

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 075

APRIL 8, 2013

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, April 8, 2013 from 6:22 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, K. Perry, D. Kitowski, 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.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members:

Councillor A. Hallikas on Committee of the Whole meeting agenda item 7.1 stating that the claim for per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.

2. Verbal communications:

- 1) A. T. Bedard, Chair, Seniors Retirees Against Pension and Elder Abuse did a presentation on taxation and user fees in Town.
- 2) J. McPherson, Ontario Clean Water Agency presented OCWA'S 2012 Annual Report on Sewage Treatment Plant operations.
- 3) Mayor Avis presented his revised appointment of members of Council to various boards and committees for term ending November 30, 2014.

3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.

4. Non-agenda item:

- 1) Request for proclamation from Rainy River District Victims Services Program.

5. Resolutions

927 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the presentation of Ontario Clean Water Agency Annual Report for 2012 titled "Working in Partnership with the Town of Fort Frances" from J. McPherson, Ontario Clean Water Agency be received. CARRIED

928 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the presentation titled "Taxes – The Economic Bubble has Burst – Denial is Not an Option" from Allan T. Bedard, Chairman, Seniors, Retirees Against Pension & Elder Abuse be received. CARRIED

929 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the following Councillor appointments be approved for the remainder of the term ending November 30, 2014 (Committee Chairs to be selected by their respective committees):

- 1) Administration and Finance Executive Committee: K. Perry, P. Ryan, A. Hallikas
- 2) Planning and Development Executive Committee: J. Albanese, R. Wiedenhoeft, D. Kitowski
- 3) Operations and Facilities Executive Committee: P. Ryan, R. Wiedenhoeft, K. Perry
- 4) Community Services Executive Committee: J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, D. Kitowski
- 5) Citizen of the Year Committee: A. Hallikas, P. Ryan
- 6) Court of Revisions: K. Perry, J. Albanese, D. Kitowski
- 7) Economic Development Advisory Committee: K. Perry
- 8) Regional Economic Development Committee: K. Perry
- 9) Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce: J. Albanese
- 10) First Nations Relations Advisory Committee: Mayor R. Avis, R. Wiedenhoeft, P. Ryan
- 11) Sister Kennedy Centre Board of Management: J. Albanese, D. Kitowski
- 12) Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board: Mayor R. Avis, R. Wiedenhoeft
- 13) Moffat Family Fund Steering Committee: J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, P. Ryan
- 14) Northwestern Health Unit: P. Ryan

- 15) Fort Frances Volunteer Bureau: R. Wiedenhoeft
- 16) RR District Municipal Association Executive: R. Avis; Alternate K. Perry
- 17) Suggestions Awards Committee: K. Perry
- 18) Street Lighting Inspection Committee: K. Perry
- 19) Negotiating Committee – CUPE Local 65: Mayor R. Avis, A. Hallikas, P. Ryan
- 20) Negotiating Committee – Fort Frances Professional Fire Fighters Association: Mayor R. Avis, A. Hallikas, K. Perry
- 21) St. Francis Sports Field Management Committee: R. Wiedenhoeft
- 22) Theatre Management Advisory Committee: A. Hallikas
- 23) Fort Frances Public Library Board: A. Hallikas, R. Wiedenhoeft
- 24) Business Improvement Area Board of Management: J. Albanese
- 25) Salary Structure and Administration Practices Committee: Mayor R. Avis, A. Hallikas
- 26) Municipal Control Group: Mayor R. Avis – Alternate: Sitting Deputy Mayor
- 27) Fort Frances Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation: J. Albanese, D. Kitowski
- 28) Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board: K. Perry
- 29) Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee: A. Hallikas, P. Ryan
- 30) Sunny Cove Camp Advisory Committee: D. Kitowski; K. Perry
- 31) Fun in the Sun Steering Committee: A. Hallikas; K. Perry
- 32) 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, D. Kitowski, R. Wiedenhoeft and Mayor R. Avis.
- 2) Committee of the Whole Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons: 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: D. Kitowski; August 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014: Chairperson: D. Kitowski; Vice Chairperson: A. Hallikas.

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

930 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 6.1, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7.
  - 2) Council Consent Summary Report #3.1
  - 3) Council Consent items #3.3 and 3.4. CARRIED
- 6.1 declined a proposal by the Fort Frances Minor Hockey Association to extend the Ice for Kids plant operations until June 2013.
  - 6.4 approved preparation of a deeming by-law to deem Lots 1,2,3,4 and 5 on Plan SM-122.
  - 6.5 approved the February 2013 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report.
  - 6.6 approved accepting the OPP Office Lease Agreement audited financials for the year ended December 31, 2012 as provided by BDO Canada LLP, and further that the invoice in the amount of \$1,250.00 plus hst for services be approved for payment.
  - 6.7 approved acceptance of the Federal Gas Tax Revenues Auditor's Report on Compliance of the Municipal Funding Agreement for the year ended December 31 2012 as provided by BDO Canada LLP, and further that Invoice #8736821 in the amount of \$1,750.00 plus hst be approved for payment
  - 3.3 approved the Break Open Ticket Licence Application from LaVerendrye General Hospital Auxiliary at Sunset Schmiddy's from May 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013.

3.4 referred the request from the Fort Frances Police Services Board re: Amendments to the current Flag Lowering Policy at the Civic Centre to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.

931 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated April 4, 2013 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Moffat Family Fund 2013 Allocation of \$37,500 be approved. CARRIED

932 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 27, 2013 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Sunny Cove Camp Caretaker Agreement be approved and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared. CARRIED

933 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated April 3, 2013 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Travis Rob Employment be approved. CARRIED

934 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated April 1, 2013 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Appointments to Boards & Committees be approved and further that the following be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment with term of office expiring November 30, 2014: Jackie Lampi-Hughes. CARRIED

935 Kitowski-Hallikas: That the report dated April 3, 2013, from J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services re: Fort Frances Voyageur Lions Club Letter be approved. CARRIED

936 Hallikas-Kitowski: THAT the report dated April 1, 2013 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Request dated March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Fort Frances Community Garden Group be approved. CARRIED

937 Ryan-Kitowski: THAT the report dated April 2, 2013 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Andrew Hallikas – NOMA Board Meeting be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: A. Hallikas

938 Ryan-Kitowski: THAT the report dated April 3, 2013 from M. McCaig, CAO re: Presentation by A. Bedard and M. Bedard re: Proposed Use of the Former Huffman School Building be approved. CARRIED  
Yea: R. Avis, J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, D. Kitowski, K. Perry, G.P. Ryan, R. Wiedenhoeft

939 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:

10/13 A by-law to deem Lots 1,2,3,4 and 5 on Plan SM-122 to no longer be lots on a registered plan of subdivision.

16/13 A by-law to approve a contract with 1113931 Ontario Inc. (Sunset Protection Systems) for fire prevention and protection services.

17/13 A by-law to approve certain retirement incentive agreements.

18/13 A by-law to approve a contract with Roto-Rooter Plumbing & Drain Service for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Inspection in 2013, 2014 and 2015. CARRIED

940 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the letter dated March 22, 2013 from Fort Frances Power Corporation re: Annual General Meeting of the Fort Frances Power Corporation at noon on May 1, 2013 in the Committee Room Civic Centre be received and further that the following be authorized to attend: All members of Council who are available. CARRIED

- 941     Ryan-Hallikas: THAT April 21 to 27, 2013 be proclaimed as “National Victims of Crime Awareness Week” in the Town of Fort Frances as requested April 8, 2013 from Rainy River District Victim Services Program. CARRIED
- 942     Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk

