

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 81

June 10, 2013

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, June 10, 2013 from 6:48 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: G. Treftlin, Clerk; D. Brown, Manager, Operations & Facilities; Faye Flatt, Municipal Planner (6:48 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.)

1. Verbal Communication:

1) Travis Enge, Manager of Plant Operations and Maintenance, Rainy River District School Board did a presentation on the Kiss 'N Ride Safety Program being proposed by the School's Traffic Safety Committee for St. Francis, J. W. Walker and Robert Moore elementary schools.

2. Written communication as per the agenda attached.

3. Non Agenda Items:

- 1) Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft gave an update on the activities planned for July 1st and 2nd in celebration of Canada Day and the International Tug of War with International Falls, Minnesota.
- 2) Request from I. Linklater re: Family/Community Event proposed for Point Park, July 20 – 28, 2013.
- 3) Councillor Albanese thanked the Town on behalf of 908 Air Cadet Squadron for assistance with the successful BBQ held at the recent Fly-In/Drive In BBQ at the Airport.

4. Resolutions:

- 1005 Kitowski-Hallikas: THAT the presentation from the Fort Frances Traffic Safety Group re Kiss 'N Ride Safety Program be received,
THAT Council declares its support in principle for the Kiss 'N Ride Safety Program as presented, and
FURTHER THAT the matter of traffic control and other issues associated with the Kiss 'N Ride Safety Program be referred to the Planning and Development Executive Committee for review and recommendation.

CARRIED

- 1006 Kitowski-Kitowski: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9 and 6.10
- 2) Council Consent Summary Report #3.1
- 3) Council Consent items #3.3, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6.

CARRIED

6.1 approved an encroachment agreement with the owner of 400 Butler Avenue.

6.2 received the letter from Jay Burnett, property owner of 724 3rd Street West and approved the Town performing maintenance activities on the laneway near 724 3rd Street West.

- 6.4 approved awarding an agreement to the Miller Group, Winnipeg, Manitoba re: Municipal Special or Hazardous Waste (MSHW) Service Provider to Host a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day Event in 2013, at an estimated cost of \$19,945.06 including hst.
- 6.5 approved the April 2013 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report
- 6.6 approved 2013 Graduation Congratulatory Messages on 93.1 The Border in the amount of \$150.00 plus applicable taxes.
- 6.7 approved the Child Care Service Audited Compliance Report for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 as prepared by BDO Canada and further that the invoice for audited services be approved for payment in the amount of \$1,650.00 plus hst.
- 6.8 denied the request from the Sister Kennedy Board to reconsider the 2009 Corporate Reserve fund reallocation.
- 6.9 received only, the financial request for the RBC Royal Bank re: Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame 26th Annual golf Tournament.
- 6.10 approved the annual Occupational Health and Safety Policy and the Workplace Harassment and Violence Policy.
- 3.3 referred the request dated May 27, 2013, Watten Fire Department re: Donation of Rental Costs for Russell Hall at Kiwanis Sunny Cover Camp on August 23rd for a fundraising “Fish Fry” to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.4 referred the request from Douglas and Sandra Judson re: Supply of Sewer and Water Services at 35 Oakwood Road, Township of Alberton to Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.5 referred the request dated June 3, 2013 from United Native Friendship Centre re: Designated Bus Loading/Unloading zone in front of 308 Butler Avenue to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.6 proclaimed July 6th to 14th, 2013 as “Ontario Family Fishing Events Days” in the Town of Fort Frances.

- 1007 Kitowski-Hallikas: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 80, dated May 27, 2013 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 1008 Kitowski-Hallikas: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being Session No. 100 dated May 27, 2013 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 1009 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated June 4, 2013 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Scott Turvey Employment be approved and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared. CARRIED
- 1010 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated June 5, 2013 from D. Brown, Manager of Operations and Facilities re: Maintenance & Condition of Frog Creek Road – Fronting Airport Property be approved. CARRIED
- 1011 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report dated June 4, 2013 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Fort Frances Native Wahkaihanum Corporation Zoning Amendment (File 8/98-XX) be approved. CARRIED

- 1012 Hallikas-Kitowski: THAT By-Law No. 8/98-XX being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 8/98 the Zoning By-Law, with respect to lands municipally known as 1026 York Avenue North to and including 1040 York Avenue North and 237 8th St. W. 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
- 1013 Kitowski-Hallikas: THAT the invitation to attend the United Native Friendship Centre 40th Anniversary Gathering in celebration of 40 years of service in our community at the Royal Canadian Legion, Fort Frances Branch on June 21, 2013 be received and that the following be authorized to attend: members of Council who are available to attend;
AND FURTHER THAT the following are to apply with respect to attendance at this function: Neither per diem allowance nor travel allowance. CARRIED
- 1014 Hallikas-Kitowski: WHEREAS the cost of municipal police services in Ontario has increased substantially over the past almost 20 years, in some instances in excess of 67.5%;
AND WHEREAS the level at which Ontario municipalities are to provide municipal police services is set by the Province;
AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are facing staggering increases in annual combined costs for both protective and health services;
AND WHEREAS the economy in many northern and Northwestern Ontario municipalities has been devastated by recent plant closures in the forest industry and there have been some very substantial reductions in taxable assessment with respect to these plants, in some cases with retroactive effect;
AND WHEREAS in order to mitigate the impact of the additional costs for police services on their annual budget, some municipalities are reducing the complement of their police uniformed officers to the point where the minimum delivery level of police services as mandated by the province is just being met;
AND WHEREAS the Province has recently reached a negotiated settlement with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) that will have OPP personnel receive a pay increase in excess of 8.5% to be effective January 1, 2014;
AND WHEREAS this increase, when factored in with the many other fiscal restraints and challenges currently facing Ontario municipalities, will only exacerbate the ability for Ontario municipalities to deliver at a satisfactory level protective and other municipal services to their ratepayers.
NOW THEREFORE the Province of Ontario be called upon to take immediate measures to remediate the adverse impact on Ontario municipalities caused by increases in police services costs; and
FURTHER THAT this resolution be presented to the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association for their consideration and support. CARRIED
- 1015 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the request dated June 7, 2013, from Ida Linklater re: Family/Community Event, July 20 – 28, 2013 at Point Park be received and referred to Administration & Finance Executive Committee and Planning & Development Executive Committee for recommendation. CARRIED
- 1016 Kitowski-Hallikas: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. W. Treftlin, Clerk