

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 054

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, September 24, 2012 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs and R. Wiedenhoef.

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

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members:
  - 1) Councillor S. Tibbs on Committee of the Whole agenda item 8.2 stating that the claim for per diem was hers. She did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the item.
  - 2) Mayor R. Avis on agenda item 8.1 from the Regular Meeting of Committee of the Whole of September 10, 2012 stating that the claim for travel expense and per diem was his.
2. Verbal communications:
  - 1) 2013 preliminary budget public meeting.
    - Mayor Avis read out a financial request from Fort Frances Meals on Wheels.
    - Councillor R. Wiedenhoef requested that Council consider looking at budget amount re: Expenses for the 2013 Tug 'O War event.

No one came forward when Mayor Avis inquired if anyone else in attendance wanted to speak to the 2013 budget.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Non agenda item:
  - 1) Riverside foundation Special Events Committee re: An Evening in Paris Fundraiser for Digital Mammography – October 13, 2012.
5. Resolutions
  - 725 Wiedenhoef-Albanese: That the request dated September 14, 2012 from Fort Frances Meals on Wheels for financial assistance in the amount of \$18,500 in 2013 be referred to the 2013 budget process. CARRIED
  - 726 Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT the following Consent items be approved:
    - 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, and 7.7.
    - 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 3.1
    - 3) Council Consent items # 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5. CARRIED
    - 7.1 approved submission of two applications to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada for the East End Hall Accessibility Project and the Children's Complex Washroom Accessibility Project.
    - 7.2 approved the wording of an amendment to the Joint Use Agreement with the Northwest Catholic District School Board re: St. Francis Sports Fields.
    - 7.3 approved the formation and terms of reference of an ad-hoc Fun In The Sun Steering Committee.
    - 7.4 approved the 2012 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report.

- 7.5 approved a request from T. Jones of the Environmental Unit of the Ontario Region North Lands and Economic Development Aboriginal Affairs and North Development Canada re: a letter outlining the existing wildlife situation at the Fort Frances Municipal Airport and further directed that a letter as prepared by T. Batiuk, Airport Supervisor be approved for submission to same.
- 7.6 approved the Occupational Health and Safety Supervisor Responsibility Policy.
- 7.7 approved a exemption for an over height fence at 833 Portage Avenue North.
- 3.3 approved receiving a letter of resignation from C. Cuthbertson from the BIA Board with appreciation for service.
- 3.4 referred a financial request from Rainy River District OPP re: Sunny Cove Camp Rental Fees to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.5 proclaimed October 24, 2012 as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day in the Town of Fort Frances.
- 727 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 53 dated September 10, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved.  
CARRIED
- 728 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being session No. 67 dated September 10, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved.  
CARRIED
- 729 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: 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:
- 39/12 A by-law to approve airport hangar lot lease renewal agreements with 427112 Ontario Limited and Melaire Ltd.
- 40/12 A by-law to accept a proposal/contract for services from Tetra Tech WEI Inc. re: landfill capacity assessment and land survey.  
CARRIED
- 730 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated September 20, 2012 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Payroll Overpayment be received and further that the matter proceed as directed.  
CARRIED
- 731 Ryan-Wiedenhoeft: THAT as per the notice dated September 17, 2012, from the Kiwanis Club of Fort Frances, appointments to the Kiwanis Sunny Cove Camp Advisory Committee of representatives of the Kiwanis Club be revised for the balance of term of office ending November 30, 2012 as follows: John Beaton to replace Sam Arbuckle.  
CARRIED
- 732 Ryan-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated September 19, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Accounts Receivable Customer No. 004651 be approved and further that the Clerk be authorized to sign the Final Release form as submitted by The Dominion in this matter.  
CARRIED
- 733 Wiedenhoeft-Ryan: THAT the report dated September 17, 2012 from R. Hallam, Superintendent of Planning and Development re: Offer to sell privately owned property to Town re: Kerry Zucchiatti be approved.  
DEFEATED
- 734 Ryan-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated September 19, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Andrew Hallikas – Entertainment Expense be approved.  
CARRIED

- 735 Wiedenhoeft-Ryan: THAT the report dated September 19, 2012 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Sharon Tibbs – Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Workshop Per Diem be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: S. Tibbs
- 736 Albanese-Ryan: THAT the report dated September 24, 2012 from M. McCaig, CAO re: Residential Property Development be approved and further that pursuant to Council's approval Administration proceed with demolition of the former Huffman School building. CARRIED
- 737 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: WHEREAS the 37 municipalities of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association have agreed that the Experimental Lakes Area represents a globally unique and valuable research facility for the study of freshwater ecosystem dynamics, and that it is important to ensure continued federal funding for this facility,
- NOW THEREFORE Council for the Town of Fort Frances hereby calls upon the Government of Canada to reverse its decision of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to close the Experimental Lakes Area east of Kenora and that it continue to fund and support the facility for a period of at least 5 years, or until equivalent alternative funding and support is in place.
- AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada and copied to Honourable Peter Kent, Minister of Environment, Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Mr. Greg Rickford, M.P. Kenora, Mr. John Rafferty, M.P. Thunder Bay-Rainy River, and Mr. Bruce Hyer, M.P. Thunder Bay-Superior North. CARRIED
- 738 Ryan-Albanese: THAT the invitation received September 24, 2012 from Riverside Foundation for Health Care Special Events Committee re: An Evening in Paris Fundraiser for Digital Mammography be received further that Council approve purchasing a table of 8 in the amount of \$500.00 as a bronze sponsor. CARRIED
- 739 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk