

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 110

JUNE 23, 2014

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, June 23, 2014 from 6:25 p.m. to 8:18 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, D. Kitowski, K. Perry, G. Paul Ryan and R. Wiedenhoef.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; J. Kabel, Manager, Community Services (6:25p.m. to 8:03 p.m.); D. Brown, Manager, Operations & Facilities (6:25p.m. to 8:03 p.m.); L. Witherspoon (6:25p.m. to 8:03 p.m.), Treasurer, F. Sheppard, Fire Chief/CEMC (6:25 p.m. to 6:58 p.m.).

1. Verbal communications:

- 1) F. Sheppard, Fire Chief/CEMC gave an update on the current status of the emergency conditions caused by flood levels of Rainy Lake and Rainy River. Accolades go to the members of the Municipal Control Group that met on numerous occasions and the many volunteers who stepped up to assist in filling and placing sandbags as needed.
- 2) J. Evans, CA and J. Savage CA of BDO Canada LLP presented the Town's draft 2013 audited financial statements.
- 3) T. Drysdale, consultant to Rainy River Future Development Corporation reported on enhanced services provided to the Town by RRFDC for the period January 1st to March 31st, 2014. An invoice for these services that period was presented for approval as well.
- 4) L. Witherspoon, Treasurer did a presentation on the Town's 2014 budget that was recently adopted by Council.

2. Written communications as per the agenda attached.

3. Non-agenda item:

- 1) Cancellation of regular meetings of Council – July 28th and August 25th, 2014.
- 2) Local Government Networking Group meeting June 26, 2014.

4. Resolutions

1369 Wiedenhoef-Perry: THAT the presentation of the Draft Town 2013 Audited Financial Statements by J. Savage, CA and Jon Evans, CA of BDO Canada LLP be received. CARRIED

1370 Wiedenhoef-Perry: THAT the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances Draft Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 as prepared by BDO Canada LLP be hereby adopted. CARRIED

1371 Perry-Wiedenhoef: THAT the Fort Frances Economic Development Activity Report for enhanced services for the period January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014 presented by Tannis Drysdale, consultant to Rainy River Future Development Corporation be received and further that RRFDC invoice #010-03-2014 for enhanced services to Fort Frances between January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014 in the amount of \$20,543.18 be approved. CARRIED

1372 Perry-Wiedenhoef: 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, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14 and 6.15
2) Council Consent Summary Report #3.1
3) Council Consent items #3.3 and 3.4. CARRIED

- 6.1 approved reducing the water billing of C. Kress, living at 1029 Portage Avenue in the amount of \$55.06; and further approved that all residential water and sewer customers who utilized a temporary water service line connected to their abutting property owner will be given a 50% discount off the water portion of the total water and sewer fee for the time that the temporary water service line was utilized during the 2014 winter season.
- 6.2 approved a request from The Rainy River Substance Abuse Prevention Team to utilize the Point Park September 6, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to host a Family Safety Day Event; and further that they will be responsible to supply the conductor and electrician to connect from the Point Park existing electrical supply or panels to their vendor equipment; and they will contact Asselin Transportation System Ltd. to supply and empty additional waste bins to be utilized for this event at no cost to the Town.
- 6.3 approved an adjustment to the March/April water/sanitary sewer invoice for 951 Sixth Street West; and further that the May/June invoice be adjusted based on averaging the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (5 year average) actual consumption pattern.
- 6.4 approved awarding Tender No. 14-OF-07 Surface Treatment of Roadways at Various Locations within the Town of Fort Frances to MSO construction Limited at an estimated cost of \$163,633.49.
- 6.5 approved the May 2014 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report.
- 6.6 approved entering into a geospatial data license agreement with both Vastimaki Consulting Service and Saulteaux Consulting and Engineering; and further that the fees be waived to both as they have been retained by Fort Frances Power Corporation to complete a fibre project within the community.
- 6.7 approved endorsing the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan as presented; and further that the Operations and Facilities Executive committee form part of the newly formed “Energy Management Committee” as outlined in the plan.
- 6.8 denied a request from William and Kristi Albright to purchase a portion of the laneway abutting their property at 755 Thompson Street.
- 6.9 approved authorization of further investigation by administration with the MTO to ascertain its willingness to erect signage similar to that on Central Avenue with involvement from the Operations and Facilities Division regarding the installation of directional signage in the vicinity of the Canada Customs facility.
- 6.10 approved a request by Summit Telecom/TbayTel for written concurrence for the erection/installation of proposed 20 ft telecommunications tower at 250 Church Street.
- 6.11 approved authorizing the preparation of a by-law to amend section 4.7.1 to add a Home Occupation as a permitted use to the already permitted use of a Seasonal Residential zone; that the change to the proposed by-law after the holding of public meeting be considered minor such that further notice is not required.
- 6.12 approved acceptance of the 2013 Town of Fort Frances Child Care Programs Audited Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the year ended December 31, 2013 and that the invoice for audited services be paid.
- 6.13 approved partnering with the Fort Frances Community Garden Planning Committee for the purpose of making an application to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Fund to obtain a grant to improve the community garden; and further approved that should the Fort Frances Community Garden Committee disband for any reason, ownership of all equipment and/or structures obtained with the supported funding received, shall become property of the Town of Fort Frances.
- 6.14 approved submitted a request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to declare the Town of Fort Frances as a ‘disaster area’ for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).
- 6.15 approved submission of the 2014 Community Museum Operating Grant to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport by S. George, Museum Curator.

- 3.3 referred the request dated May 31, 2014 from R. Parker, Owner/Manager Mr. Sub re: Water and Sewer Charges During the Winter of 2014 to Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.4 referred the request dated June 10, 2014 from J. Tillbury, Race Organizer Rainy Lake Triathlon Club re: Second Annual Splash and Dash Event – August 17, 2014 – Point Park to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation with input from Operations and Facilities Executive Committee.
- 1373 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 109, dated June 9, 2014 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 1374 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being sessions No. 137 and 138, dated June 9 and June 19, 2014 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 1375 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the property standards complaints dated June 16 and 17, 2014, re property on north side 200 Block Third Street E. be received and that the matter proceed as directed. CARRIED
- 1376 Hallikas-Kitowski: THAT the report dated June 13, 2014 from J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services re: Resolute Fitness Equipment be approved. CARRIED
- 1377 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated June 18, 2014 from F. Sheppard, Fire Chief/CEMC re: Host Community Contract be approved and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared. CARRIED
- 1378 Perry-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:
- 03/14-A A by-law to amend Zoning By-Law No. 3/14 to add Home Occupation as a permitted use in the Seasonal Residential Zone
- 26/14 A by-law to approve a funding agreement with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada) CARRIED
- 1379 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following be authorized to attend the Rainy River Future Development Corporation AGM in Fort Frances on July 8, 2014: Mayor and Councillors, CAO on the basis as follows: No travel expense nor per diem allowed. CARRIED
- 1380 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: WHEREAS Council wishes to reduce the number of regular meetings of Council during the summer in 2014, THEREFORE Council now resolves that the regular meetings of Council in Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meeting July 28th, 2014 and August 25th, 2014 be cancelled. CARRIED
- 1381 Wiedenhoeft-Ryan: THAT the following be authorized to attend the Local Government Networking Group meeting in Emo on June 26, 2014: Mayor and Councillors, CAO, Clerk on the basis as follows: Travel expense and per diem allowed. CARRIED
- 1382 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk