPC Board of Directors as the advocates to retain the preferential rate structure our electrical consumers currently enjoy, whether future restructuring is legislated or on a voluntary basis. CARRIED

- 680 Wiedenhoeft-Tibbs: THAT By-Law No. 36/12 being a by-law to declare municipal property known as 363 Church Street to be surplus to the Town's requirements and approve an agreement of sale with Fort Frances Community Clinic Inc. 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
- 681 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the request dated July 19, 2012 from the Fire Chief, Watten Fire Department re donation of the use of the main lodge Sunny Cove Camp be referred to the Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation with input from the Community Services Executive Committee. CARRIED
- 682 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the invitation dated July 20, 2012 from Rainy River Future Development Corporation re a Meet and Greet Luncheon with Kathryn Turner, Manager, FedNor, NWO at the Emo Inn on July 26, 2012, be received and that the following be authorized to attend: Mayor Avis; Councillor Albanese; Deputy Mayor Tibbs. CARRIED
- 683 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk