

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 62

DECEMBER 10, 2012

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, December 10, 2012 from 6:51 p.m. to 7:24 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; J. Kabel, Manager, Community Services; D. Brown, Manager, Operations & Facilities; L. Witherspoon, Treasurer; R. Hallam, Superintendent Planning and Development (6:51 p.m. to 7:13 p.m.); F. Flatt, Municipal Planner (6:51 p.m. to 7:13 p.m.)

1. Verbal communications:

- 1) Robert Moore School grade 5 students Jenna Mose and Destiny Morrisseau read their letters to Mayor and Council that they had written in an essay competition as part of Local Government Week Activities. Mayor Avis presented each of the students with a gift certificate on behalf of Council.
- 2) Mayor Avis announced the appointment of Deputy Mayor and members of Council to boards, commissions and committees for the term December 1, 2012 to November 30, 2014.

2. Written communications as per the agenda attached.

3. Non agenda items:

- 1) By-Law No. 47/12.
- 2) Mayor Avis public announcement on the recent announcement by Resolute Forest Products re: idling of significant plant facilities and layoffs in Town. Council has been actively seeking ways to ensure the continued economic well-being of the citizens. Mayor Avis will be striking a special committee to come up with ideas and recommendations on how to address the situation.

4. Resolutions

- 799 Perry-Wiedenhoef: THAT the letter submitted December 5, 2012 from Jenna Mose, grade 5 student of Julie Ste. Croix's class, Robert Moore School, re: a proposal to build a downtown indoor water park, be received. CARRIED
- 800 Perry-Wiedenhoef: THAT the letter submitted December 5, 2012 from Destiny Morrisseau, grade 5 student of Laurie Moxham's class, Robert Moore School, re: a proposal to build a water park, be received. CARRIED
- 801 Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT the following Councillor appointments be approved for a two year term ending November 30, 2014 (Committee Chairs to be selected by their respective committees):
- 1) Deputy Mayor: S. Tibbs
 - 2) Administration and Finance Executive Committee: K. Perry, S. Tibbs, A. Hallikas
 - 3) Planning and Development Executive Committee: J. Albanese, R. Wiedenhoef, S. Tibbs
 - 4) Operations and Facilities Executive Committee: P. Ryan, R. Wiedenhoef, K. Perry
 - 5) Community Services Executive Committee: J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, P. Ryan
 - 6) Citizen of the Year Committee: A. Hallikas, P. Ryan
 - 7) Court of Revisions: K. Perry, J. Albanese, S. Tibbs
 - 8) Economic Development Advisory Committee: K. Perry
 - 9) Regional Economic Development Committee: K. Perry
 - 10) Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce: J. Albanese
 - 11) First Nations Relations Advisory Committee: Mayor R. Avis, R. Wiedenhoef, P. Ryan
 - 12) Diversity Committee: S. Tibbs

- 13) Sister Kennedy Centre Board of Management: J. Albanese, A. Hallikas
- 14) Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board: Mayor R. Avis, R. Wiedenhoeft
- 15) Moffat Family Fund Steering Committee: J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, P. Ryan
- 16) Northwestern Health Unit: P. Ryan
- 17) Fort Frances Volunteer Bureau: R. Wiedenhoeft
- 18) RR District Municipal Association Executive: S. Tibbs
- 19) Suggestions Awards Committee: K. Perry
- 20) Street Lighting Inspection Committee: K. Perry
- 21) Negotiating Committee – CUPE Local 65: Mayor R. Avis, A. Hallikas, P. Ryan
- 22) Negotiating Committee – Fort Frances Professional Fire Fighters Association: Mayor R. Avis, A. Hallikas, K. Perry
- 23) St. Francis Sports Field Management Committee: R. Wiedenhoeft
- 24) Theatre Management Advisory Committee: A. Hallikas
- 25) Fort Frances Public Library Board: S. Tibbs, R. Wiedenhoeft
- 26) Business Improvement Area Board of Management: J. Albanese
- 27) Salary Structure and Administration Practices Committee: Mayor R. Avis, A. Hallikas
- 28) Municipal Control Group: Mayor R. Avis – Alternate: Deputy Mayor S. Tibbs
- 29) Fort Frances Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation: J. Albanese, A. Hallikas
- 30) Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board: K. Perry
- 31) Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee: A. Hallikas, P. Ryan
- 32) Sunny Cove Camp Advisory Committee: S. Tibbs; K. Perry
- 33) Fun in the Sun Steering Committee: A. Hallikas; K. Perry
- 34) Off-Leash Dog Park Committee: A. Hallikas; K. Perry

AND FURTHER THAT the following Councillor appointments be made effective December 1, 2012 to November 30, 2014:

- 1) Committee of the Whole of Council: J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, K. Perry, G.P. Ryan, S. Tibbs, R. Wiedenhoeft and Mayor R. Avis
- 2) Committee of the Whole Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons: December 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013: Chairperson: A. Hallikas; Vice Chairperson: K. Perry; April 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013: Chairperson: K. Perry; Vice Chairperson: P. Ryan; August 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013: Chairperson: P. Ryan; Vice Chairperson: R. Wiedenhoeft; December 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014: Chairperson: R. Wiedenhoeft; Vice Chairperson: J. Albanese; April 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014: Chairperson: J. Albanese; Vice Chairperson: S. Tibbs; August 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014: Chairperson: S. Tibbs; Vice Chairperson: A. Hallikas.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor is ex-officio a member of all Town boards, commissions and committees. CARRIED

802 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: 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 item # 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7. CARRIED

- 7.1 awarded janitorial contracts for 2013 as follows: Children's complex - T. Piotrowski, Civic Centre/O.P.P. office & Museum – Nicolson's Janitorial, Public Works – M. Hellsoe, renewal of Library janitorial contract in 2013 with S & A Cleaners
- 7.2 approved honouring 2012 Citizen of the Year, K. Christiansen, at the December 17th, 2012 council meeting, and postponement of the annual appreciation dinner to June 2013 at Sunny Cove Camp.
- 7.3 approved proceeding with strategic plan initiatives: regional airport initiative, police services review and condo initiative review
- 7.4 approved borrowing \$1,000,000.00 and use of Water, Sewer and Corporate reserve funds to finance the Honeywell Energy Project completed in 2012 and preparation of an authorizing by-law

- 7.5 approved temporary borrowing of \$4,000,000.00 to meet expenditures in 2013 and preparation of an authorizing by-law
- 3.3 Referred a request from Safe Communities Rainy River District for per capita contribution in 2013 to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation
- 3.4 Referred a report from Tannis Drysdale, Consultant re: Fort Frances Community Foundation to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation
- 3.5 Referred a request from Emerald Ash Borer Task Force for permission to place a sign on town property to Planning and Development Committee for recommendation
- 3.6 Proclaimed January 2013 as National Alzheimer Awareness Month as requested by the Alzheimer Society Kenora/Rainy River Districts
- 3.7 Referred a request for contribution from Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation

- 803 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Sessions No. 59, 60 and 61 dated November 20, 26 and December 7, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 804 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being Sessions No. 74, 75, 76, 77 and 78 dated November 20, 26 and December 7, 2012 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 805 Perry-Tibbs: THAT the matter of an application to a legal tribunal naming the Town of Fort Frances as a non-primary defendant be received and further that the matter proceed as directed. CARRIED
- 806 Tibbs-Perry: THAT the request for an extension of the time to settle the Couchiching First Nation outstanding water and sewer account be approved to not extend beyond March 31, 2013. CARRIED
- 807 Perry-Tibbs: THAT the matter of Couchiching First Nation outstanding water and sewer account continue as directed. CARRIED
- 808 Tibbs-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated November 30, 2012 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Zoning By-Law Amendment #8/98-WW Part Block C SM-112 ("Huffman School") be approved. CARRIED
Yea: R. Avis, J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, G. P. Ryan, S. Tibbs and R. Wiedenhoeft
Nay: K. Perry
- 809 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT By-Law No. 08/98-WW being a by-law to amend Zoning By-Law No. 08/98 with respect to lands municipally described as Part of Block C Plan SM-112 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. CARRIED
Yea: R. Avis, J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, G.P. Ryan, S. Tibbs, R. Wiedenhoeft
Nay: K. Perry
- 810 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT By-Law No. 46/12 being a by-law to authorize interim borrowing in 2013 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. CARRIED

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- 811 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following be authorized to attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association Annual General Meeting and Conference on January 26th, 2013 in Barwick, Ontario: all members of Council that are available and Administrative staff as authorized/directed by the CAO. CARRIED
- 812 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following nomination be put forward to the Rainy River District Municipal Association for appointment to the Executive of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Vice-President: Andrew Hallikas. CARRIED
- 813 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: That the following members of Council be authorized to attend the local Government Networking Session on January 16th, 2013 in Devlin, Ontario: Councillor Albanese
- And further that the following allowances will apply to this meeting for members of Council attending: per diem; travel policy. CARRIED
- 814 Tibbs-Perry: THAT By-Law No. 47/12 being a by-law to authorize borrowing from Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for financing of the Honeywell Energy Project 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. CARRIED
- 815 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk