

# TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

## AGENDA - June 22, 2015

### MEETING - Council Chambers , Civic Centre

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#### **COUNCIL MEETING**

(Session No. 016) to immediately follow the Committee of the Whole

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Prayer
- 1.3 Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting
- 1.4 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

#### **Delegations/Deputations:**

- 2.1 Presentation from T. Drysdale, Consultant, Rainy River Future Development Corporation re: 3 - 8
  - 1) RRFDC Activity Report for the period January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015;
  - 2) Invoice # 005-03-2015 in the amount of \$40,626.60 for the period January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015

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- 3.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole
- 3.2 Letter dated June 12, 2015 from D. Pelletier, President, Association des francophones du Nord-Ouest de l'Ontario 9
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#### **Approval of Council Minutes: \***

- 4.1 Session No. 015 - June 8, 2015

#### **Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: \***

- 5.1 Session Nos. 023 and 024 - June 8 and June 11, 2015

#### **Resolutions from tonight's Committee meeting**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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# RRFDC ACTIVITY REPORT

January to March 2015

**RAINY RIVER FUTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
601 MOWAT AVENUE, FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO P9A 1Z2  
PH: 807-274-3276\*\*\*FAX: 807-274-6989

Report to Town of Fort Frances  
January to March 2015

## **Fort Frances:**

The RRFDC continued to move forward with the enhanced economic development project and “The Path Forward” action plan.

- Supported the Fort Frances Economic Development Office (FFEDO) with Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) meetings and numerous projects.

## **Economic Development Activities :**

### **Forestry**

The RRFDC closed the RFP for a Strategic Forest Products Opportunity Analysis in early January. A company has been hired and is worked on Fort Frances’ behalf this past quarter.

- Develop an understanding of the other stakeholders, their positions and how they can be supportive.
- Seek financial support from the Government of Ontario to maintain the mill over the winter.
- Develop a presentation to government stressing the need for short-term assistance to keep the mill viable through the winter. This will include:
  - Addressing provincial concerns that a future investor is not on the horizon.
  - Concisely expressing the social and economic implications of the mills closure.
  - Support from other stakeholders, particularly First Nations, for finding a solution.
  - How the Fort Frances mill and other NW Ontario operations can be mutually beneficial.
- Explore opportunities for a new investor.

### **Mining – Industrial and Residential Preparedness**

Since our last report the New Gold Rainy River proposed mine has received both the Federal and Provincial environmental assessment approvals. These approvals have initiated the development of the mine. The RRFDC has proved industrial lot information to two companies interested in providing services to the new mine.

The RRFDC attended PDAC (Prospectors and Developers meetings) and promoted the mine project to attendees and supply and service companies. Promotion was also done at the NW Prospectors event.

The RRFDC has also given the Fort Frances Mining Services Directory to New Gold to assist them and their contractors.

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January to March 2015

The RRFDC updated the mining brochure and will be mailing out to supply and service companies now that the EA announcement has been made.

We also continued to advertise the future opportunities related to the New Gold – Rainy River Project by highlighting industrial park lots and electricity prices. We believe that both Fort Frances and the District will benefit from the new mine in two ways:

- We will be the location of choice for mining supply and services companies.
- By becoming residence of choice for the workforce.

## **Tourism**

### Harmony of Nations

RRFDC continues to plan the second Harmony of Nations Music Festival for July 17-18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Online tickets are now available and we are waiting for paper tickets to arrive. We have our main acts finalized. This includes Rik Emmett, Tom Wilson and Ashley MacIsaac. We are meeting regularly with our committee and sub-committees to facilitate marketing for the event and will soon be announcing a call-out for local artists to submit to the Festival. We are well positioned at this time to make Harmony of Nations 2015 a success.

### Dudley Hewitt Cup

The RRFDC was been successful in gaining FedNor support for Fort Frances Laker's Junior Hockey Club in their efforts to host the Dudley Hewitt this spring.

### Snow Birds

The RRFDC worked on organizing and hosting the Snowbirds Show on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This exciting event has the potential to bring aviation enthusiasts to the community.

### Fort Frances Tourist Information Center (FFTIC)

The FFTIC has been closed over winter but we continue to use our partnership with Sunset Country for the 2015 season. We are investing in new displays and signage. This included the purchase of a real moose that will act as a Tourist attraction to the Center. We were successful in achieving funding to pay for the summer students positions from Sunset Country and both the Provincial and Federal Government.

We continue to remain active on all the Town's social media platforms.

## **Branding**

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The Brand has been presented to various organizations within the community.

The RRFDC worked with the Town to update the Town of Fort Frances' marketing through digital media and entrance signage.

A brand launch for the business community was held in February.

### **Rainy Lake Market Square**

The NOHFC portion of the project, \$1 million, has been approved and we are awaiting approval of the official \$655K requested from FedNor.

### **Value Added Products**

The RRFDC continues to assist the Fort Frances Clinic in seeking new private sector opportunities and in their efforts to gain access to adjacent lands for development.

### **Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Support**

The RRFDC has held business start up sessions and social media presentations.

### **Assisted Living**

The RRFDC continues to assist the Assisted Living Action Group (ALAG) in their efforts to develop an assisted living facility in Fort Frances when asked.

We also continue to work with a group of seniors support agencies to evaluate the potential for Fort Frances accessing a provincial grant for Age Friendly Community planning for 2016.

The RRFDC also to work with the Seniors Group in Emo who are now looking to developing an independent living apartment complex and the LHIN is now taking care of assisted living units.

### **Telecommunications**

The RRFDC has submitted our Phase II application to the NOHFC and our partner, Tbay Tel, has submitted to Industry Canada to upgrade telecommunications services across the District.

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**Go Local**

Go Local is now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Over 4000 cards are in circulation and the businesses have awarded over 1,000,000 points and over \$50,000 in gift cards has been given out to loyalty members that have ultimately returned to the pockets of our local businesses.

**Community Foundation**

The RRFDC is working with the committee to meet with the members of other Foundation Boards and will host a workshop on June 22 to bring together potential organizations.



**RAINY RIVER FUTURE**  
**DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
 A Community Futures Development Corporation

31-Mar-15

Invoice # 005-03-2015

# INVOICE

**To:** Town of Fort Frances  
 Attn: Mark McCaig

**From:** Rainy River Future Development Corporation

**For:** **Fort Frances Economic Development**  
**For the period of January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015**

**Amount:** **\$40,626.60**

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**Description:**

Forest Industry Re-Positioning	\$49,985.47
Mining Supply and Services	\$10,073.99
Tourism Product Development	\$20,435.38
Existing SME Support	\$1,600.04
Value Added Products	\$1,410.73
Enhanced Services Economic Development	\$6,966.23
Economic Development Intern	\$6,378.62

**Total Project Expenses** **\$96,850.46**

**Less Fednor/NOHFC Jan 1/15 to Mar 31/15**  
**And Other Support** **-\$56,223.86**

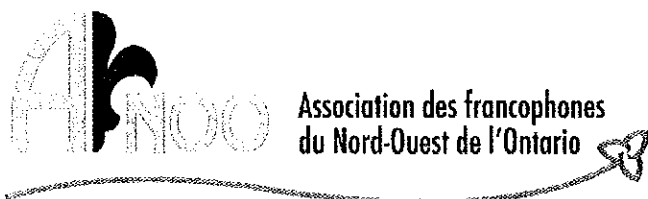
**AMOUNT DUE** **\$40,626.60**

Any questions, please give us a call.  
 Thank you!

**Due Upon Receipt**

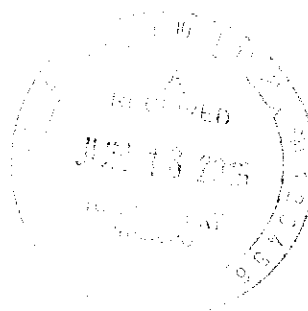






June 12, 2015

Honourable Mayor Avis and Members of Council  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9



**Re: 3<sup>rd</sup> Raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag**

Dear Mayor Avis and Members of Council

This year's Franco-Ontarian Day marks the close of celebrations for 400 years of French presence in Ontario, making this event a very special one! On September 25, 2015, we aim to raise 400 Franco-Ontarian flags across Ontario as a symbol of this anniversary.

Thanks to Fort Frances and 13 other municipalities who officially raised the Franco-Ontarian flag last year, Franco-Ontarian Day was a great success across Northwestern Ontario in 2014. We genuinely appreciate your involvement in our celebration and invite you to join us again this year. Regarding this year's celebrations, we ask the municipality:

1. to raise the Franco-Ontarian flag at Fort Frances's City Hall, on September 25<sup>th</sup> and that it remains raised for one month and;
2. To publish an official proclamation recognizing September 25 as "Franco-Ontarian Day" to inform the public of this event and to emphasize the importance of this day (Legislative Assembly of Ontario, *Franco-Ontarian Day Act, 2010*).

Such events are unique occasions to share the Francophone cultural heritage. Please refer to the articles enclosed with this letter for examples of Franco-Ontarian Day celebrations in 2014.

We wish to, once again, extend our appreciation for your ongoing support, and we look forward to your participation in commemorating such an exceptional day and anniversary this year.

For further information and to confirm your participation, please contact: **Ms. Elodie Bedouet, Executive Director**: 1 888 248-1714 or by email: [dg@afnoo.org](mailto:dg@afnoo.org)

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Maire et membres du conseil, nos salutations les plus distinguées.

Donald Pelletier, President

**TOWN OF FORT FRANCES**

**BY-LAW NO. \*\*/15**

(Being a By-Law to designate Lot 30 Plan SM-29 for the property known as 324 Third St. W. pursuant to Section 50(4) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended).

**WHEREAS** Section 50(4) of the Planning Act provides that Council may by by-law designate any plan of subdivision, or part thereof, that has been registered for eight years or more, which shall be deemed not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Section 50(3) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

**AND WHEREAS** the Plan SM-29 was registered on March 19, 1909.

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Planner has certified that an Application to Deem received from the property owners is necessary to merge the properties to be one lot of record and permit the construction of an accessory building on the recently acquired adjacent property and satisfies the legislated criteria for so doing.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances **HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:

1. That Lot 30 on Plan SM-29 be and is hereby designated, under Section 50(4) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended (the Act) not to be a lot on a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Section 50(3) of the Act.
2. And further that the Clerk shall lodge a Certified Copy of this By-Law with the Office of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, pursuant to the requirements of Section 50(26) of the Act.
3. And further that the Clerk shall register a Certified Copy of this By-Law in the Land Registry Office for the District of Rainy River, pursuant to the requirements of Section 50(28) of the Act.
4. And further that Notice of Passing of this By-Law shall be sent to each person on the last revised assessment roll to be the owner of the said lands, pursuant to the requirements of Section 50(29) of the Act.
5. In accordance with Section 50(27) of the Act, this By-Law shall take effect upon the passing thereof, subject to Section 50(28) of the Act.

READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED in open Council this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2015.

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MAYOR

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CLERK

# APPLICATION TO DEEM LOTS NOT TO BE ON A REGISTERED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

SECTION 50(4), ONTARIO PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13

Subject Property: Municipal Address: 324 Third St. W  
 Lots: 30 Registered Plan: SM-29

I/We, the undersigned Owner(s) of the above-noted property, hereby apply to the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances for the enactment of a By-Law to deem the above-noted lots deemed not to be on a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Section 50 (3) of the Planning Act.

I/We acknowledge that full lots on a registered plan of subdivision are separately conveyable from one another; that the enactment and registration of the deeming by-law will merge them to be one lot of record; that conveyance of part of the lot of record will require approval of the Town of Fort Frances through the Consent process; and that this process does not consolidate the properties under the Land Titles Act.

Purpose of Application: Construct accessory building  
on acquired adjacent lot. Accessory buildings  
not permitted without main. Merge will resolve and permit  
construction.  
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I/We submit with this application the following:

- ☒ Evidence of ownership (original deed/s or copy of parcel register/s)  
☒ Site Plan of property  
☒ Required fee of \$124.30 (registration costs plus \$59.30 per added lot)

Owner's Name(s):

ROBERT BELL  
Wendy Bell

Owner's Signature:

RB Bell  
W Bell

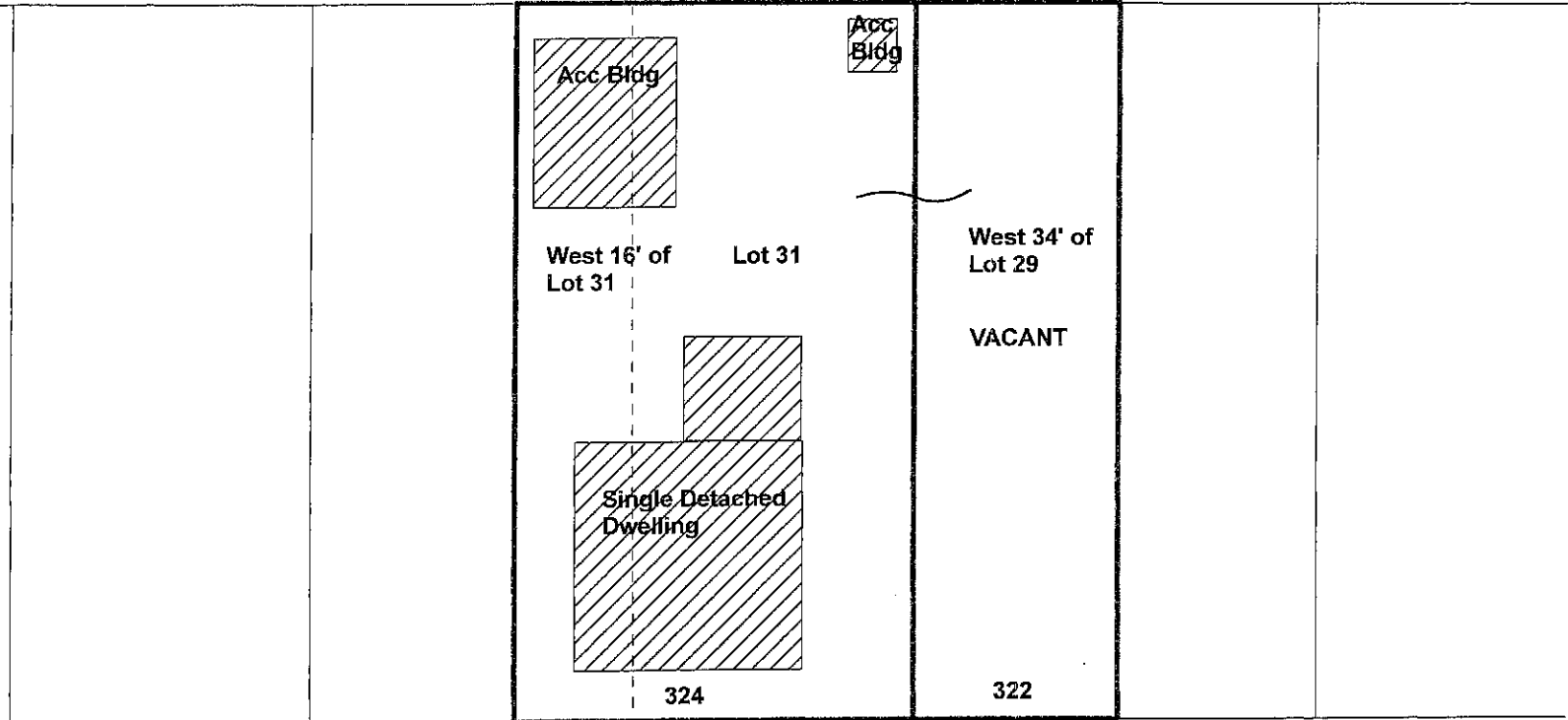
Mailing Address:

324 Third St. W  
Fort Frances P9A 3A7

Phone: 807-274-9020

Dated: June 15<sup>th</sup> 2015

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Application Received: <u>June 15, 2015</u>	Receipt No.: <u>46859</u>	RECOMMENDED BY PLANNER	
Registration Date of Plan No: <u>March 19, 1909</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - reasons below	
Ownership Confirmed: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <u>on file</u>			
By-Law No.	Enacted:		
Date Registered:	Document No.		



Third Street West

WB

## **Municipal Meeting Invitation to Discuss Electricity Planning in the West of Thunder Bay Area**

*Please forward this invitation to other staff in your municipality that you feel should attend this meeting.*

I am writing to invite you to a meeting specifically for municipalities to discuss the development of a 20-year electricity plan for the West of Thunder Bay area. This Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) will look at the near-, medium- and long-term electricity needs of the area and provide solutions and options to meet these needs. The Working Group developing the plan includes Atikokan Hydro, Fort Frances Power Corporation, Kenora Hydro, Sioux Lookout Hydro, Thunder Bay Hydro, Hydro One Networks and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

Your attendance at the meeting will provide valuable input into the development of the plan and help identify local priorities that need to be considered. Discussion topics will include the scope of the plan, the electricity forecast for the area and the methodology used to develop it, and the findings to date. Another important topic is the establishment of a Local Advisory Committee for the plan, the purpose of the committee and the nominations process.

Three identical meetings are being held across the region at the following locations, dates and times. **Please RSVP your attendance by email to [Jennifer.Link@ieso.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Link@ieso.ca) or by telephone at 416-506-2810 by June 17, 2015, indicating which meeting you will be attending.**

**Dryden** (Participants: IESO, Sioux Lookout Hydro, Hydro One Distribution)

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Best Western Plus Dryden Hotel and Conference Centre (Sunset Ballroom), 349 Government St., Dryden, ON

**Fort Frances** (Participants: IESO, Fort Frances Power Corp., Atikokan Hydro, Hydro One Distribution)

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Cultural Centre, Shaw Road, Stratton, ON (From Highway 11, turn left on Shaw Road – the building is just before you get to Stratton. For a map, visit: [manitoumounds.com](http://manitoumounds.com))

**Kenora** (Participants: IESO, Kenora Hydro, Hydro One Distribution)

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Travelodge Kenora, 800 Highway 17 East, Kenora, ON

As background, this IRRP is being developed for the electricity planning area bordered to the south and west by the United States and Manitoba borders, and extends north to include Kenora, Dryden and Sioux Lookout, and east as far as (but not including) the City of Thunder Bay. A scoping assessment report was posted in January to the IESO website outlining the terms of reference and timeline for the development of the plan and a link to the report was sent to all municipalities in the area. Information on the IRRP for the West of Thunder Bay area, including the scoping assessment document, can be found at [www.ieso.ca/West-of-Thunder-Bay](http://www.ieso.ca/West-of-Thunder-Bay).

We look forward to meeting with you shortly.

Regards,

Luisa Da Rocha

Manager, Regional and Community Engagement

Independent Electricity System Operator



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Subject AMO Update - Key Legislation for Municipalities Moves Forward

June 4, 2015

## AMO Update - Key Legislation for Municipalities Moves Forward

The Ontario Legislative Assembly is recessing June 4<sup>th</sup> for the summer. Before the summer break, MPPs considered and approved a number of pieces of legislation of interest to municipalities. Below are summaries of the Bills and links to the legislation on the Legislative Assembly site. AMO encourages municipalities to review the statutes to assess local impacts.

### **Bill 31 - Making Ontario's Roads Safer Act**

Bill 31 amends the *Highway Traffic Act* to promote road user safety and to ensure that fines levied under the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) by municipalities must be paid before vehicle plates can be renewed. Improving the collection of unpaid fines has been a longstanding concern for the municipal sector. AMO applauds the passage of this legislation. The Bill includes among other items:

- Increased fines for distracted driving and harmonizes alcohol and drug impaired driving sanctions;
- Ensures that drivers must wait until pedestrians have left a crosswalk before they can begin driving again;
- Increases fines for motorists that 'door' cyclists and establishes a one-meter passing rule; and
- Denies plates for vehicles with unpaid *Provincial Offences Act* fines.

**Municipal Impact:** The changes in this Bill should help to make Ontario's roads safer for all users. Municipalities are particularly pleased to see the changes with regard to POA fines collection. This will ensure that all drivers are accountable for their actions. While congratulating the government on passing this Bill, AMO is calling on the Ministry of Transportation to begin working on implementing the POA changes immediately. AMO's President's remarks at Legislative Committee can be found [here](#).

### **Bill 6 - Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act**

Bill 6 establishes principles for infrastructure funding that all public sector organizations must use in their decision making. It also requires that the provincial government establish and update a long term infrastructure plan and that certain projects use architects, engineers and other design professionals, as well as apprentices. The *Act* was amended to include social housing and to establish the authority for the government to regulate municipal and Broader Public Sector asset management plans.

**Municipal Impact:** While AMO is supportive of the introduction of a long term infrastructure plan for the province and the use of professionals in project design and apprentices on some projects, many municipalities may be cautious about the introduction of a requirement to harmonize municipal asset management plans and its implications for resources. Municipalities have made great strides in recent years, supported by provincial funding and guidance, on implementing asset management as a living decision making tool. AMO and other municipal organizations have created training and guidance to help municipal governments. New rules could jeopardize this momentum. Read [AMO's submission on Bill 6](#).

**Bill 66 - Great Lakes Protection Act** - Passed Second Reading and Ordered to Standing Committee on General Government

Bill 66 creates a Great Lakes Guardians Council to advise the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and requires the Minister to create an Ontario Great Lakes Strategy to protect the lakes, and monitor and report on their ecological health. The Bill allows the Minister to establish targets for protection of the lakes and allows establishing initiatives that are focused geographically. To do this, the *Act* requires consultation with municipalities before these initiatives are established. Decisions and plans made under the *Planning Act* and *Condominium Act* must conform to policies designated under the *Act* to achieve protection of the lakes. This has implications for municipalities.

**Municipal Impact:** As of June 4, 2015, this legislation has passed second reading and has been ordered to standing committee for review. Many municipalities will welcome this *Act* and AMO is pleased to see that some amendments to the Bill have been made since it was originally introduced that reflect the concerns we have raised. Often municipal governments have invested in actions to make their waterfronts and near shore areas more attractive as part of community and economic development plans. Initiatives under this *Act* should support these. However, AMO has raised concerns regarding investments needed to implement initiatives under this legislation and will continue to look to the government to identify these resources. Read [AMO's submission](#) on the *Great Lakes Protection Act*.

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Subject AMO Policy Update: Municipal Legislation Review:  
Municipal Act, City of Toronto Act and Municipal Conflict of  
Interest Act

June 8, 2015

## ***Municipal Legislation Review: Municipal Act, City of Toronto Act, and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act***

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Ted McMeekin has begun the consultation process of "Municipal Legislation Review", which includes the *Municipal Act*, the *City of Toronto Act* and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. Comments are request by August 7. Its [Discussion Guide](#) sets out three themes, including accountability/transparency; municipal financial sustainability; and responsive/flexible municipal government. The Guide poses questions related to the themes as well as a synopsis of the *Acts*.

AMO has asked municipal staff associations and others for input to help it develop a response. From the Association's perspective, there does not appear to be substantive concerns with the *Municipal Act*. The *Act's* broad authority and natural person powers, rather than specifying precise, detailed authorities, remains a sound, appropriate framework for governing. There are several areas in the *Act* that could be expanded or clarified. For example, AMO previously submitted (through Bill 8) that there is an urgent need to better define what is a "meeting" given that the common law definition used by many municipal governments to guide them is different from the definition that is applied by the Ombudsman. Another matter that AMO is pursuing with Municipal Finance Officers Association (MFOA) is the expansion of the 'eligible investment' provisions. The Province is also seeking input about the interest in transferring the City of Toronto's taxation authority to other municipal governments. For some urban municipal governments, this may be helpful to some of their operational and capital needs. The AMO Board does not believe this taxing authority is the full answer to municipal financial sustainability.

In terms of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, AMO has been working with a number of municipal solicitors and other experts to prepare a response on how to improve this *Act* in a manner that better serves to clarify an elected official's determination of what is a financial interest, what processes might be employed as an alternative to the courts, and how penalties would fit in. AMO is looking at other jurisdictions' approaches for conflict of interest as part of the background work as the Board formulates its position.

We anticipate that AMO will be able to share with its membership the outcomes of the Board's deliberation on this "municipal legislation review" by the end of the month. It will also be in a position to respond to the separate review of the *Municipal Election Act*, including ranked balloting. We welcome members to share with us any advice and to forward to AMO any input that you give to the Province.

**AMO Contact:** Pat Vanini, Executive Director, E-mail: [pvanini@amo.on.ca](mailto:pvanini@amo.on.ca), 416-971-9856 ext. 316.

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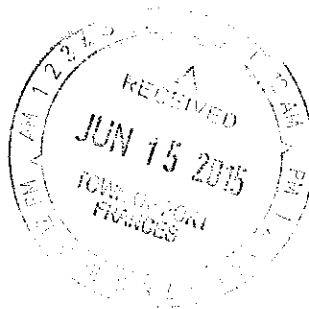
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M2015-2414

June 10, 2015

His Worship Roy Avis  
Mayor  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
Fort Frances ON P9A 3P9



Dear Mayor Avis:

It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to share news affecting off-road vehicle (ORV) use in Ontario.

I recognize that a number of Ontarians enjoy the use of their ORVs as well as the economic and tourism benefits and increased mobility associated with on-road use of ORVs. As such, I am committed to a collaborative approach in our development of policy. This collaborative approach included successful in-person consultations in January 2015, with the participation of 30 different stakeholder groups representing enforcement, municipalities, public health, ORV industry members, agricultural groups and trail organizations.

Following that consultation, my ministry continued their engagement efforts by posting proposals to both the government's Regulatory and Environmental Registries for 45 days in order to seek additional feedback from the public. The period for public feedback ended on April 13, 2015, and we received almost 1,800 submissions.

I am pleased to announce, as a result of these efforts, that existing on-road access rules for "single-rider" ATVs will be extended to additional ORV types which meet specified voluntary off-highway industry standards. These changes will take effect on July 1, 2015, and will allow two-up all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), side-by-side ATVs and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) on permitted provincial highways and municipal roads where bylaws permit their use.

Notably, there are no changes to the ORV municipal bylaw authority provided in the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA). However, municipalities are encouraged to review existing bylaws to ensure they apply to these new ORV types. Additionally, these new ORV types require some safety rules unique to their configurations that do not currently apply to "single-rider" ATVs (e.g.; seat belt requirements, helmets and minimum age for passengers, etc.). While existing *Highway Traffic Act* offences will immediately apply, the focus of the next three months will be to educate the public about Ontario's road rules for these new ORV types and their additional safety requirements.

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I assure you that my ministry recognizes the importance of a vibrant, sustainable and safe power sports sector in Ontario, and we support providing Ontarians with options to safely explore our vast province. To this end, I have asked ministry staff to continue to engage stakeholders and community partners in discussions, including the topic of extending on-road access to additional types of ORVs such as UTVs, to ensure Ontario remains amongst the top jurisdictions in road safety.

I thank you for your support and input on this initiative. My ministry looks forward to continue working with our municipal partners, as well as with enforcement, ORV and trail organizations, and interested road safety partners in communicating these changes during the public education period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Del Duca', written in a cursive style.

Steven Del Duca  
Minister

## Request for Nominations 2015 – 2016 Secretary-Treasurer

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June 16, 2015

To: Head and Members of Council  
From: Scott Wilson, Interim Secretary-Treasurer, AMO & CAO, County of Wellington

Please be advised that in accordance with the Association's governing by-law, this is a call for nominations for the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the remainder of the 2014 – 2016 AMO Board of Directors term, i.e. August 2015 to August 2016. This circumstance has come about due to a resignation, and as Interim Secretary Treasurer, I am ineligible for the position.

Attached please find:

- *An estimate of the annual time commitment required to serve on the AMO Board of Directors and the AMO Executive Committee; and*
- *Nomination Form*

Qualifications:

a) Every Director shall:

- be an individual of eighteen (18) or more years of age;
- be an elected official of a Member Municipality or an employee of a Member Municipality of the Corporation;
- not be an undischarged bankrupt; and
- not be declared incapable.

b) The position of Secretary-Treasurer is to be filled by an employee of a Member Municipality and also meet the qualifications of 3.3 a).

c) Qualified individuals must obtain a Council resolution of support. A member municipality can only have one representative on the Board unless another representative is on the board as an appointed official.<sup>1</sup>

Process:

A completed Nomination Form and Council resolution must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2015. Nominations will not be accepted beyond that date. AMO's Chief Returning Officer, Peter Fay, will certify the nomination. Please email the Nomination form to AMO [amoelections@amo.on.ca](mailto:amoelections@amo.on.ca) or fax to 416-971-6191.

All candidates will be contacted to confirm receipt of their nominations and at that time will receive further information on the election process. The election will be held on Monday, August 17, 2015 at the AMO Annual Conference in Niagara Falls.

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<sup>1</sup> Excerpt from AMO Bylaw No. 2, Section 3.4 (e): No Member Municipality may be represented on the Board by more than one Director elected to the Board (either a municipal elected official or a municipal employee) except in the case where the Director is an appointed Director as set out in Section 3.4 b) ii), or the City of Toronto (Section 3.4 c)



## ANNUAL TIME COMMITMENT AMO Secretary-Treasurer

The following is an estimate of time the Secretary-Treasurer can normally expect to devote for service on the AMO Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Executive Meetings	10 days
Memorandum of Understanding Meetings	10 days
Board Meetings	6 days
AMO Conference	3 days
Other Commitments (task forces, other meetings)	up to 6 days depending on interest

### *Board Meetings:*

Board meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday in September, November, January, March and June and on the Saturday and sometimes the Sunday prior to the AMO Annual Conference in August. In addition to the Board meetings, Board members may also serve on AMO Task Forces.

### *Executive Meetings:*

Executive meetings are held on the Thursday before a scheduled Board meeting and on the fourth Friday of the month when there is no Board meeting. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) meetings are specifically scheduled and are generally monthly.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Pat Vanini, Executive Director at (416) 971-9856, ext. 316, e-mail [pvanini@amo.on.ca](mailto:pvanini@amo.on.ca) or Lorna Ruder, Executive Assistant, ext. 341, [lruder@amo.on.ca](mailto:lruder@amo.on.ca)

- It is the responsibility of the person nominated to file a complete and accurate Nomination Form.
- Nominations will be accepted no later than **4:00 PM Friday, July 31, 2015**
- Resolution of support from nominee's municipality **must** be attached.

Send completed forms to:  
**Pat Vanini, Executive Director**  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,  
200 University Avenue, Suite 801  
Toronto, ON M5H 3C6  
FAX to: 416-971-6191

**For the Office of Secretary-Treasurer: Nominee's Name as it is to appear on the ballot**

Nominee's Municipality

Is Municipality currently a paid member of AMO? Yes / No

Nominee's Municipal Title

Nominee's Preferred Contact Information

Address

Town/City

Postal Code

Business Telephone:

Mobile:

Fax

Email

☐ Council Resolution confirming Caucus and Council support for the nomination is ATTACHED.

**CONSENT OF NOMINEE AND STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION**

I \_\_\_\_\_ the Nominee mentioned in this Nomination Form do hereby consent to such nomination and declare that I am qualified to be elected as per AMO Bylaw No. 2, Section 3.3 (a) & (b) and to hold the office for which I am nominated.

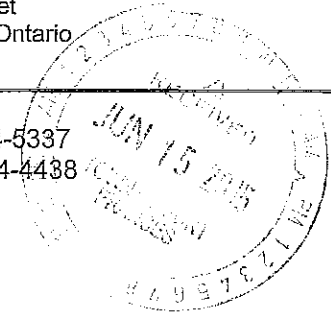
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*Signature of Nominee*

**CERTIFICATE OF AMO'S CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER**

Date Nomination Form Received at AMO offices: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the Chief Returning Officer, appointed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to officiate over these elections, do hereby certify that I have examined the Nomination form of the aforementioned Nominee filed with me and am satisfied that such Nominee is qualified to be nominated to the office indicated above.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chief Returning Officer*

Ministry of Natural  
Resources and ForestryMinistère des Richesses  
naturelles et des ForêtsTel: (807)274-5337  
Fax: (807)274-4438

June 17, 2015

**INSPECTION of APPROVED AERIAL HERBICIDE SPRAYING  
CROSSROUTE FOREST**

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** invites you to inspect the MNRF-approved aerial herbicide spray project. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the **Crossroute** Forest (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about: **July 17, 2015**. The herbicide **Vision Max**, registration # **27736** will be used.

The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide project is available for public inspection at the Resolute Forest Product and on the MNRF public website at [ontario.ca/forestplans](http://ontario.ca/forestplans) beginning **June 17, 2015 until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016** when the annual work schedule expires. Ontario Government Information Centres at Atikokan and Rainy River provide access to the internet.

Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange an appointment with MNRF staff at the MNRF District or Area office to discuss the aerial herbicide project.

For more information, please contact:

Judy Kaufman  
Resolute Forest Products  
427 Mowat Ave.,  
Fort Frances, ON  
P9A 3N2  
807-274-5311

Philip Cooze  
Ministry of Natural Resources  
922 Scott St.,  
Fort Frances, ON  
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Renee Perry  
Ministry of Natural Resources  
108 Saturn Ave.  
Atikokan, ON  
P0T 1C0  
807-597-5010

or call toll free: 1-800-667-1940 and ask to be forwarded to one of the contacts above.



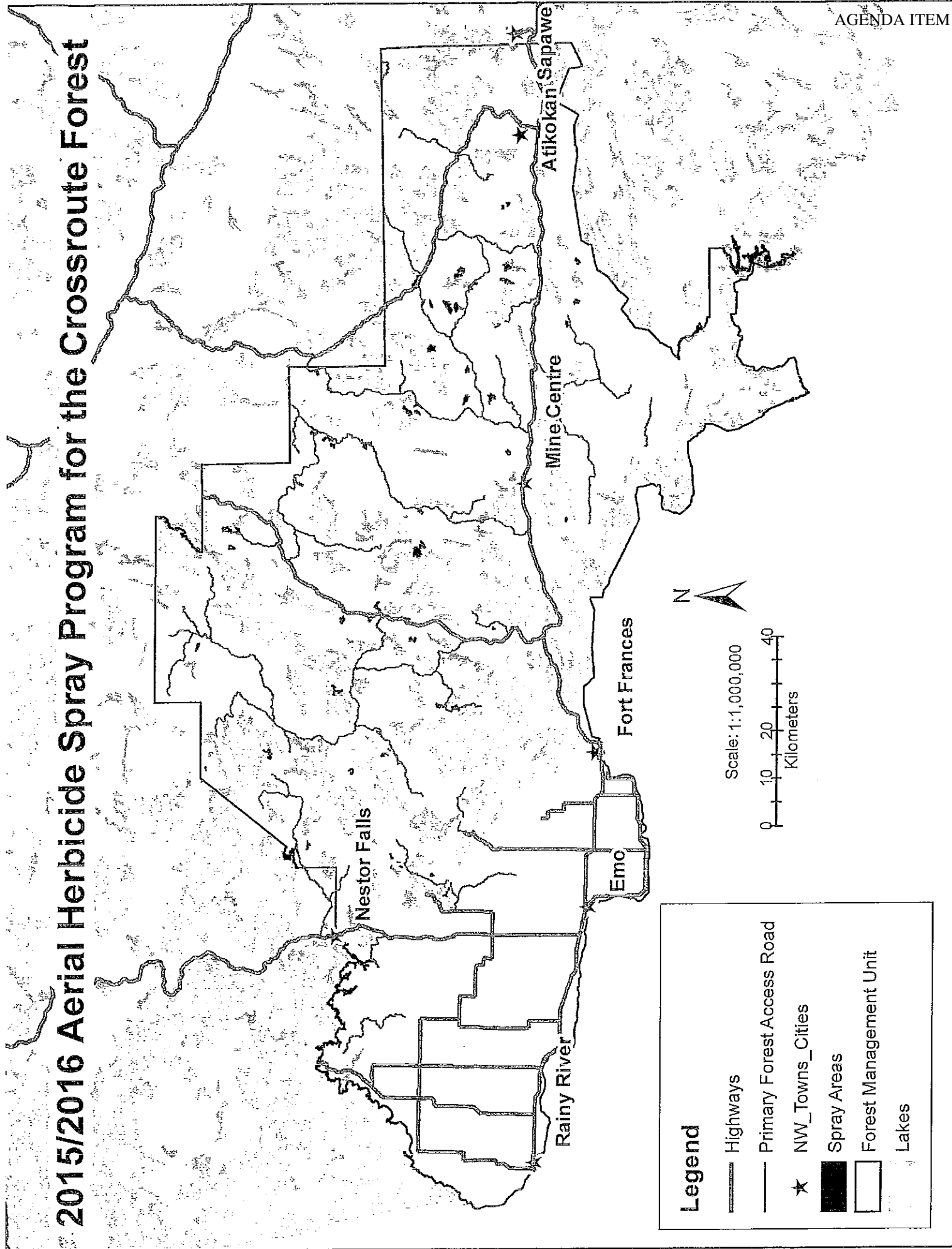
Greg Chapman  
District Manager  
Fort Frances District  
Telephone: 807-274-8633  
Fax: 807-274-4438

Office Hours 8:30 – 4:30 Monday to Friday  
Closed 12:00 – 1:00

*"Your comments regarding our services are welcome at anytime"*



# 2015/2016 Aerial Herbicide Spray Program for the Crossroute Forest





AMO Communications  
<communicate@amo.on.ca>

06/18/2015 01:05 PM

To "Islomke@fort-frances.com" <Islomke@fort-frances.com>

cc

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Subject MEPCO Alert: Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Could Present New OMERS Challenges

June 18, 2015

## ONTARIO RETIREMENT PENSION PLAN COULD PRESENT NEW OMERS CHALLENGES

### Issue:

MEPCO is concerned that the new Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP) may be designed at the expense of the employees and employers that already contribute to the OMERS Pension Plan. The election platform commitment of the Government was to establish the ORPP as the vehicle for a stronger and more secure retirement system for middle and low income workers who do not belong to a pension plan. The government is under pressure from some groups to *not* exclude existing 'comparable pension plans' like OMERS.

### What is MEPCO/AMO doing?

Bill 56, the *Ontario Retirement Pension Act, 2014* establishes the framework and timing for implementation of the proposed ORPP. Consultations are currently being held on key ORPP plan design questions.

MEPCO representatives have met with Ministry of Finance staff to present [key consequences](#) for the OMERS Plan should OMERS not be exempted from the ORPP. These discussions will continue as will advocating that OMERS be exempt on the basis it is a comparable plan. In fact, the average OMERS pension is about four times that which is projected for someone in the ORPP earning \$45,000 a year and contributing for 40 years.

We support the broad objective of addressing gaps in workplace pension coverage and strengthening Ontario's retirement system. However, the creation of the ORPP could have consequences for existing pension plans, like OMERS. Without being excluded, there would be higher costs for OMERS employers and employees and inferior benefits. The OMERS blended contribution rate is currently 21.3% and while its funded position is improving, it remains in a deficit position. OMERS funding and investment strategy and its growth plan underpin its work to move from deficit by 2025. Increasing pension costs at this time is simply not an option for OMERS employers or employees. If OMERS members were forced to also contribute to an ORPP, it could mean that:

- OMERS would lose \$650 million per year in contributions, resulting in negative impacts to its financial plan.
- Administrative costs would increase substantially.
- Plan membership growth from part-time municipal employees would be in jeopardy.

We have strongly urged the province to affirm that OMERS is a comparable plan and be excluded from the ORPP design. MEPCO encourages municipal governments who are OMERS employers to learn more by reading MEPCO's [submission to the Province](#). We will monitor and keep you informed of the next steps and what assistance we may need.

For further information please contact Pat Vanini, 416-971-9856 ext. 316, [pvanini@amo.on.ca](mailto:pvanini@amo.on.ca) or Bruce McLeod, ext. 350, [bmcleod@amo.on.ca](mailto:bmcleod@amo.on.ca).

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TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. # 08June 1, 2015

The meeting of Planning & Development Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers on June 1, 2015 from 8:04 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor D. Kitowski, Chair, Councillors J. Albanese, W. Brunetta

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, CAO, A. Byrnes, P. Briere, By-Law Enforcement, K. Lawson, Acting Secretary

**1. Call to Order - 8:09 a.m.**

Session No: 08

**2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - None**

**3. Approval of Previous Committee Minutes**

3.1 - Approval of the Minutes of May 4, 2015 Meeting - approved as presented.

**4. Non-agenda Items - None**

**5. In-Camera - None**

**6. Items Referred from Council**

6.1 Request dated May 1, 2015 from Northwestern Health Unit re: Smoke Free Ontario regulation amendments.  
- direction was given to the By-Law Department to present a report to Council in consideration of the current legislation. An amendment to the smoking by-law may be required.

6.2 Request dated May 15, 2015 from Canadian Bass Championship Inc. re: Fort Frances CBC July 23 - 25, 2015.  
-direction was given to forward the report respecting the Building Permit for the tent for this event to Administration and Finance Executive Committee to include in their recommendation to Council.

**7. New Business - None**

**8. Outstanding Items**

8.1 Councillor Brunetta requested an update on the Dog Park. By-Law Officer Byrnes provided a verbal update on the inaugural meeting of the newly created Dog Park Working Committee which includes member from the Off-Leash Dog Park Committee and the Paws Around Town group.

**9. Adjourn / Next Meeting Date**

9.1 Meeting adjourned 8:20 a.m.  
Next Meeting Date: June 15th, 2015 - Committee Room

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Executive Committee Chair

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T. Rob, Chief Building Official

TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. #012June 3, 2015

The meeting of Operations & Facilities Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Civic Centre on June 3, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Paul Ryan, Chairperson, Doug Kitowski, June Caul and Doug Brown.

ALSO PRESENT:**1. Call to Order**

1.1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

**2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof**

2.1. None

**3. Approval of Previous Committee Minutes**

3.1. Minutes from meeting of this Committee on May 20, 2015- the minutes from the meeting on May 20, 2015 were approved as circulated.

**4. Non-agenda Items**

4.1. None

**5. Items Referred from Council**

5.1. In-Kind Services and Financial Support for the 2015 Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championship - the memo was reviewed and will be forwarded to the Administration and Finance Executive committee.

**6. New Business**

6.1. None

**7. Outstanding Items**

7.1. Sewer Systems Management By-Law (to be discussed at a future meeting) - as a result of Paul Ryan being back on his feet, the new sewer systems management by-law will be reviewed at the next Operations and Facilities Executive committee meeting on June 17,

2015.

**8. Information**

- 8.1. 2015 Tonnage at the Landfill Site - updated May 1, 2015 - the Landfill data was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.
- 8.2. Sewer & Water Data for 2015 - updated June 1, 2015 - the Sewer and Water data as of June 1, 2015 was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.

**9. Adjourn / Next Meeting Date**

- 9.1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further matters before this Committee as this time this meeting was closed.

**10. Signatures**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Committee Chair

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D. Brown, Manager of Operations and Facilities

## Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Agenda

**Meeting:** Mon June 15, 2015, 4:45 p.m.

**Present:** Debbie Ballard   Robert Schulz ✓   Mary Hickling   Jim Curr ✓   Caren Fagerdahl  
 Council representative: Paul Ryan; Committee Secretary: Sherry George ✓   Guests:

**Minutes from last meeting, May 19:** adopted as sent.

**Governance:** Work on Community Museum Operating Grant is underway; new requirements for 2015 are included.

### Finance:

- CMOG grant was forwarded to Council as of June 12<sup>th</sup> and is due June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- HR budget cannot accommodate advertising for intern position. Cost to museum will be over \$1000, putting us well over-budget as summer promotional ads were already set-up.
- Investigating options for Canada 150 grant. An interpretive centre is not eligible.
- 11x17 poster frames at Town facilities to advertise for museum? No response to request as yet.

**Collections:** Hiring for intern position underway – Collections Management Coordinator through N.Ont. Heritage Fund.

### Exhibitions:

- **Main floor** –*May to August:* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Noden Causeway. Wine & cheese reception for June 24<sup>th</sup>. Donation of \$200 made by council. Invitations have been sent to area leaders. George Armstrong Co will support the event with \$500 donation. *Sept to Dec:* Artistry of Hooked Rugs. D.Ballard curating.
- **Upstairs gallery** – Running causeway-themed photo contest June - August. Slow start.
- **Traveling** – still investigating traveling exhibits (to be paid for from D'Agostini estate), however due to high cost, will also look at using funds for programming, specifically using I-pads for museum content, successful in Kenora.
- **Brainstorm exhibit ideas using volunteer experts** – June 1<sup>st</sup> special meeting. Follow-up needed.

**Interpretation & Education:** Summer art programming with Shawna Holmlund has been advertised. We have partnered with the Sportsplex on these.

**Research:** Supporting Neil McQuarrie with new book idea – looking for snapshots of daily living.

**Conservation:** Continue to research artist H. Strickland. Preparing report for T.Rob regarding murals.

### Physical Plant:

- Hallett hull has been powerwashed and repainted, and reported 'good as new'.
- Server reboot at the town has resulted in intermittent disruptions to email service and network at the museum. J.Hughes solved network problems, but email still seeing issues.

### Community:

- Friends researching 2016 calendar and have ordered local heritage-related sale items to be available soon.
- School groups visiting. Students have introduced heritage programming – birchbark canoes and imprinting plants.

### Human Resources:

- Three suitable applications for intern position received. Two from S.Ontario, one from BC.
- A.Petrin not available for interviews; will coordinate with J.Kabel and A.Kilgour-Subnaik.

**Numbers:** May 2015 visitors: 200; (323 in 2014).

**Ontario Arts Council:** nothing new.

**Follow-up:** *Recommendations to be made to Executive Committee of Community Services...*

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Mon July 20th at 4:45 p.m.





## BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT

MINUTES of the Regular Board of Health Meeting  
April 30, 2015, 8:30 a.m.  
Kenora NWHU City View office boardroom

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**PRESENT:** Paul Ryan, Vice- Chair  
John Albanese, Carol Baron, Yolaine Kirlew, Joe Ruete, Paul Ryan, Sharon Smith, Trudy Sachowski,, Bill Thompson

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  
Mark Perrault, CEO  
Dr. Kit Young Hoon, MOH  
Gillian Lunny, Manager, Sexual Health and Harm Reduction  
Marilyn Herbacz, Manager, Human & Financial Resources  
Cindy Crandall, Secretary to BOH/MOH (Recorder)

**REGRETS:** Dennis Brown, Julie Roy

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Paul Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. He welcomed Joe Ruete to the Board of Health. Mr. Ruete represents the municipality of Machin and the City of Dryden.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 38-2015</b>                                                | <b>APPROVED</b> |                         |
| THAT the Agenda for the Board of Health meeting dated April 30, 2015, be approved. |                 | J. Albanese<br>J. Ruete |

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None was declared.

### 4. MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING, MARCH 27, 2015

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 39 -2015</b>                                                         | <b>APPROVED</b> |                         |
| THAT the Minutes of the Board of Health meeting held March 27, 2015, be approved as written. |                 | J. Albanese<br>J. Ruete |

### 5. IN CAMERA (CLOSED MEETING) SESSION:

At 8.40 a.m. Board of Health members moved to an in camera (closed meeting) session.

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 40-2015</b>                                                                                                                                                 | <b>APPROVED</b> |                             |
| THAT the Board of Health moves to an in camera session to discuss:<br>Education / Orientation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sexual Health &amp; Harm Reduction</li> </ul> |                 | B. Thompson<br>T. Sachowski |

The Chair thanked Gillian Lunny, Manager, Sexual Health & Harm Reduction for her presentation.

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 41 -2015</b>                                                | <b>APPROVED</b> |                         |
| THAT the Board of Health moves out of in camera session to resume regular business. |                 | C. Caron<br>B. Thompson |

At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Health members moved out of the in camera session to resume regular business.

The board recessed at 11:00 a.m. and resumed business at 11:16 a.m.

## 6. PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

### 6.1 Medical Officer of Health Report – Dr. Kit Young Hoon, MOH Reference 2015.04.30.6.1

#### Provincial Policy Changes

The Ontario government announced its intention to double the number of locations that can sell beer by expanding sales to 450 grocery stores across the province. In addition there will be pilot testing of the sale of beer at LCBO retail stores. These changes are based on recommendations from the Premier’s Advisory Council on Government Assets chaired by Ed Clark (outgoing Group President and CEO of TD Bank Group). It is important to note that the members of this advisory council did not include an individual with public health expertise.

Ed Clark released a report in April 2015, entitled “*Striking the Right Balance: Modernizing Beer Retailing and Distribution in Ontario*”. The report focused on a core issue of “enhancing customer convenience” and “continuing to ensure that Ontarians can buy their beer at prices below the Canadian average.” The work of the Council was guided by five principles that further emphasized customer convenience and maintaining prices below the Canadian average.

Although the report states that public health organizations were consulted, and the report speaks to social responsibility, there was only a limited consideration of some of the ways that the harms of alcohol use is controlled. There was no mention in the report of the harmful impact of increasing the accessibility of alcohol, and the importance of using policy levers such as pricing and taxation to reduce the harms of excess alcohol use.



The sale of alcohol in grocery stores increases the convenience and the number/ density of alcohol retail outlets in communities. Such changes have been shown to increase excessive use of alcohol and alcohol-related harms particularly violent crime.

There is strong research evidence that increasing the price of alcohol decreases alcohol consumption and the harms of alcohol use such as alcohol-impaired driving, motor vehicle accidents, violence and liver disease. Such policy changes are particularly effective on high risk groups such as youth and young males. Compared to other policy and public health interventions addressing harmful use of alcohol, pricing and taxation is considered to be one of the most effective. Unfortunately, the report by Clark et al. (2015) explicitly states that Ontario's alcohol prices are relatively low compared to other provinces and its intention to maintain low prices for the consumer. The report's misunderstanding of the harms of a low prices is further emphasized as it includes "maintaining uniform pricing and minimum retail pricing" under the section describing social responsibility. The Office of the Premier states that the government has requested that beer prices are capped until May 2017; large brewers have indicated their intention to comply with this request.

The announcement from the Office of the Premier did include a number of positive actions related to the control of alcohol including restricting the hours of sale, designating a section of the store for the sale of alcohol, and requiring appropriate certification and training of staff with respect to responsible serving. These policies along with maintaining government control of the sale of alcohol (rather than privatization) are considered to be methods of reducing the harms of alcohol. The details of such policies are yet to be determined and the potential benefits may pale in comparison to the harms caused by increasing outlet density and maintaining low prices.

The announcement of these policy changes have been made despite numerous letters and resolutions from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association and other advocacy groups.

#### The Burden of Disease From Alcohol

As mentioned in the April 2014, Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board of Health: Long-term consumption or excessive use of alcohol is associated with a number of health harms including cancer, hypertension, stroke, and disease of the liver, pancreas, stomach, heart, and nervous system. Consumption of alcohol during pregnancy has detrimental effects on brain development and increases the risk of low birth weight and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Excessive, heavy, or frequent alcohol intake increases the risk of injury, e.g., motor vehicle accidents, and can lead to social problems such as increased crime and violence, family dysfunction, financial problems, and difficulties with work or school.

Provincial policy changes to increase the convenience and availability of alcohol and maintain a relatively low price are particularly important for Northwestern Health Unit. The burden of disease from excess use of alcohol in our region is relatively high compared to the province:

- Over half of the population in NWHU (52% in 2011/12) exceeds the low-risk drinking guidelines; this is significantly higher than Ontario (44%).
- A quarter (24.5% in 2011/12) of those aged 12 and up in NWHU reported heavy drinking; this is significantly higher than heavy drinking in Ontario (18%).



- Average rate of hospitalizations from alcohol misuse over the past five years is 136 per 100,000 in NWHU; which is significantly higher than in Ontario (21 per 100,000)
- 76% of students in grades 9 to 12 in NWHU have drunk 5 or more drinks in at least one occasion in the past 12 months

Additional Verbal Report – provided by Dr. Kit Young Hoon, MOH

Research shows when alcohol is made more convenient, there is increased risk to injury, e.g., motor vehicle accidents, as well as increased crime and violence, financial problems, and family dysfunction. The health unit will be working with municipalities on by-laws to control areas where alcohol can be sold.

## 6.2 Blastomycosis Report

*Reference #2015-04.30.6.2. The report will be retained on file.*

Additional Verbal Report – provided by Dr. Kit Young Hoon, MOH

Physicians are reminded annually to consider blastomycosis as a possible diagnosis. Visitors to our area present a unique risk group. Methods to target communication to this group were explored.

## 6.3 Dental Report

*Reference #2015-04.30.6.3. The report will be retained on file.*

Additional Verbal Report – provided by Dr. Kit Young Hoon, MOH

The Northwestern Health Unit's resolution advocating to the Minister of Health and Long-Term care to ensure continued access for area children for preventive oral health and treatment services has also been endorsed by four municipalities.

An oral health survey of vulnerable adults in Northwestern Ontario was completed and a proposal will be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to expand our Northern Program for clients in our catchment area.

## 6.4 CQI Update

*Reference #2015-04.30-6.4. The report will be retained on file.*

Additional Verbal Report – provided by Dr. Kit Young Hoon, MOH

This report is a snapshot of what every program is doing with regard to Continuous Quality Improvement. Updates will continue as we move forward.

## 6.5 Beach Sampling Report

*Reference #2015.04.30.6.5. The report will be retained on file.*

Additional Verbal Report – provided by Dr. Kit Young Hoon, MOH

In order to increase efficiency, a review of beaches that are usually tested by the health unit, was completed. As a result, several were identified that did not meet the criteria of a beach and will not be included in testing. If a beach has been identified in a municipal plan as

such, it will continue to be tested. She advised that sampling alone can't protect from water borne disease.

If your municipality has any concerns, please bring them forward to Dr. Young Hoon and she will follow-up.

| Motion / Resolution: 42-2015                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | APPROVED |                         |
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| THAT the following reports be accepted as presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2015.04.30.6.1 Medical Officer of Health Report</li> <li>- 2015.04.30.6.2 Blastomycosis Report</li> <li>- 2015.04.30.6.3 Dental Health Report</li> <li>- 2015.04.30.6.4 CQI Report</li> <li>- 2014.04.30.6.4 Beaches Sampling Report</li> </ul> |          | B. Thompson<br>S. Smith |

The Board recessed for lunch at 12.05 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

## 7. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

### 7.1 CEO Report – *Mark Perrault, CEO* Reference #2015-04-30-7.1

#### Partnerships with District Social Services Boards

Recently I and the managers have had a number of discussions and interactions with representatives from the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) and the Rainy River District Services Board (RRDSB) regarding areas where we can partner. These include our supporting of applications for grants such as the successful application by RRDSB Community Paramedical Program and currently, an application for a poverty reduction grant by the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB).

From these focused discussions have come broader conversations on how we can work together and share/coordinate resources, acknowledging we all receive funding from municipalities and the province.

#### Banking Conversion Update – CIBC to TD Canada Trust

Formal notification was provided to CIBC on Friday, April 10, 2015, regarding our decision to move all financial services to TD Canada Trust over the next few months; target completion date is July 2015 (this is a three month endeavor). Our accounts officer is working with a team of transitional experts towards several of the tasks identified for month # 1 including:

- Administrative – Discussing account structure and requirements, providing key pieces of information required to open new accounts, set up our credit facilities, draft legal account documentation for presentation and signature by NWHU.
- Creating new bank accounts/GL's within Finance module in preparation for testing (EFT's, direct deposits, PAP's).



- Gathering banking information change forms from all parties who either deposit directly or debit our general bank by pre-authorized payment.

Once accounts have been opened, the next steps include:

- Transferring surplus money (sitting in our general account from matured GIC's) to TD for the advantage of receiving a higher daily interest rate.
  - Advantage: TD guarantees us their prime less 1.75% which is considerably higher than CIBC.
- Conducting testing of our finance system EFT set-up with their Cash Management specialist.
- Ordering new cheques.
- Advising external parties of new bank account information and effective date.
- Web based services training.

### TD Visa One Cards

Our CIBC Corporate Classic Visa accounts have been cancelled with all credit cards collected and returned to CIBC, Kenora. Everyone has now received and activated their new TD Visa One Card and set up their online access for the purpose of viewing their transaction activity and downloading their monthly statement for reconciliation. Advantages of this conversion include:

- A wide range of insurance benefits to the cardholder; travel accident, auto rental collision/loss damage, travel assistance, hotel/motel burglary, flight delay.
- Access to USBank online platform, for access and download of monthly statement (available on the 6th day of each month) by each cardholder or their assistant, resulting in quicker turn-around of expense posting and reports.

### Insurance

We have switched insurance brokers to Gillons Insurance due to cost savings of approximately six percent and additional benefits which include free legal advice regarding liabilities when we initiate new activities. The coverages and underwriter, Frank Cowan, remain identical.

### Union Negotiations

We received a notice to bargain from the Ontario Nurses Association. Their contract expired March 31, 2015, and management will be entering into union negotiations with them in May.

### Ontario Budget

The government of Ontario introduced its budget today; having reviewed it in some detail, there is no direct reference to public health spending. The government does state that any growth in salaries has to come from finding efficiencies.

The government did restate prior announcements including the Healthy Kids Community Challenge; Making Healthier Choices Act, 2014, and new Smoke-Free Ontario Act.

Additional Verbal Report – provided by Mark Perrault, CEO

Questions and comments were provided.

## 7.2 Finance Report – Mark Perrault, CEO

Reference #2015-04-30-7.2 The report will be retained on file.

Additional Verbal Report – provided by Marilyn Herbacz, Manager, Human & Financial Resources

Audited Financial Statements for 2014 will be distributed to members when they are received. She noted we have a small overall surplus of \$10,000.

| Motion / Resolution: 43-2015                                                                                                                                                | APPROVED |                         |
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| THAT the following reports be accepted as presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2015.04.30.7.1 CEO Report</li> <li>- 2015.04.30.7.2 Finance Report</li> </ul> |          | S. Smith<br>J. Albanese |

## 8. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, April 27, 2015

Committee Chair Paul Ryan provided a verbal report on the following agenda items.

### 8.1 Appointment of Auditors for 2015

The Health Unit is mandated to retain the services of the auditor of the largest obligated municipality which is the City of Kenora.

| Motion / Resolution: 46-2015                                                                                    | APPROVED |                         |
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| THAT MNP be appointed as the Northwestern Health Unit's external auditor for the year ending December 31, 2015. |          | C. Baron<br>J. Albanese |

### 8.2 Meeting with MNP (Meyers Norris Penny), auditors – 2014 Audited Financial Statements

Representatives from MNP reviewed the statements in depth and answered questions relating to the audit. No accounting irregularities were found.

The Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Health accept and pass the resolution pertaining to the 2014 audited financial statements.

| Motion / Resolution: 45-2015                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | APPROVED |                             |
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| THAT the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit approves the Northwestern Health unit Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, and accepts the Independent Auditor's Report prepared by MNP dated April 30, 2015. |          | J. Albanese<br>T. Sachowski |



### 8.3 Board of Health Appointments

Paul Ryan indicated that he has contacted the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA) regarding appointment of a representative to the Board of Health. At this time we are still awaiting notification.

### 8.4 Board Attendance

The Executive Committee discussed an attendance record now that the Constitution has been changed to reflect 70% attendance is mandated. The Board Secretary will send this report out quarterly.

### 8.5 Performance Appraisals, MOH, CEO

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Health have met and started planning for these reviews to be completed by September 2015. Staff interviews will start in June 2015.

### 8.6. Board of Health Retreat, September 23 – 25, 2015

The retreat will be held at Abram Lake Lodge, Sioux Lookout, September 23 – 25, 2015. Members were asked to suggest topics for the session on the first day. A facilitator will be assisting with Strategic Planning on the second day, and the regular Board of Health meeting will take place on the last day.

| Motion / Resolution: 44-2015                                                                             | APPROVED |                          |
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| THAT the verbal report of the Executive Committee meeting held April 30, 2015, be accepted as presented. |          | C. Baron<br>T. Sachowski |

## 9. IPAD ROLLOUT FOLLOWUP

Those Board of Health members not comfortable using the iPads, can return them and meeting packages will be emailed to them at their discretion.

## 10. ALPHA CONFERENCE JUNE 7-9, 2015, OTTAWA

| Motion / Resolution: 47-2015                                                                                                                                                     | APPROVED |                       |
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| THAT the following Board of Health members are authorized to attend the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) Annual Conference and AGM, June 7-9, 2015 in Ottawa: |          | S. Smith<br>Y. Kirlaw |
| Julie Roy, Paul Ryan, Yolaine Kirlaw, Trudy Sachowski, Carol Baron, Joe Ruete                                                                                                    |          |                       |
| Expenses for this conference will be covered by Northwestern Health Unit.                                                                                                        |          |                       |



## 11. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH VACATION COVERAGE

| Motion / Resolution: 48-2015                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | APPROVED |                          |
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| THAT the Board of Health for Northwestern Health Unit approves the appointment of Dr. David Williams, Medical Officer of Health for Thunder Bay District Health Unit, as Acting Medical Officer of Health to provide Medical Officer of Health on-call/coverage for Dr. Kit Young Hoon during her absence from Northwestern Health Unit on an as-needed basis for the year 2015. |          | T. Sachowski<br>C. Baron |

## 12. BILL 45, MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES ACT

| Motion / Resolution: 49-2015                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | APPROVED |                             |
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| <p>WHEREAS, menu labelling legislation is an important step towards creating healthier and more transparent food environments for Ontario's families; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Canadians are eating out more than ever before, and people of all ages and income levels are eating out; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, eating away from home is associated with excessive intakes of calories, sodium and fat among children and adults; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the average sodium intake of all ages of Canadian children exceeds the tolerable upper limit established by the Institute of Medicine (IOM); and</p> <p>WHEREAS, menu labelling provides an opportunity to help prevent these children from joining the Canadian average of consuming double the recommended amount of sodium; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, menu labelling provides an opportunity to help prevent these children from joining the 90% of Canadians who will develop hypertension as they age, and the 1.3 million Canadians who are living with cardiovascular disease; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Canadians strongly support disclosure of calories and sodium values and of a panel of about 3000 Canadians, 75% would like to see calories on the menu, while 71% want sodium; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit supports menu labelling that includes both calories and sodium as a population health strategy that assists consumers to make informed and healthier food choices, as outlined in the position statement of the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health, <u>Serving up Nutrition Information in Ontario Restaurants: A Position Paper</u>;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health unit urges the provincial government to amend the "Bill 45, Making Healthier Choices Act" to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Include sodium labeling; and</li> <li>2. Allow for municipal bylaws to address additional nutrition information beyond sodium and calories</li> </ol> <p>FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that the Board of Health sends a letter to the Standing committee on General Government regarding Bill 45 supporting the above recommended amendments; and</p> |          | T. Sachowski<br>J. Albanese |

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| FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that copies of the letter to the Standing committee on General Government regarding Bill 45 be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, all Ontario Boards of Health, Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health, and Northwestern Health Unit obligated municipalities for their information and support. |  |
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### 13. NON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non agenda items identified.

### 14. NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting of Board of Health, Fort Frances NWHU Boardroom

Date: Friday, May 22, 2015

Start Time: 8:30 a.m.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT:

CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN

THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June.....2015



MEETING CHAIR, BOARD OF HEALTH



RECORDING SECRETARY

TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. #0011June 1, 2015

This meeting of the Community Services Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Civic Centre on June 1, 2015 from 10:31 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.

PRESENT: Ken Perry - Chairman, John Albanese - Councillor, June Caul - Councillor, Mark McCaig - CAO, Jason Kabel - Manager of Community Services

**1 CALL TO ORDER (Session #0011)**

The meeting was called to order by K. Perry - Chairman, at 10:31am. J. Kabel recorded the minutes of the meeting.

**2 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

NIL

**3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Community Services Executive Meeting - May 4, 2015 - Approved as circulated

**4 ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**

**Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championship Request** - The committee did not have concerns or issues with the items requested by the FFCBC being very similar to previous years and approved all of the items to be forwarded to A&F as the lead executive committee.

**5 NEW BUSINESS**

**Northwestern Hockey Camp Canada Request** - M. McCaig suggested that the letter of request be brought as a non-agenda to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee (AFEC) meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 for input as the request was financial in nature. The committee agreed to send it to AFEC with their recommendation to grant the request of ice time user fee adjustment from \$114.22/hr to \$110.00/hr for the hockey camp's two week program in July & August 2015.

**6 NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

NIL

**7 IN-CAMERA**

**Personnel Matter** - No action is necessary at this time

**8 INFORMATION**

Celebrate Canada Letter

Life Saving Society Recognition

Next Meeting Date - June 15, 2015

**9 CLOSING**

There being no further matters before the committee at this time, the meeting was closed at 11:13

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K. Perry, Executive Committee Chair

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J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services