

REPORT

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

November 22, 2021

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Council was held virtually and in the Committee Room, on November 22, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:08 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: F. Anwar, CAO, Gabrielle Lecuyer, Municipal Clerk, Karyn Haney, Deputy Clerk, D. Galusha, Treasurer, T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities, C. Vangel, CBO & Municipal Planner, A. Bisson, Recreation & Culture Manager, Alysha Hansma, HR Manager, Jeremy Hughes, IT Manager, Tyler Moffit, Fire Chief

1. Call to Order @ 5:30 p.m. / Roll Call

2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - none

3. Delegations/Deputations:

3.1 357-358 Application 1336 Colonization Road West

- approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to process the adjustment for 2021 taxes under Section 357/358 of the Municipal Act for property located at 1336 Colonization Road West resulting from the commercial portion of the property being removed as they no longer have a business there.

The Chair opened the floor to the applicant, the applicant was not in attendance. The motion will be presented for Council's consideration at the Regular Council Meeting following this session.

3.2 Best for Kitty - Gord McCabe, Joan Foley

- to be referred to Planning and Development Executive Committee for a recommendation

The matter will be considered later on the Regular Council Meeting agenda this evening.

4. Council Reports on Board & Committee Activity:

4.1 Mayor Caul - Verbal Update (Added) reported on her attendance at the Remembrance Day service, the launch kettle campaign, Louis Riel day, Rainy Crest Christmas choir, workshop to empower indigenous woman. Reminder of the upcoming Christmas parade this Saturday.

Councillor McTaggart - Verbal Update No update this evening.

Councillor Judson - Verbal Update on the Future of International Bridge, the proposed Splash pad Water Park.

Councillor Wiedenhoeft - Verbal Update relating to the Citizen of the Year.

5. Consent Agenda:

5.1 Councillor McTaggart pulls 5.2 and 5.6

Planning and Development Draft User Fees 2022

- approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Planning and Development Executive Committee to approve the proposed 2022 Planning and Development division user fees as presented.

- 199 Brunetta - Behan THAT the matters listed on the Consent Agenda be referred to the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council later tonight for approval being items # 5.1, ~~5.2~~, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, ~~5.6~~, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10

CARRIED

5.2 Community Service Draft User Fee 2022

- approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee to endorse in principle the attached 2022 user fee schedule as amended, and to extend the removal of non-resident user fees until such time that an analysis of the non-user fee removal can be performed

This item was pulled by Councillor McTaggart. A discussion took place.

5.3 Transfer Payment Agreement with Norther Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation - Community Enhancement Program (Rural Enhancement Stream) Funding

- approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that The Town of Fort Frances enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation under the Community Enhancement Program (Rural Enhancement Stream) and that an authorizing By-Law be prepared to allow the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the corporation.

5.4 Administration & Finance Draft User Fees 2022

- approval of this report will agree with the Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommendation that the Administration & Finance 2022 user fees be approved.

5.5 Letter from Riverside Health Care Re: Meals on Wheels

-approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve a Grant in the amount of \$6,064.97 for the 2021 year to Riverside Health Care Facilities for the Meals on Wheels program. Further the Memberships and Grants Policy

1.16 will be sent to Riverside Health Care Facilities, so they are fully aware of the requirements if they are to receive or request the Grant in the future.

5.6 2022 Emergency Services User Fees & Charges

-approval of this will agree to the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve this report as presented and bring forward the resolution to approve the proposed 2022 user fees and charges for the Emergency Services.

This item was pulled by Councillor McTaggart. A discussion took place

5.7 Contribution Agreement with Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for Airport Improvements

-approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee to enter into a contribution agreement with Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for funding relating to projects at the Fort Frances Airport and that an authorizing by-law be prepared to authoring the agreement be signed by the Mayor and Clerk

5.8 October 2021 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report

- approval of this report will accept the October 2021 report prior to it being made available to the general public

5.9 2022 Operations and Facilities Division User Fees & Charges

-approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that Council endorses the 2022 proposed user fees and charges for the Operations & Facilities Division in principle with an increase of 4% with a few exceptions where the rate increase is other than 4% as outlined on the attached spreadsheets and that a by-law be prepared prior to January 1st, 2022. That Council endorses the proposed Cemetery Price List as outlined on the attached spreadsheet in principle with an increase of 4% and that it will go into effect on January 1st, 2022.

5.10 Establishing 2022 Water and Sewer Rates

- approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee to adopt Scenario 3 on Spreadsheet Number 1 as the water and sewer rates for 2022 as further outlined in the report.

6. Planning and Development Division:

6.1 Extension of Letter of Understanding with the Township of Alberton regarding Dog By-Law Enforcement Services

-approval of this report will agree with the recommendation and direct that a By-Law be prepared for the purpose of executing the signing of a letter of understanding by the Mayor and the Clerk

7. Economic Development Division:

7.1 International Falls Bridge

- that Council directs Administration to prepare a response with the input from the Economic Development Executive Committee to a letter dated November 16, 2021 submitted by Tamara Rudge, Director General of Transport Canada

The matter will be brought forward during the Regular Council meeting this evening for Council consideration.

8. Information:

The following eight items were presented as information

8.1 Notice of Intent from the Integrity Commissioner

- The Integrity Commissioner for the Town of Fort Frances has provided notice that an Inquiry has been completed and that a Report overview will be provided at the December 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The matter will be brought forward during the Regular Council meeting this evening for Council consideration to receive the official notice.

8.2 September activities for By-Law Enforcement

8.3 October 2021 Building Statistics

8.4 Fort Frances Wastewater Treatment Facility October 2021 Monthly Report

8.5 Operations and Facilities Division - Environmental Area- Operations Statistics - Oct 2021

8.6 Environmental Stats

8.7 Sewer and Water Data for 2021

8.8 Airport Statistics

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

200 Halikas - Wiedenhoeft THAT this meeting of the Committee of Whole of Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed.

CARRIED

Doug Judson, Chairperson

G. Lecuyer, Municipal Clerk