

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. 067

May 25, 2021

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held virtually on May 25, 2021 from 6:24 p.m. to 6:44 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor J. Caul, Chairperson; Councillors M. Behan, W. Brunetta, A. Hallikas, D. Judson, J. McTaggart and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: E. Slomke, Clerk, D. Galusha, Treasurer, T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities/Interim CAO, A. Bisson, Recreation & Culture Manager, J. Forbes, Human Resources Manager, C. Vangel, CBO / Municipal Planner, T. Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC, J. Hughes, Information Technology Manager

1. COUNCIL MEETING

(Session No. 067) to immediately follow the Committee of the Whole

- 1.1 Call to Order at 6:24 p.m.
- 1.2 Territorial Acknowledgement
- 1.3 Moment of Meditation
- 1.4 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.
 - Councillor Judson disclosed an interest in Item 5.7 from the Committee of the Whole agenda as he has a conflict arising from his law practice.
 - Councillor Wiedenhoeft disclosed an interest in Item 6.4 from the Committee of the Whole agenda as this is his per diem claim.
 - Councillor Brunetta disclosed an interest in Item 6.1 from the Committee of the Wholes agenda as this is her per diem claim for attending the virtual NOMA Board, AGM and Conference April 28-30.
 - Councillor Behan disclosed an interest in Item 6.3 from the Committee of the Whole agenda as the per diem claim being considered is his own.
 - Councillor McTaggart disclosed an interest in Item 6.2 from the Committee of the Whole agenda as this is his expense claim for attending the virtual NOMA AGM and Conference April 28-30, 2021.

2. Consent Agenda:

- 2.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole

684 Wiedenhoeft - McTaggart: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

1. Committee of the Whole Consent items # 5.1, 5.2, ~~5.3~~, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and ~~5.7~~.
2. Council Consent items # 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.

CARRIED

- 2.2 Letter dated May 5, 2021 from C. Bonner-Vickers, Fort Frances Sportsmen's Club re: request for Fill
 - will be referred to the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 2.3 Letter dated May 5, 2021 from K J Bliss, Rainy River Veterinary Services Committee re: Vet Assistance Trust Fund
 - will be referred to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

- 2.4 Letter dated May 13, 2021 from M. Laatu, Carrel & Partners Law Firm re: Water Supply Request
- will be referred to the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation.

- 2.5 Letter dated May 18, 2021 from K. Zucchiatti re: Resignation from Fort Frances Public Library Board and Technology Centre
- will be received with thanks for service.

3. Approval of Council Minutes: *

- 3.1 Session No. 065 dated May 10, 2021

- 685 Behan - Wiedenhoeft: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 065 dated May 10, 2021, having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: *

- 4.1 Session No. 067 dated May 10, 2021

- 686 Wiedenhoeft - Judson: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being Session Nos. 067 dated May 10, 2021, having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

5. Resolutions from tonight's Committee of the Whole meeting

- 5.1 Council considered the following:

-Councillor Judson disclosed an interest in resolution 687 below as he has a conflict arising from his law practice. He did not vote on this matter.
-Councillor Wiedenhoeft disclosed an interest in resolution 691 below as this is his per diem claim. He did not vote on this matter.
-Councillor Brunetta disclosed an interest in resolution 688 below as this is her per diem claim for attending the virtual NOMA Board, AGM and Conference April 28-30. She did not vote on this matter.
-Councillor Behan disclosed an interest in resolution 690 below as the per diem claim being considered is his own. He did not vote on this matter.
-Councillor McTaggart disclosed an interest in resolution 689 as this is his expense claim for attending the virtual NOMA AGM and Conference April 28-30, 2021. He did not vote on this matter.

- 687 Hallikas - McTaggart: THAT the report dated May 5, 2021 from T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities re: Award of Tender 21-OF-06 - Memorial Sports Centre Roof Replacement be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee to award Tender 21-OF-06 to Tom Jones Corporation for a total revised tender price of \$1,564,800.00, that an authorizing by-law be prepared for the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation and further that landfill tipping fees be waived for this project.

CARRIED

- 688 Judson - Behan: THAT the report dated May 18, 2021 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: Councillor Brunetta - NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference Per Diem be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve the per diem in the amount of \$400.00 as submitted by Councillor Brunetta for her attendance at the NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference held virtually April 28-30, 2021.

CARRIED

- 689 Behan - Judson: THAT the report dated May 18, 2021 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: Councillor McTaggart - NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference Per Diem be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve the per diem in the amount of \$320.00 as submitted by Councillor McTaggart for his attendance at the NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference held virtually April 28-30, 2021.

CARRIED

- 690 Brunetta - McTaggart: THAT the report dated May 18, 2021 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: Councillor Behan - NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference Per Diem be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve the per diem in the amount of \$320.00 as submitted by Councillor Behan for his attendance at the NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference held virtually April 28-30, 2021.

CARRIED

- 691 Hallikas - Behan: THAT the report dated May 18, 2021 from D. Galusha, Treasurer re: Councillor Wiedenhoeft - NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference Per Diem be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve the per diem in the amount of \$320.00 as submitted by Councillor Wiedenhoeft for his attendance at the NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference held virtually April 28-30, 2021.

CARRIED

- 692 Judson - Brunetta: THAT the report dated May 20, 2021 from E. Slomke, Clerk re: Creation of a Reconciliation Policy / Plan be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to establish a Reconciliation Policy / Plan for the Town of Fort Frances as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

- 693 McTaggart - Hallikas: THAT the report dated May 19, 2021 from E. Slomke, Clerk re: Temporary Sign Request be approved to provide the Kenora Rainy River District Child and Family Services permission to place temporary signs along the waterfront on Town Property until June 14, 2021 as part of 'Mental Health Week' campaign to address the current child and youth mental health crisis in our community.

CARRIED

- 694 Judson - Behan: THAT the letter dated April 27, 2021 from J. McTaggart, Police Services Board Chair re: Local Police Governance - Rainy River District be received and that Council agrees with the proposed composition and further supports the submission to the Ministry by the June 7, 2021 deadline.

CARRIED

6. By-Laws:

- 6.1 By-law 24/21 being a by-law to authorize execution of a site plan control agreement as a condition of development with Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (737 Scott Street).

- 695 McTaggart - 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:

- 24/21 being a by-law to authorize execution of a site plan control agreement as a condition of development with Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (737 Scott Street).

- ~~25/21 being a by-law to rename roads within the Town of Fort Frances (Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West).~~
- 26/21 being a by-law to authorize the levying and collection of a special charge of taxes upon the Business Improvement Area.
- 27/21 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement for airport capital funding under the ACAP with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Transport.

CARRIED

- 6.2 By-law 25/21 being a by-law to rename roads within the Town of Fort Frances (Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West).

-Councillor Brunetta requested that this by-law be read separately from the rest.

-Councillor Judson requested a recorded vote with the following results:

Behan - YEA Brunetta - NAY Caul - YEA

Hallikas - YEA Judson - YEA McTaggart - NAY

Wiedenhoeft - YEA

- 696 Hallikas - Behan: THAT by-law 25/21 being a by-law to rename roads within the Town of Fort Frances (Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West) 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

- 6.3 By-law 26/21 being a by-law to authorize the levying and collection of a special charge of taxes upon the Business Improvement Area.

- 6.4 By-law 27/21 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement for airport capital funding under the ACAP with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Transport.

7. New Items:

- 7.1 AMO 2021 Training: Human Rights and Equity - The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders

- Council will consider authorizing attendance by way of resolution.

- 697 Wiedenhoeft - Brunetta: THAT Council authorize the following members to attend the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Training: Human Rights and Equity – The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders – June 10, 2021:

- Mayor June Caul

On the basis as follows: per diem allowed.

CARRIED

8. Information Correspondence:

The following two items were received.

- 8.1 City of Thunder Bay re: Resolution on Ontario's Public Health Modernization Plan

- Council requested that the Clerk send a letter of support.

- 8.2 Township of McKellar re: Resolution on Tax Breaks on CERB payments

9. Minutes of Local Boards / Committees:

The following five items were received.

- 9.1 Planning & Development Executive Committee dated May 3, 2021

- 9.2 Administration & Finance Executive Committee dated May 4, 2021

9.3 Operations & Facilities Executive Committee dated May 5, 2021

9.4 Committee of Adjustment dated March 17, 2021

9.5 Downtown BIA Board of Management dated April 14, 2021

10. In-Camera - None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

698 McTaggart - Hallikas: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances
be now closed.

CARRIED

J. Caul, Mayor

E. Slomke, Clerk