

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 055

OCTOBER 9, 2012

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 from 6:37 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, (chaired 6:37 p.m. to 6:54 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.); Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, K. Perry, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs (chaired 6:54 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.) and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; J. Kabel, Manager, Community Services; D. Scofield, Deputy Treasurer

Resolutions

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members:
 - 1) Councillor A. Hallikas on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.3 stating that the claims for travel and per diem were his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 2) Councillor P. Ryan on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.4 stating that the claims for travel and per diem were his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 3) Councillor S. Tibbs on her per diem claim re: RRDMA meeting. She did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 4) Councillor J. Albanese on his travel and per diem claim for NOMA and per diem claim re: RRDMA meeting. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 5) Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.6 and 8.7 stating that the claims for travel and per diem were his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 6) Mayor R. Avis on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.1 stating that the claims for travel and per diem for NOMA were his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter. He turned the Chair over to Deputy Mayor S. Tibbs while this matter was considered.
2. Verbal Communications:
 - 1) D. Hicks, President of Friends of the Fort Frances Museum presented Council with an invitation to attend a soiree and fund raising gala at the museum on Thursday, November 1, 2012.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services distributed a revised set of minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held September 17, 2012.
5. Non agenda item:
 - 1) Mayor Avis introduced a resolution to strike a special committee to review current per diem and travel allowances for members of Council.
6. Resolutions:
 - 740 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the letter of invitation dated September 28, 2012 from Duane Hicks, President, Friends of the Fort Frances Museum re soiree and fundraiser gala November 1, 2012 at the Fort Frances Museum be received. CARRIED

741 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5.
- 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 3.1
- 3) Council Consent items # 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7. CARRIED

- 7.1 approved submission of a funding grant application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation to renovate the foundation of Russell Hall at the Kiwanis Sunny Cove Camp.
- 7.2 approved a New Municipal Hazardous of Special Waste (MHSW) Services amending agreement with Stewardship Ontario.
- 7.3 approved removal of 4 underground petroleum storage tanks and installation of 3 new above ground double wall petroleum tanks at a cost of approximately \$24,000.00.
- 7.4 received Minutes of Settlement for property located at 400 Scott Street.
- 7.5 received only a financial request from OPP North West Region to offset the Sunny Cove rental for the OPP North West Region Youth Summer Camps held in 2011 and 2012.
- 3.3 approved a Break Open Ticket Licence from LaVerendrye General Hospital at Sunset Schmiddy's for the period November 2, 2012 to April 30, 2013.
- 3.4 referred a request for reserved parking spaces from a resident of Green Manor to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.5 referred a request from M. Ahrens re: Need for Tree replacement to the 2013 Budget Process.
- 3.6 referred a request from J. Steinke for assessment of conditions of the sewer catch basins to the 2013 Budget Process.
- 3.7 proclaimed November 5th – 11th, 2012 as "Poppy Week" in the Town of Fort Frances.

742 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 54 dated September 24, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

743 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being session No. 68 dated September 24, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

744 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the verbal update on Agency 1 issues as presented by Mayor Avis and M. McCaig, CAO, with input from W. Derksen, Solicitor be received and further that the matter proceed as now directed. CARRIED

745 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated October 3, 2012 from M. McCaig, CAO re: Memorandum of Understanding re: Fort Frances Public Library Board be approved. CARRIED

746 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report dated October 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – NOMA Regional Conference Travel & Per Diem Claims be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis

747 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: THAT the report dated October 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor John Albanese – NOMA Regional Conference Travel & Per Diem Claims/RRDMA Per Diem Claim be approved as amended. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: J. Albanese

748 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated October 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Andrew Hallikas – NOMA Regional Conference Travel & Per Diem Claims/RRDMA Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: A. Hallikas

- 749 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report dated October 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Paul Ryan – NOMA Regional Conference Travel & Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: P. Ryan
- 750 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated October 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Sharon Tibbs – RRDMA Meeting Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: S. Tibbs
- 751 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the report dated October 2, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft – NOMA Regional Conference Travel & Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: R. Wiedenhoeft
- 752 Albanese-Hallikas: THAT the report dated October 2, 2012 from D. Scofield, Deputy Treasurer re: Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft – RRDMA Meeting Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: R. Wiedenhoeft:
- 753 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report dated September 28, 2012 from D. Brown, Manager of Operations and Facilities re: Submission of Expression of Interest for Funding to Prepare Asset Management Plan be approved. CARRIED
- 754 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated October 3, 2012 from D. Brown, Manager of Operations and Facilities re: 2013 Parks & Cemetery Flowers be approved. CARRIED
- 755 Hallikas-Ryan: 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:
- 48/11-A A by-law to approve a renewal agreement as amended with Stewardship Ontario for shared responsibility for Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Management
- 41/12 A by-law to approve an agreement with Mark Nagant for operation of concessions in the Memorial Sports Centre CARRIED
- 756 Ryan-Hallikas: WHEREAS Council of the Town of Fort Frances is pleased that both the Liberal government and the PC party have kept the issue of interest arbitration reform at the forefront of major policy discussions;
- AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Fort Frances supports the overall intention of interest arbitration reform;
- AND WHEREAS, a preliminary review indicates that there appears to be room for improvement in both pieces of draft legislation before the legislature;
- AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Fort Frances trusts that through further consultation these issues can be resolved;
- AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Fort Frances is aware that AMO and the Emergency Services Steering Committee are reviewing these issues and look forward to further discussion and input;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Fort Frances requests that the legislature will work collectively in the best interest of Ontario municipalities and Ontario taxpayers on this important issue of interest arbitration reform. CARRIED

- 757 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following be appointed to a special committee to review the application of the current per diem allowance for members of council as provided in Schedule “A” to By-Law No 02/10 and the current Travel Policy (#3.11) and make recommendation thereon to council: Councillor Paul Ryan, Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft, Councillor Ken Perry, C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager, D. Scofield, Deputy Treasurer and G. Treftlin, Town Clerk. CARRIED
- 758 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

S. Tibbs, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk