

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 008

FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 from 6:58 p.m. to 7:39 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, (chaired 6:58 p.m. to 7:27 p.m. and 7:28 p.m. to 7:39 p.m.), Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, K. Perry, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs (chaired 7:27 p.m. to 7:28 p.m.) and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk; G. Bell, Manager, Community Services; D. Brown, Manager, Operations & Facilities; L. Witherspoon, Treasurer.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest by members on agenda items:
 - 1) Mayor Avis on agenda item 5, stating that he is the president of the corporation purchasing this property. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter. He turned the chair over to Deputy Mayor S. Tibbs while the matter was considered.
 - 2) Mayor Avis on agenda item 19, of the regular meeting of Council held February 14, 2011, stating that this item was his per diem expenses for the recent RRDMA meeting.
2. Verbal communications:
 - 1) Mayor Avis presented M. Sedgwick, Chief Librarian a plaque on behalf of Council in Recognition of Outstanding Leadership as Ontario's Public Librarian of the Year and Recipient of the W.J. Robertson Medallion.
 - 2) L. Skaarup, Union Gas presented an update on the Finalization of the Replacement Project in Fort Frances.
 - 3) M. Deschamps representing residents of the 200 block of Third Street East presented Council with a petition re: Sidewalks.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Non-agenda:
 - 1) M. McCaig - public service announcement re: No Smoking within 9 metres of the canopy at the Memorial Sportscentre.
 - 2) M. McCaig re: Request from City of International Falls re: joint letter to Prime Minister Harper and President Obama to proclaim July 2, 2011 "International Peaceful Borders Day."
5. Resolutions:
 - 087 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the presentation dated February 22, 2011 from Union Gas re: Update on Replacement Project to Fort Frances Town Council be received. CARRIED
 - 088 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the presentation to Council of a petition from M. Deschamps representing residents of the second block of Third Street East re: Sidewalks be received and referred to Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation. CARRIED

089 Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 10,11 and 12.
- 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 22.
- 3) Council Consent items # 24. CARRIED
- 10) approved a payment in the amount of \$614.00 to Rainy River Future Development Corporation re: Border Electronic Reader Board repairs.
- 11) approved that insurance coverage at “Wreckage Value” option be requested from Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. for the 850 Williams Avenue (Old Huffman School) property
- 12) approved proceeding with an invitation for Expression of Interest for the old library building.
- 24) proclaimed March 2011 as “Red Cross Month” in the Town of Fort Frances.

090 Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT the presentation from F. Sheppard, A/Fire Chief re: Fort Frances Fire Rescue Service be received and further that the matter proceed as directed. CARRIED

091 Wiedenhoef-Albanese: THAT the report dated February 17, 2011 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Offer to Purchase – McIrvine Road (R#1-6-088-80) be approved and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared. CARRIED

Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis

092 Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT the request received February 14, 2011 from D. Horton, Seven Generations Education Institute re: Potential Property Acquisition be received and further that the matter proceed as directed. CARRIED

093 Wiedenhoef-Albanese: THAT the letter dated February 27, 2011 from IPG International Programs Group re: Property Damage – March 14, 2009 be received. CARRIED

094 Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT the report dated February 16, 2011 from D. Brown, Manager Operations and Facilities re: Installation of Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure for the Development of 10 Unit Apartment Building on the 1038 York Avenue Property be approved, as amended. CARRIED

095 Albanese-Wiedenhoef: THAT the report dated February 22, 2011 from M. McCaig, CAO re: Northwest Training and Adjustment Board Appointment Request be received and further that the matter proceed as directed. CARRIED

096 Wiedenhoef-Albanese: THAT the request received February 2, 2011 from Northwest Training and Adjustment Board via Rainy River District Municipal Association re: Appointment of Municipal Representative on the Northwest Training Adjustment Board be received and the following name(s) be put forward for consideration: Christine Ruppenstein. CARRIED

- 097 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT By-Law No. 61/10-A, being a By-Law to impose water and sewer user fees in 2011 be introduced and read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and become law forthwith. CARRIED
Yea: R. Avis, J. Albanese, A. Hallikas, P. Ryan, S. Tibbs, R. Wiedenhoeft
Nay: K. Perry
- 098 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT By-Law No. 10/11, being a By-Law to appoint an auditor for the Town be introduced and read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and become law forthwith. CARRIED
- 099 Ryan-Tibbs: THAT the Town of Fort Frances support the request from the City of International Falls to President Obama to sign a resolution declaring July 2nd, “International Peaceful Borders Day” and consider forwarding a similar request to Prime Minister Harper. CARRIED
- 100 Tibbs-Ryan: THAT the letter dated February 16, 2011 from Ministry of Natural Resources re: Inquiry re: The Town of Fort Frances Landfill site Accepting Household Waste Material from Mine Centre Community be received and referred to Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation. CARRIED
- 101 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

S. Tibbs, Chairperson

K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk