

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### MINUTES

SESSION NO. 032

March 7, 2016

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers , Civic Centre on March 7, 2016 from 6:46 p.m. to 7:19 p.m and from 7:49 p.m. to 8:14 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, W. Brunetta, J. Caul, K. Perry and G. Paul Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, E. Slomke, Clerk, L. Witherspoon, Treasurer, D. Brown, Manager of Operations & Facilities, J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services, F. Sheppard, Fire Chief.

### **1. COUNCIL MEETING** (Session No. 032)

1.1 Call to Order at 6:46 p.m.

1.2 Prayer

1.3 Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting - None.

1.4 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.  
Councillor Brunetta disclosed an interest in Item 8.1 of the Committee of the Whole agenda as the per diem claim and travel expenses for travel to ROMA/OGRA conference were hers.  
Mayor Avis disclosed an interest in Item 8.3 of the Committee of the Whole agenda as the per diem claim and travel expenses for travel to ROMA/OGRA conference were his.  
Councillor Perry disclosed an interest in Item 8.2 of the Committee of the Whole agenda as the per diem claim and travel expenses for travel to ROMA/OGRA conference were his.

### **2. Delegations/Deputations:**

2.1 Merv Ahrens - Explained the intent behind his Letter to Mayor & Council.

411 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the presentation from Merv Ahrens re: Concerns/suggestions about future highway and utility re-construction projects be received.

CARRIED

2.2 Bi-Annual Report from Fort Frances Fire Department: F. Sheppard, Fire Chief

412 Albanese - Brunetta: THAT the bi-annual report from the Fort Frances Fire Department be hereby received.

CARRIED

### **3. Consent Agenda:**

The Council meeting resumed at 7:49 p.m.

3.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole

413 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

1. Committee of the Whole Consent items # 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9,

7.10, 7.11, 7.12 and 7.13.

2. Council Consent items # 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7.

CARRIED

- 3.2 Letter dated February 29, 2016 from John DeGagne, Degagne Construction re: Commercial Lots on 5th Street, Fort Frances  
- will be referred to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.3 Letter dated February 10, 2016 from Jordan Byzewski re: Septic System for Property on 8th Street  
- will be referred to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.4 Letter dated February 1, 2016 from Lori Byerley and Mary Wrigley from Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre re: Dialysis Transportation  
- will be referred to the Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation
- 3.5 E-mail dated February 18, 2016 from Keri Rafter, Disaster Management Community Services Coordinator, Canadian Red Cross re: Proclamation Request  
- will be advised of Council's proclamation
- 3.6 Break Open Ticket Licence Application for LaVerendrye Hospital Auxiliary, 110 Victoria Avenue from March 7, 2016 to March 7, 2017  
- licence will be processed in conformance to provincial regulations and rules.
- 3.7 Break Open Ticket Licence Application for Rainycrest Auxiliary, 550 Osborne Street from March 7, 2016 to February 28, 2017  
- licence will be processed in conformance to provincial regulations and rules.

**4. Approval of Council Minutes: \***

- 4.1 Session Nos. 030 and 031 dated February 8, 2016 and February 17, 2016
- 414 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Session Nos. 030 and 031 dated February 8, 2016 and February 17, 2016 respectively, having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

**5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: \***

- 5.1 Session Nos. 046, 047, 048 and 049, dated February 8, 2016 and February 17, 2016
- 415 Albanese - Brunetta: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being Session Nos. 046, 047, 048 and 049 dated February 8, 2016 and February 17, 2016 respectively, having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

**6. Resolutions from tonight's Committee meeting**

- 6.1 Council considered the following resolutions:
- 416 Caul - Ryan: THAT the Municipal Taxi Licence Application from Elijah James Boshkaykin be approved.

CARRIED

- 417 Ryan - Caul: THAT the letter of resignation from Douglas S. McCaig from the position

of Director and Chairman of the Board for the Fort Frances Power Corporation be received with appreciation for service.

CARRIED

- 418 Caul - Ryan: THAT the report dated March 1, 2016 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Brunetta – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel and Per Diem be approved as recommended by the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve the travel statement per diem and travel expense claim in the total amount of \$876.00 as submitted by Councillor Brunetta for her attendance at the OGRA/ROMA conference held in Toronto from February 21-24, 2016.

CARRIED

- 419 Ryan - Caul: THAT the report dated March 1, 2016 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Perry – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel and Per Diem be approved as recommended by the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve the travel statement per diem and travel expense claim in the total amount of \$1007.45 as submitted by Councillor Perry for his attendance at the OGRA/ROMA conference held in Toronto from February 21-24, 2016.

CARRIED

- 420 Caul - Ryan: THAT the report dated March 1, 2016 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Avis – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel and Per Diem be approved as recommended by the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve the travel statement per diem and travel expense claim in the total amount of \$2319.38 as submitted by Mayor Avis for his attendance at the OGRA/ROMA conference held in Toronto from February 21-24, 2016.

CARRIED

- 421 Ryan - Caul: THAT the report dated February 9, 2016 from D. Brown, Manager of Operations & Facilities re: TBT Engineering Request Permission for an MTO Contractor to encroach on Mill Road (Highway 11) within Town Limits to Complete some Asphalt Resurfacing Work be approved as recommended by the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee which ensures that the letter dated January 27, 2016 from Gary Thoms, TBT Engineering Ltd. was reviewed and that permission is granted as request.

CARRIED

- 422 Caul - Ryan: THAT Council of the Town of Fort Frances, hereby grants permission to TBT Engineering Ltd. (Contractor) to encroach on the portion of Mill Road (Highway 11) within the limits of the Town of Fort Frances to complete some asphalt resurfacing work.

CARRIED

- 423 Ryan - Caul: THAT the report dated February 26, 2016 from D. Brown, Manager of Operations and Facilities re: 2015 Schedule 22 (Compliance) Summary Report for the Town's Drinking Water System – DWS# 220000978 – Large Municipal Residential System be approved and further that the 2015 Schedule 22 Summary Report, having been reviewed, be accepted.

CARRIED

- 424 Caul - Ryan: THAT the report dated March 3, 2016 from F. Sheppard, Fire Chief re: Fire Service E&R Draft By-law be approved to receive this report for review and comment only.

CARRIED

## **7. By-Laws:**

- 7.1 By-law 11~16, being a by-law to authorize a license agreement for purposes of utilization of the Town's Geospatial data with GISbiz.

425 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the following by-laws be introduced and read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and become law forthwith:

11/16 A by-law to authorize a license agreement for purposes of utilization of the Town's geospatial data with GISbiz.

12/16 A by-law to authorize an agreement with RAS Maintenance Services for the provision of Janitorial Services at the Fort Frances Children's Complex and the Sister Betty Kennedy Centre.

13/16 A by-Law to authorize the sale of certain municipal lands to Syncor Contracting Limited.

CARRIED

7.2 By-law 12~16, being a by-law to authorize an agreement with RAS Maintenance Services for the provision of Janitorial Services at the Fort Frances Children's Complex and the Sister Betty Kennedy Centre.

7.3 By-law 13~16, Being a By-Law to authorize the sale of certain municipal lands to Syncor Contracting Limited.

## 8. New Items:

8.1 Appointment to NOMA Board as RRDMA Representative (Councillor Brunetta)

426 Caul - Albanese: THAT Council of the Town of Fort Frances supports the nomination of Councillor Wendy Brunetta as the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA) representative on the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Board.  
CARRIED

8.2 Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services - Strategy for a Safer Ontario Regional Consultation Sessions.  
Received information. No one from Council available/interested in attending.

8.3 The Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management (OFMEM)  
- Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection & Emergency Management session on March 9, 2016 in Fort Frances

427 Albanese - Brunetta: THAT the following be authorized to attend the Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection & Emergency Management seminar hosted by the Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management (OFMEM) in Fort Frances on March 9, 2016:  
- Councillor Brunetta  
On the basis as follows: Per Diem allowed.  
CARRIED

8.4 Municipal Council Education Program from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
- Financial Literacy: What Every Councillor Should Know about Municipal Finances

428 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the following be authorized to take the Financial Literacy: What Every Councillor Should Know about Municipal Finances online course delivered by Association of Municipality Ontario (AMO) at a cost of \$177.00 plus HST. -  
Councillor Perry and Councillor Brunetta  
CARRIED

## 9. Information Correspondence:

- 9.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Communications (2016):  
February 9th - AMO/LAS request for broader municipal investment powers;  
February 12th - Policing Consultations Announced;  
February 16th - Ontario Announces Green Social Housing Retrofits;  
February 17th - MEPCO Alert - Ontario Proposes One Year Delay in ORPP Implementation;  
February 18th - Presumptive PTSD Legislation for First Responders Introduced;  
February 19th - Transformation of Children and Family Services;  
February 22nd - AMO Policy Update - AMO Welcomes Increased Infrastructure Funding for Municipalities;  
February 25th - 2016 Provincial Budget;  
February 29th - AMO Releases Guide to Police Services Act Consultations;  
March 1st - Ontario Introduces the Climate Change Mitigation and Low Carbon Economy Act, 2016, Regulation.  
Received.
- 9.2 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Watch File dated February 18th and 25th, 2016.  
Received.
- 9.3 NOMA correspondence dated February 23rd 2016 re: Inter-Community Bus System; and February 29th, 2016 re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Consultation on Cost Recovery for Expansion of Natural Gas Services - EB-2016-0004.  
Received.
- 9.4 Correspondence dated February 23rd, 2016 from CN re: Importance of Snow Clearing at Grade Crossings.  
Received.
- 9.5 Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre - Spring 2016 Newsletter.  
Received.
- 9.6 Resolution as passed February 1, 2016 from the Township of Cavan Monaghan re: Ontario's Consultation on Primary, Home and Community Health Care.  
Received.
- 9.7 Correspondence dated February 10, 2016 from the Town of Carleton Place to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs re: OMAFRA Grant Scoring.  
Received.
- 9.8 Correspondence dated February 16, 2016 from Township of Manitouwadge to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care re: Northern Travel Grant.  
Received.
- 9.9 Correspondence dated February 19, 2016 from Municipality of Bluewater to Premier Kathleen Wynne re: Rural Ontario Physician Incentives.  
Received.
- 9.10 Correspondence dated February 12th, 2016 from Ontario Small Urban Municipalities re: 2016 OSUM Conference & Trade Show and Executive Committee Nominations.  
Received.
- 9.11 LAS 2016 Town Hall Sessions.  
Bring to next Council meeting for attendance consideration.
- 9.12 2016 Senior of the Year Award invitation.  
Received.

## 10. Minutes:

- 10.1 Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health Regular Meeting dated January 13th, 2016.  
Received.
- 10.2 Sister Kennedy Board of Management - January 12, 2016  
Received.
- 10.3 Administration & Finance Executive Committee January 5, 2016 and February 3, 2016  
Received.
- 10.4 Planning & Development Executive Committee February 1, 2016  
Received.
- 10.5 Community Services Executive Committee February 1, 2016  
Received.
- 10.6 Operations & Facilities Executive Committee February 3, 2016  
Received.
- 10.7 Rainy Lake Market Square Advisory Committee February 1, 2016  
Received.

**11. Non-agenda Items - None.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

- 12.1 The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

429 Albanese - Brunetta: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be  
now closed.

CARRIED

R. Avis, Mayor

K. Perry, Chairperson

E. Slomke, Clerk