

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 072

MARCH 14, 2013

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 6:41 p.m. to 7:16 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, (chaired 6:41 p.m. to 6:56 p.m. and 6:57 p.m. to 7:16 p.m.); Councillors A Hallikas (chaired 6:56 p.m. to 6:57 p.m.), G. Paul Ryan and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; L. Witherspoon, Treasurer, R. Hallam, Superintendent Planning and Development.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members;
 - 1) Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft on Committee of the Whole agenda item 7.3 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) Mayor R. Avis on Committee of the Whole agenda item 7.1 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. He turned the chair over to Deputy Mayor A. Hallikas while the matter was considered.
2. Verbal communications:
 - 1) Public hearing re: Applications for tax adjustment under Section 357/358 of the Municipal Act, 2001, re: 410 Crowe Avenue; CNR leased vacant property. No one came forward to speak to the applications.
 - 2) Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft public service announcement re: pet feces.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Non agenda items:
 - 1) By-Law No. 61/08-A to amend the No Smoking By-Law.
 - 2) Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Festival request for letter of support.
 - 3) Northwestern Health Unit Board monthly meeting in Fort Frances March 22nd. Council is invited to their coffee break.
5. Resolutions
 - 891 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated March 5, 2013 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: 357/358 Applications for Tax Adjustment Re: 410 Crowe Ave (2012) and CNR Leased Vacant Property (2010, 2011, 2012) be approved. CARRIED
 - 892 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: THAT the following Consent items be approved:
 - 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9.
 - 2) Council Consent Summary Report #3.1
 - 3) Council Consent items #3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8. CARRIED
 - 6.1 approved awarding Tender No. 13-OF-01 – 3 Year Term – Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Collection System Piping to Roto Rooter at an estimated cost of \$198,423.10 including hst and contingency allowance of \$30,000.00.
 - 6.2 approved entering into a master mobility service agreement with Tbaytel.

- 6.3 approved an amendment to the Continuous Safety Services Agreement with the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) to include all electrical work on the streetlight assets.
- 6.4 approved endorsing a letter respecting landfill site issues to be sent to Transport Canada in response to their February 1, 2013 letter to Couchiching First Nations.
- 6.5 approved entering into an agreement with Telcom Enterprises for purposes of performing a complete audit of all telecommunication expenses, with the associated audit costs being 50% of the monthly savings they are able to achieve over 18 months.
- 6.6 approved deferring the request from Fort Frances High School Chem Free re: Prize Donation until the annual request for a donation to offset rental fees at the Fort Frances Memorial Sports Arena has been received.
- 6.7 approved receiving Minutes of Settlement – Requests for Reconsideration re: 1721 King’s Highway (2012).
- 6.8 approved allocating contributions to Capital from the Revenue Fund in the mount of \$4,379.25 and \$367,809.11 from Reserve Funds to finance certain 2012 Capital Fund Expenditures.
- 6.9 approved establishing a fee of \$25.00 for the transfer of an existing business license part way through the year to another person and the amending of the current Schedule of Fees.
- 3.3 referred a financial request from Fort Frances Community Clinic Inc. re: Taxation Relief at 363 Church Street to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.4 proclaimed April 2, 2013 as “World Autism Awareness Day” in the Town of Fort Frances.
- 3.5 referred a financial request from Rainy River District Music Festival Association re: 73rd Festival of the Performing Arts to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.6 referred a request from Leroy Carpenter re: Sale of Property legally described as PT HB RES PCL 8372 to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.7 referred a request from R. DeGagne-Tweedie re: 810 Cornwall and 352 Church Street to Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.8 approved the request from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association re: Letter of Support to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne re: Stakeholder Opposition to Proposed Endangered Species Act Transition Measures.

893 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Sessions No. 68, 69 and 70 dated February 11 and 19 and March 4, 2013 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

894 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being Sessions No. 86, 87 and 88 dated February 11 and 19 and March 4, 2013 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

895 Ryan-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated February 19, 2013 from R. Hallam, Superintendent of Planning and Development re: LaVerendrye Parkway Village Condominium Project be approved. CARRIED

896 Ryan-Wiedenhoeft: That the report dated March 7, 2013, from G. Treftlin, Town Clerk re: Applications for appointment to fill vacancy on Council be received and that the matter proceed as directed. CARRIED

- 897 Wiedenhoeft-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 8, 2013 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel & Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis
- 898 Ryan-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated March 5, 2013 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Ken Perry – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel & Per Diem Claim be approved as amended. CARRIED
- 899 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated March 5, 2013 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel & Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: R. Wiedenhoeft
- 900 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 5, 2013 from P. Briere, By-Law Enforcement Officer re: Amendment to By-Law No. 61/08, Prohibition of Smoking be approved and the appropriate by-law amendment be prepared. CARRIED
- 901 Hallikas-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:
- 12/13 A by-law to approve certain agreements and minutes of settlement with Bowater Canadian Forest Products Inc. (now Resolute FP Canada Inc.) and Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
- 13/13 A by-law to approve an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for Ontario for funding under the Asset Management Funding Program. CARRIED
- 902 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: That the matter of demolition of the former F. H. Huffman School building located at 850 Williams Avenue to allow for development of residential building lots having been previously decided be now reconsidered. CARRIED
- 903 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the request dated February 21, 2013 from Allan T. Bedard, Fort Frances Seniors Advisory Committee re: Huffman School be received and referred to the Planning and Development, Operations and Facilities, Administration and Finance and Community Services Executive Committees for recommendation. CARRIED
- 904 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT By-Law 61/08-A being a by-law to amend Town of Fort Frances By-Law 61/08, a by-law to prohibit smoking in Town buildings and vehicles 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
- 905 Ryan-Hallikas: That the request dated March 11, 2013 from Jennifer Greenhalgh on behalf of the Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Committee for a letter of support for their application for funding in 2013 under the Ontario Sports and Recreation Communities Fund be approved for a letter of support in principle. CARRIED
- 906 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk

