

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 073

MARCH 25, 2013

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, March 25, 2013 from 6:24 p.m. to 6:58 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, (chaired 6:24 p.m. to 6:48 p.m. and 6:49 p.m. to 6:58 p.m.); Councillors A. Hallikas (chaired 6:48 p.m. to 6:49 p.m.), D. Kitowski, K. Perry, G. Paul Ryan and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; J. Kabel, Manager, Community Services; D. Brown, Manager, Operations & Facilities; L. Witherspoon, Treasurer, F. Flatt, Municipal Planner (6:24 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.), R. Hallam, Superintendent Planning and Development (6:24 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.).

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members;
  - 1) Councillor K. Perry on item 7.2 on agenda for March 11, 2013 meeting of Committee of the Whole Council, stating the claim for travel expense and per diem was his. Councillor Perry was not in attendance at that meeting.
  - 2) Councillor K. Perry on Committee of the Whole agenda item 7.2, stating the claim for per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
  - 3) Mayor R. Avis on Committee of the Whole agenda item 7.1, stating the claim for luncheon meeting expense 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) Appointment to fill vacancy on Council:

Following the passing by Council of a resolution to appoint Douglas A. Kitowski to fill the current vacancy on Council, Mayor R. Avis presided over Mr. Kitowski's sworn declaration of office of Councillor.
  - 2) Allan T. Bedard presented a proposal to Council to utilize the former Huffman School building as an extension to the current Sister Kennedy Centre for purposes of programs for seniors.
  - 3) Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft gave an update on preparations for the International Tug 'O War to be held in July.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Resolutions
  - 907 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: WHEREAS Council, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Section 262, declared a vacancy on Council on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, and  
WHEREAS Council, pursuant to Section 263 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, is required on or before March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to either pass a by-law to call for a by-election to fill the vacancy or appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy, and  
WHEREAS Council has opted to fill the vacancy by appointment.  
NOW THEREFORE Council hereby appoints the following to the vacant seat on Council for the remainder of this Council's term, until November 30, 2014: Douglas A. Kitowski.

CARRIED
  - 908 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the presentation titled Hoffman School Temporary Addition to the Sister Kennedy Centre dated February 7, 2013, as presented by Allan T. Bedard and Nick Wihnan, be received.

CARRIED

909 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: 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 and 6.7.
  - 2) Council Consent Summary Report #3.1
  - 3) Council Consent items #3.3, 3.4 and 3.5. CARRIED
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- 6.1 denied a request from Bearskin Airline for purchase of advertising space in their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of In-Flight magazine in the amount of \$395.00.
  - 6.2 after consideration of a request from Rosanna DeGagne Tweedie, approved investigation with the possibility of developing a new residential rate class for apartment building with 3 or less units when setting the 2014 water and sewer rates, and further that rates not be adjusted at this time.
  - 6.3 approved establishing a policy supporting host community activation, within certain guidelines as laid out in the March 18, 2013 report from F. Sheppard, Fire Chief/CEMC.
  - 6.4 approved a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Rainy River District Music Festival re: 73<sup>rd</sup> Festival of Performing Arts – April 2013.
  - 6.5 approved accepting the P.O.A. audited Statements for the year ending December 31, 2012.
  - 6.6 approved recommending that Fort Frances Community Clinic be directed to contact MPAC to discuss and investigate current value assessment appropriate for the unoccupied building located at 363 Church Street.
  - 6.7 approved striking of a committee for purposes of organizing the Annual Appreciation Dinner to be held June 8<sup>th</sup> at Sunny Cove Camp for future recommendation to Mayor and Council.
  - 3.3 proclaimed May 29, 2013 as “Day of the Honey Bee” in the Town of Fort Frances.
  - 3.4 referred a request from D. Anderson, Chair Business Improvement Area Board of Management re: Consideration of a Public Nuisance By-Law to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
  - 3.5 referred a request from Fort Frances Community Garden Planning Committee (FFCGPC) re: Community Garden to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.

910 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Sessions No. 71 and 72 dated March 13 and 14, 2013 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

911 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being Sessions No. 90 and 91 dated March 13 and 14, 2013 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

912 Ryan-Perry: THAT the report dated March 13, 2013 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Disposition of Lot 5 Plan SM-122 be approved.

913 Perry-Ryan: That the report dated March 22, 2013, from J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services re: Application for Appointment to Fort Frances Public Library Board be approved and further that the following be appointed to the Fort Frances Public Library Board with term of office expiring November 30, 2014: Paul Pirie. CARRIED

914 Ryan-Perry: THAT the report dated March 19, 2013 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – Luncheon Meeting Expense be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis

915 Wiedenhoeft-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 19, 2013 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Ken Perry – FCM Community Infrastructure Partnership Program Workshop Per Diem be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: K. Perry

- 916 Ryan-Perry: THAT the report dated March 18, 2013 from R. Hallam, Superintendent of Planning and Development re: R.F.P. 13-PD-02, Fire Protection & Prevention Services be approved as amended. CARRIED
- 917 Ryan-Perry: THAT the report dated March 4, 2013 from D. Brown, Manager of Operations and Facilities re: 2012 Schedule 22 (Compliance) Summary Report for the Town's Drinking Water System – DWS #220000978 – Large Municipal Residential System & 2012/13 MOE “Announced/Focused” Inspection Report be approved. CARRIED
- 918 Perry-Ryan: That the 2012 Schedule 22 (Compliance) Summary Report for the Town's Drinking Water System – DWS #220000978 – Large Municipal Residential System be accepted. CARRIED
- 919 Ryan-Perry: THAT the report dated March 20, 2013 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Chief Building Official Appointment be approved and further that an appropriate by-law be prepared. CARRIED
- 920 Perry-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 12, 2013 from L. Pattison, Civic Centre Secretary/Receptionist re: Fort Frances Municipal Non Profit Housing Corporation Board be received and further that the following appointments be confirmed to the Fort Frances Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board for the one-year term ending December 31, 2013: Nick Wihnan, Bill Krukoski, Gord McBride, Mark McCaig and Faye Flatt. CARRIED
- 921 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: 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:
- 28/11-A A by-law to approve an amending agreement for the provision of continuous safety services with Electrical Safety Authority
- 15/13 A by-law to approve an agreement for a comprehensive telecommunications review with Telcom Enterprises CARRIED
- 922 Ryan-Wiedenhoeft: THAT By-Law No. 14/13 being a by-law to appoint a new Chief Building Official and Deputy Chief Building Official for the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances 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.  
Yeas: R. Avis, A. Hallikas, P. Ryan, R. Wiedenhoeft CARRIED  
Nay: K. Perry
- 923 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

A. Hallikas, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk