



Town of Fort Frances
**Sister Betty Kennedy Centre Board of
Management Meeting**

July 13, 2021 @ 2:30 PM

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TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

Sister Betty Kennedy Centre
Board of Management (Senior
Centre)

June 8, 2021

The meeting of Senior Centre Board of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the virtually on June 8, 2021 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

PRESENT: John Reader - Board Member, Irene Laing - Chair, Cynthia Donald - Board Member, Debbie McTaggart - Board Member, Wayne Allan - Board Member

Absent with Regrets: Rick Wiedenhoeft - Councilor, John McTaggart - Councilor

ALSO PRESENT: Aaron Bisson - Recreation and Culture Manager, Cindy Noble - Manager, Randy Thoms - B93.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/Roll Call - 2:30**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: - None**
3. **Approval of Agenda - Approved as Presented**
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - 4.1 May 11, 2021 meeting minutes - Approved as Presented
5. **Outstanding Business**
 - 5.1 Acoustical Upgrade Report - Report Given
 - 5.2 Fort Frances Senior Centre Reopening update- Report Given
 - 5.3 Building Expansion Update - Report Given
 - 5.4 Fort Frances Senior Centre Facebook Page Update - Report Given
6. **New Business**
 - 6.1 Name Change - Approved, recommendation to be sent to CSEC
7. **Information / Correspondence**
 - 7.1 Manager's Report - Accepted as presented
8. **ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING DATE**
Sept 14, 2021 @ 2:30 p.m.

Chair

Manager's Report Tuesday May 11 2021

Things are coming together, We have 5 agencies signed up for participation on June 1st.

The times is going to interview the oldest male and female resident at Rainycrest. they are also going to continue with other local senior residents.

June has sent us the declaration for June being Senior Month.

We have 4 games set up, and MacMunn and Yates have supplied all the lumber for Ken to make the games.

Rick and Cynthia will make a schedule for all the games and we will have 1st and 2nd prizes.

There will also be a participation prize open to all participants.

We will have a penny table set up and will give all participants their "tickets" to bid on the prizes.

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Scavenger hunt and looking after everything there.

The Kiwanians are hosting the "Drive By" Bar-be-Que with a few tables set up for people who can walk over eg. Columbus Place

Manager's Report Tuesday July 13th

We had a wonderful June with all the activities, The Riverwalk went very well, the Car Rally was phenomenal, everyone had a blast. The Games were well received and some of those younger seniors are coming back for the craft sessions that we will offer once a week, and we have also received some suggestions for other activities. The Bar-be-Que was a real hit, we had between 160 and 170 people come out and I am sure we will do it again next year.

We have been planning a fun craft event for July 26th and calling it "Christmas in July" we will have a Christmas tree, Christmas cookies and punch, a re-gift exchange, some crafts and games. I heard through the grapevine that Santa might even make an appearance.

The re-opening is a welcome surprise and depending on the regulations we may have an open house in the morning to welcome everybody back. I talked to the Health Unit but they could not give me any specifics about what we can and cannot do. There will probably be some restrictions and we will follow whatever they are.

July 13, 2021

Report To: Fort Frances Senior Center Board of Management

From: Aaron Bisson, Manager of Recreation and Culture

RE: Fort Frances Senior Centre Reopening Information

At the request of the Fort Frances Senior Centre Board an update on reopening information will be provided.

At this time the Fort Frances Senior Centre remains closed. According to our local Health Unit the Senior Centre will be allowed to open with restrictions under stage 3 of the reopening plan. We have set the re-opening date to be July 26, 2021, and Cindy will be preparing the necessary tracing forms to ensure we are following the Health Unit regulations. A safety plan will need to be developed and physical distancing must be adhered to.

The Woodshop is able to open at this time, operating under the same restrictions prior to this last shut down.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Bisson
Manager of Recreation and Culture

July 13, 2021

Report To: Fort Frances Senior Center Board of Management

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RE: Fort Frances Senior Centre Acoustical Upgrades

At the request of the Fort Frances Senior Centre Board an update on the status of the Acoustical upgrades will be provided.

In discussion with the Operations and Facilities Manager the measurements and analysis of the space has been completed.

The Panels have arrived and will be installed once they have been scheduled. We are hoping this can be done before the planned opening of the centre but the maintenance crew has several projects on the go.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Bisson
Manager of Recreation and Culture

July 13, 2021

Report To: Fort Frances Senior Center Board of Management

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RE: Building Expansion Update

At the request of the Fort Frances Senior Centre Board an update on the progress of the Building Expansion at the Fort Frances Senior Centre is being given.

In Feb 2020 a report from the Community Services Executive Committee was approved by Council to seek funding opportunities for the expansion of the Fort Frances Senior Centre. At the time no funding opportunities existed.

Since that time, a funding opportunity through NOHFC has arisen and the Town has made an application for the expansion. This proposal is being reviewed by the NOHFC committee and we have been asked to submit a stage 2 application. That application has been sent in for review and we await further questions or information on that submission.

An opportunity to apply to FedNor for Additional funding for the expansion has arisen and I have made that application. Our stage one was successful, and I will be working on the stage 2 application in the coming days.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Bisson
Manager of Recreation and Culture

June 8, 2021

Report To: Fort Frances Senior Center Board of Management

From: Aaron Bisson, Manager of Recreation and Culture

RE: Name Change at the Senior Centre

At the request of the Fort Frances Senior Centre Board an update on the progress of the progress of the Name Change at the Fort Frances Senior Centre is being given. The appropriate resolutions have been included with this report to support the information.

In November 2017, a report from the Sister Kennedy Board of Management approved a recommendation "that the Sister Kennedy Centre be renamed to the Fort Frances Senior Center, that the name on the building be removed and that Sister Kennedy be recognized on a memory wall."

The Request was brought to Community Services Executive Committee on November 30, 2017 and at this meeting the report was passed to recommend the name of the Sister Kennedy Centre be changed to the Fort Frances Senior Centre, and to recognize the contributions of Sister Betty Kennedy inside the facility.

A report dated November 30, 2017 from the Community Services Executive Committee was approved by Council through resolution number 970 on December 11, 2017 to change the name of the Sister Kennedy Centre to the Fort Frances Senior Centre, and to recognize the contribution of Sister Betty Kennedy through a dedicated memory wall.

Since that time, the Seniors Centre has been referred to the Fort Frances Senior Centre, however the name on the building has never been updated and a by law has never been created to officially change the name from Sister Kennedy Centre to the Fort Frances Senior Centre.

It is the Sister Kennedy Centre's Board of Managements recommendation that a by law be created officially renaming the Sister Kennedy Centre as the Fort Frances Senior Centre. That the Sister Kennedy Board of Management officially be changed to the Fort Frances Senior Centre Committee. Further that the any signage be changed to reflect the name change to the Fort Frances Senior Centre. That a dedicated memory wall be created for Sister Betty Kennedy within the facility. That any physical changes and construction that need to take place to enact these changes happen during the proposed expansion to ensure a seamless integration into the facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Bisson

Aaron Bisson
Manager of Recreation and Culture

SISTER KENNEDY BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

REGULAR MEETING – November 14, 2017

Session #009

Sister Kennedy Centre Dining Hall/Program Space

IN ATTENDANCE Cindy Noble, John Reader, Doug Kitowski, Diane Maxey, June Caul, Irene Laing, Jason Kabel

ABSENT Ed Haglund

REGRETS Irene Laing

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 10:35 by the Chair, Diane Maxey

CONFLICT OF INTEREST There were no conflicts declared.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

933 June Caul/John Reader That the agenda be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

934 Dalton Taylor/John Reader That the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

MANAGER'S REPORT

Cindy Noble presented the Manager's Report.

935 June Caul/John Reader That the Manager's Report be accepted as presented. **Carried**

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

936 June Caul/Doug Kitowski That the October accounts be accepted and approved for payment. **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

PAST BUSINESS

- **Baffles** Cindy spoke to Pam Vittie who will have to get material.
- **Exercise Program** Jason advised that this has been passed by Council.
- **Room Arrangement/Expansion** A southward expansion is recommended. Jason advised that there is no grant money for expansion, only new construction. It was suggested that a variety show be held as a fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Budget Discussion on the 2018 budget.

Building Name

937 June Caul/Dalton Taylor That the Sister Kennedy Centre be renamed to the Fort Frances Senior Center, that the name on the building be removed and that Sister Kennedy be recognized on a memory wall. **Carried**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mildred Bedard advised that Sister Kennedy did not ever want her name on the building

CLOSE

The president declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20

Diane Maxey, Chair

Irene Laing, Secretary

Next meeting December 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Sister Kennedy Centre.

REPORT

TO: Mayor Avis & Council

FROM: Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

DATE: November 30, 2017

RE: **Sister Kennedy Centre Name Change**

At the regular meeting of the Sister Kennedy Centre Board of Management on November 14, 2017, there was a resolution passed as follows:

Moved by June Caul,

Seconded by Dalton Taylor

To change the name of the Sister Kennedy Centre to the Fort Frances Senior Centre and to recognize the contributions of Sister Betty Kennedy inside the facility through a dedicated memory wall named in her honour. **CARRIED.**

There was good discussion on the matter by the Board and included public participation from a couple in attendance for the meeting.

History

1978 – Sister Betty Kennedy along with a few Seniors created the first Seniors (55+) drop-in Centre in Fort Frances, known as the Pleasant Past Times Place. It was located in the back of the Pentecostal Church next door to the Royal Canadian Legion.

1981 – July – Bylaw established by Mayor & Council to set up a committee for the purpose of constructing a Senior Citizen's drop-in centre on the old St. Mary's School property. This marked the commencement of much community fundraising.

1983 – April – Tenders were opened and the contract to construct the new building was awarded to Tom Jones & Sons General Contractors from Thunder Bay.

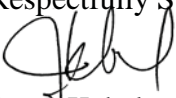
1983 – October 22 – Grand Opening took place & the Centre was renamed Sister Kennedy Centre.

1987 – April – The Fix-it Shop was opened on the same grounds.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor & Council to change the name of the Sister Kennedy Centre to the Fort Frances Seniors Centre and to recognize the contributions of Sister Betty Kennedy inside the facility through a dedicated memory wall named in her honour.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Kabel

Council approval of this report will endorse the name change of the Sister Kennedy Centre to the Fort Frances Seniors Centre and to recognize the contributions of Sister Betty Kennedy inside the facility through a dedicated memory wall named in her honour.



TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
COUNCIL

Session No. 076

Resolution No. 970

Moved by [Signature]

Dated: December 11, 2017

Seconded by Jane Caul

THAT the report dated November 30, 2017 from J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services re: Sister Kennedy Centre Name change be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee to endorse changing the name of the Sister Kennedy Centre to the Fort Frances Seniors Centre and further that Sister Betty Kennedy be recognized for her contributions with a dedicated memory wall named in honour to be located inside the facility.

	Yea	Nay	Disclosure of Interest
R. Avis		✓	
J. Albanese		✓	
W. Brunetta	✓		
J. Caul	✓		
D. Kitowski	✓		
K. Perry		✓	
G. Paul Ryan	✓		

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<u>[Signature]</u> MAYOR or DEPUTY MAYOR	