

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 053

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, September 10, 2012 from 6:10 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

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

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members;
  - 1) Councillor P. Ryan on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.3 stating that the claim for travel expense and per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
  - 2) Councillor A. Hallikas on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.2 stating that 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. Resolutions:

713 Albanese-Perry: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.8, and 7.9.
- 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 2.5
- 3) Council Consent items # 2.7, and 2.8.

CARRIED

- 7.1 approved accepting the Infiltration and Investigation report as prepared by KGS Group.
- 7.2 approved agreement of a proposal from Tetra Tech to update the Landfill Site Closure and Post Closure Liability Plan and development of an infilling plan to optimize permitted air space.
- 7.4 approved the 2013 Budget Timetable.
- 7.5 approved AMO Conference travel claim expenses for M. McCaig, CAO.
- 7.6 approved certain changes to wording in the draft resolution received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to support the development of a new long-term federal plan for municipal infrastructure funding.
- 7.8 approved a half page advertisement in the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and Museum's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Induction Dinner Souvenir Program in the amount of \$200.00.
- 7.9 approved the 2012/2013 Northwest Ontario's Sunset Country Travel Association membership request in the amount of \$1,891.25 plus taxes.
- 2.7 referred a request from Northwest Catholic District School Board re: Amendment to Joint Use Agreement – St. Francis Sports Fields to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 2.8 approved enacting a municipal resolution in support of an application by SkyPower to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA).

714 Perry-Albanese: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 52 dated August 27, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

715 Albanese-Perry: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being session No. 66 dated August 27, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

- 716 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: That the report dated September 5, 2012 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: SkyPower Limited – 1003 Frog Creek Rd – Outstanding Issues Re: CopperLight Solar Energy Project be approved and further that authorizing by-laws be prepared. CARRIED  
Yeas: A. Hallikas, K. Perry, P. Ryan, S. Tibbs and R. Wiedenhoeft  
Nay: J. Albanese

- 717 Hallikas-Ryan: **WHEREAS**, The Building Canada Plan and a number of important federal-provincial transfer agreements vital to Canada's cities and communities, will expire in March 2014, and

**WHEREAS**, Federal investments over the last few years have helped to slow the decline of our cities and communities, and the Government of Canada has committed to develop a new long-term plan for municipal infrastructure funding in consultation with municipal and provincial/territorial governments, and

**WHEREAS**, a seamless transition from the Building Canada Plan to a new long term plan is necessary to ensure that municipalities can continue planning their capital spending effectively, and

**WHEREAS**, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a campaign to ensure the new plan reflects municipal priorities across the country and asks its member municipalities to pass a Council resolution supporting the campaign, and

**WHEREAS**, our community has continuing infrastructure needs, such as the replacement or repairs to substandard and defective sanitary sewer mains and, as a result of replacing substandard sanitary sewers, other municipal infrastructure will be addressed such as aged water mains, the asphalt driving surfaces, sidewalks and storm sewer mains that can only be met with through the kind of long-term planning and investment made possible by a national plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council endorses the FCM campaign and urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to work with FCM to ensure the new long-term infrastructure plan meets the core infrastructure needs of cities and communities, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to ensure that the new long-term plan is fully in place when existing programs expire in 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Ontario), to John Rafferty, MP, Thunder Bay-Rainy River, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. CARRIED

- 718 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated September 6, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Thunder Bay & Area Disaster Relief Fund Financial Request be approved as amended. CARRIED

- 719 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated September 6, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference Travel and Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED

- 720 Ryan-Albanese: THAT the report dated September 6, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Andrew Hallikas – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference Travel and Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: A. Hallikas

- 721 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the report dated September 6, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Paul Ryan – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference Travel and Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: P. Ryan
- 722 Perry-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:
- 38/12 A by-law to approve an annual financial contribution initiative agreement with SkyPower Projects ULC.
- 41/10-D A by-law to approve an amendment to an Amended and Restated Option Agreement with CopperLight Lp, by its general partner, 2246086 Ontario Corp. for lease of municipal land, namely 1003 Frog Creek Road. CARRIED
- Yeas: A. Hallikas, K. Perry, P. Ryan, S. Tibbs and R. Wiedenhoeft  
Nay: J. Albanese
- 723 Perry-Albanese: THAT October 14 –20, 2012 be proclaimed Local Government Week in the Town of Fort Frances, and
- FURTHER THAT the Town’s residents are encouraged to renew their awareness of the many services provided by the municipality by attending open meetings of Council and their committees, by visiting the Town’s website, by visiting municipal facilities, by volunteering their services to the community and participating in special activities that will be available to them during the week in promotion of local government. CARRIED
- 724 Albanese-Perry: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed.

S. Tibbs, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk