

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### COUNCIL MINUTES

### SESSION NO. 10

MARCH 14, 2011

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, March 14, 2011 from 6:12 p.m. to 6:54 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis (chaired 6:12 p.m. to 6:27 p.m., 6:28 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and 6:31 p.m. to 6:54 p.m.), Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, K. Perry, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs (chaired 6:27 p.m. to 6:28 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 6:31 p.m.) and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; G. Bell, Manager, Community Services; L. Witherspoon, Treasurer.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members:
  - 1) Councillor J. Albanese on item 24, stating the claim for travel and per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
  - 2) Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft on item 25, stating the claim for travel and per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
  - 3) Mayor R. Avis on item 23, stating the claim for travel and per diem was his. 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.
  - 4) Mayor R. Avis on items 26 and 48 stating that he is president of the corporation purchasing the property from the Town. 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. Verbal Communications:
  - 1) Gordon Watson, Chair, Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championship Inc. and Doug Cain, Director spoke to Council on the request to the Town for financial and in kind assistance for the tournament in 2011.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Non agenda items:
  - 1) By-Law No. 15/11 to appoint a new Fire Chief.
  - 2) Update on the recent OGRA/ROMA Conference attended from Mayor Avis, Councillors R. Wiedenhoeft and J. Albanese.
5. Resolutions:
  - 105 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the financial and in-kind request dated March 10, 2011 from Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championship Inc. re: Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championships (July 17 – July 23, 2011) be referred to all Executive Committees for recommendation. CARRIED
  - 106 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the following Consent items be approved:
    - 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 8,9,10,11,13,14,15,16,17,18,19, 20,21 and 22
    - 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 39.
    - 3) Council Consent items # 41,42 and 43. CARRIED

- 8) approved certain wage increases for Private Home Day Care Providers for 2010 and 2011.
- 9) approved maintaining the current level of handicapped parking spaces at the Memorial Sports Centre.
- 10) approved the January 2011 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report.
- 11) approved preparation of a letter to neighbouring communities to indicate that the Town is open to working together to provide recycling services.
- 13) approved ensuring that both the North and South sidewalks on Third Street East between Portage and Mowat Avenue will remain intact and that only the sections of the sidewalk removed for the installation of water and sewer sanitary service lines be replaced under the Town's 2011 Reconstruction Project.
- 14) supported in principle the MNR request to allow domestic waste from the community of Mine Centre to be disposed in the Town's present landfill site; that an appropriate agreement with MNR be developed and that the MNR cover the costs for such agreement.
- 15) approved supporting the designation of a modified "Community Safety Zone" along King's Highway from just west of the most westerly entrance of the Fort Frances Cemetery to just west of the McIrvine Road intersection.
- 16) authorized updates to the Media Relations Policy.
- 17) approved accepting the Provincial Offences Act audited financials for the year ending December 31, 2010 and further approved payment in the amount of \$3,150.00 plus gst for same.
- 18) authorized entering into an agreement with CHASE Paymentech LLC for the Paymentus Credit Card Payment system for Fort Frances Power Corporation customer payments.
- 19) approved a financial donation in the amount of \$100.00 to Rainy River District Music Festival Association.
- 20) approved that the future of the property located at 235 Scott Street be part of the Strategic Plan exercise discussions; investigating the Town's legal responsibility and to further investigate grant funding initiatives; and investigation with recommendations respecting site demolition.
- 21) approved travel expenses for M. McCaig CAO for attendance at the OGRA/ROMA Conference.
- 22) approved directing the Clerk to investigate a new/extension agreement with Paul Heayn for his services as a closed meeting investigator and his appointment as Meeting Investigator.

- 107 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Sessions No. 7 and 8 dated February 14 and 22, 2011 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 108 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being Sessions No. 7 and 8 dated February 14 and 22, 2011 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 109 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated March 7, 2011 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Cindy Grimard be approved. CARRIED
- 110 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report dated March 10, 2011 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Appointment of New Fire Chief be approved and further that an appointment by-law be prepared. CARRIED

- 111 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report dated February 25, 2011 from D. Brown, Manager Operations and Facilities re: 2010 Schedule 22 (Compliance) Summary Report for the Town's Drinking Water System – DWS #220000978 – Large Municipal Residential System be approved. CARRIED
- 112 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated March 8, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel and Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis
- 113 Wiedenhoeft-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 8, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor John Albanese – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel and Per Diem Claims be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: J. Albanese
- 114 Albanese-Ryan: THAT the report dated March 8, 2011 from L. Witherspoon Treasurer re: Councillor Rick Wiedenhoeft – OGRA/ROMA Conference Travel and Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED
- 115 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following by-laws be introduced and read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and become law forthwith:
- 11/11 A By-Law to approve an agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for financing of a post secondary graduate internship under the Northern Ontario Youth Internship Program.
- 13/11 A By-Law to approve an agreement with Kenora Central Ambulance Communications Centre and Ministry of Health for the operation by Kenora Central Ambulance Communications Centre of a communications service for the District Fire Service.
- 14/11 A By-Law to authorize the entering into of a certain contract with respect to the provision of janitorial services. CARRIED
- 116 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT By-Law No. 12/11, being a By-Law to authorize the sale of certain land to 65176 Ontario Inc. 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  
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis
- 117 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the request dated March 8, 2011 from Fort Frances Police Services board re: Special Meeting of Council – Week of March 21<sup>st</sup> be received and further that the matter proceed as directed. CARRIED
- 118 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the letter dated March 1, 2011 from Rainy River Future Development Corporation re: Events Tent be received. CARRIED

- 119     Ryan-Tibbs: THAT By-Law No. 15/11, being a by-law to approve an employment agreement with Francis (Frank) Joseph Sheppard and for his appointment as Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Fort Frances 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
- 120     Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chair

S. Tibbs, Chair

G. Treftlin, Clerk