

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 103

APRIL 14, 2014

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, April 14, 2014 from 7:23 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. and 8:35 p.m. to 9:13 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, 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.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members:
 - 1) Councillor A. Hallikas on Committee of the Whole 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) Public meeting under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* re: Intention to pass a by-law to submit a question on the ballot to the electors in the 2014 municipal election. No one came forward to speak to the proposed question on the ballot when invited to do so by Mayor Avis.
 - 2) Chris Fields of Twist Marketing presented to Council on the new Community Brand: Fort Frances – Boundless and the associated graphic.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Non-agenda items:
 - 1) Letter from L. Lamp, Chair Rainy River Soil Crop Improvement Association to request letter of support for continuation of the Agriculture Research Facility in Emo.
 - 2) Registration of delegates to NOMA Conference authorization.
 - 3) Medical NAFTA meeting – Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft.
 - 4) M. McCaig commended public works staff for their exceptional service this past winter.
5. Resolutions
 - 1283 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the new Community Brand for the Town of Fort Frances “Fort Frances – Boundless” with the associated graphic as presented at tonight’s meeting by Chris Fields of Twist Marketing be hereby formally adopted as recommended. CARRIED
 - 1284 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the Town of Fort Frances approve the “Medical NAFTA” meeting in Fort Frances on July 3rd and sanction letters of invitation being sent out to all parties involved. The 1/3 cost of this breakfast meeting to be covered by Council’s public relations account. CARRIED
 - 1285 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: 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, 6.9 and 6.10
 - 2) Council Consent Summary Report #3.1.
 - 3) Council Consent items #3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10 and 3.11. CARRIED

- 6.1 approved execution of an agreement with the City of Dryden for 2014 Internal Auditing Services of Drinking Quality Management Systems.
- 6.2 approved review and acceptance of the 2013/14 MOE “Announced, detailed” Inspection Report of the Town’s drinking water system.
- 6.3 approved awarding tender for one ½ ton truck (2 wheeled drive, four door) to Dryden Chevrolet Buick, GMC Ltd. at a total cost of \$27,937.99 including taxes; one ½ ton pick up truck (4 wheeled drive, four door crew cab) to Jim MacDonald Motors Ltd. at a cost of \$31,906.68 including taxes and one ¾ ton pick up truck (4 wheeled drive, four door crew cab) to Jim MacDonald Motors Ltd. at a cost of \$39,795.21 including taxes – (items as outlined in Tender 14-OF-05).
- 6.4 denied the request from M. Fontana for reimbursement of payment to Pryde’s Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$899.51 for plumbing of sanitary sewer system on private property; and further approved splitting the payment for reimbursement of a payment to Tom Veert Contracting in the amount of \$762.75 for steamer rental to thaw frozen service line at 1226 Third Street East.
- 6.5 approved a five year renewal of a hangar lot lease agreement with W. Pruys at the Fort Frances Municipal Airport commencing January 1, 2014.
- 6.6 approved the transfer of \$400,000.00 to the Corporate Contingency Reserve Fund for the fiscal year end of December 31, 2013.
- 6.7 approved a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the Fort Frances Museum towards a wine and cheese evening in support of the Mill 100th Anniversary and support the forestry theme float for the July 1st parade.
- 6.8 approved a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Salvation Army to support the Salvation Army 100 Year Anniversary activities.
- 6.9 supported the City of Thunder Bay’s resolution regarding the Special Purpose business Assessment Review and Recommendations (SPBPAP Report) Response of the City of Thunder Bay.
- 6.10 confirmed that no further action is required on the proposed acquisition of property from the estate of James Edward Armstrong on Fourth Street West.
- 3.3 proclaimed October 12-18, 2014 as “English as a Second Language Week” in the Town of Fort Frances.
- 3.4 referred a request from Rainy River District School Board re: Addition of One Designated Accessible Parking Space at J.W. Walker School (475 Keating Avenue) to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.5 referred a financial request from Fort Frances High School Chem Free Grad re: FFHS Chem Free Grad Party – June 19, 2014 to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.6 referred a request from Mason Rentals re: Adjustment to Water Bill at 237B Church Street to Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.7 supported the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Communication dated March 4, 2014 re: Legislature Supports Motion on Municipal Liability Reform – More Municipal Action Needed.
- 3.8 proclaimed April 2014 as “Daffodil Month” in the Town of Fort Frances.
- 3.9 referred a sponsorship request from LaVerendrye General Hospital Auxiliary re: Rock’N For a Reason 2014 – May 16 and 17, 2014 to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.10 proclaimed June 2014 as “Seniors Month” in the Town of Fort Frances.
- 3.11 proclaimed April 28th to May 4th, 2014 as “Canada’s Public – Rail Safety Week” in the Town of Fort Frances.

- 1286 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 101, dated March 24, 2014 having been typed and distributed be approved.
CARRIED
- 1287 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being session No. 127, dated March 24, 2014 having been typed and distributed be approved.
CARRIED
- 1288 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated April 9, 2014 from M. McCaig, CAO, re: Condo Proposal from B. Boulton – Northern Superior Structural Solutions be approved.
CARRIED
- 1289 Hallikas-Ryan: That the resolution passed April 7, 2014 by the Economic Development Advisory Committee re: engaging a dedicated Economic Development Officer for the Town of Fort Frances to work in partnership with the Rainy River Future Development Corporation be received and further that this matter proceed as directed.
CARRIED
- 1290 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated April 10, 2014 from A. Petrin, Human Resources Manager, re: Moffat Family Fund 2014 Allocation of \$38,750 be approved.
CARRIED
- 1291 Ryan-Albanese: THAT the report dated April 9, 2014 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Andrew Hallikas – NOMA Board Meeting be approved.
CARRIED
- Disclosure of Interest: A. Hallikas
- 1292 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated April 9, 2014 from G. Treftlin, Town Clerk re: 2014 Municipal Elections - Alternative Voting Methods be approved and further that the appropriate by-laws be prepared.
CARRIED
- 1293 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:
- 06/14 A by-law to prohibit the sale and regulate the use of Fireworks within the Town of Fort Frances.
- 10/14 A by-law to provide for the use of alternative voting methods and optical scan vote tabulating equipment in the 2014 Municipal Election.
- 11/14 A by-law to approve agreements with Comprint Systems Incorporated (dba DataFix) for Municipal VoterView web hosting services and vote by mail services and with Dominion Voting Systems for lease of vote tabulating equipment all for purposes of the 2014 Municipal Election.
- 12/14 A by-law to approve an agreement with the Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs through the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat for financing under the Ontario Seniors Community Grant Program.
- 13/14 A by-law to approve an agreement with the City of Dryden for the provision by Fort Frances of Internal Audit Services of Dryden's Drinking Water Quality Management System.
CARRIED
- 1294 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT as requested in a letter dated March 28, 2014 by Larry Lamb, Chairman, Rainy River Soil and Crop Improvement Association, a letter of support for retaining the Emo Research Station be issued on the Mayor's letterhead to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario and Minister of Agriculture and Food.
CARRIED

- 1295 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the following be authorized to attend the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association AGM in Fort Frances on April 23, 24 and 25, 2014: Mayor and Councillors, CAO and Town Clerk. CARRIED
- 1296 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk