

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 16

MAY 24, 2011

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 from 7:24 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis (chaired 7:24 p.m. to 7:31 p.m. and 7:32 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.), Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, K. Perry, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs (chaired 7:31 p.m. to 7:32 p.m.) and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; D. Brown, Manager, Operations & Facilities; L. Witherspoon, Treasurer.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest by members on agenda items:
 - 1) Mayor R. Avis on item 15, stating the purchase card expenses were his; on item 16, stating the travel expense and per diem claim was his; and item 17, stating his company submitted a bid in response to the call for tenders. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on any of the items and turned the chair over to Deputy Mayor S. Tibbs while they were considered.
 - 2) Written communications as per the agenda attached.
 3. Non agenda item:
 - 1) Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft provided an update on the preparations for the International Tug O' War event with International Falls, Minnesota in July.
 4. Resolutions:
 - 191 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following Consent items be approved:
 - 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 7,8,10,11,12,13 and 14.
 - 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 31.
 - 3) Council Consent items # 33. CARRIED
 - 7) approved allocation of \$38,680.00 from reserves as a non budgeted capital expenditure to match JEPP funding to be used for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) response equipment.
 - ..8) denied a request from Borderland Roller Derby League re: reduced arena rates at the Memorial Sport Centre.
 - 10) approved that with respect to future lot development in town, that the town meet with Rainy River Resources; that the topic be discussed at the 2011 Strategic Planning Session; that administration meet with private developers; and be a matter for economic development consideration.
 - 11) approved a financial donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the RBC Golf Tournament – June 25, 2011.
 - 12) approved that with respect to a request from the Canada Day Celebrations Committee, a \$5,000.00 annual fireworks grant under the Fun In the Sun budget line item; in addition to a \$5,000 one time seasonal grant with the understanding that this amount be repaid when fundraising surplus is available and provision of certain in-kind services and materials by the Operations and Facilities and Community Services division.
 - 13) approved the 2011 Business Improvement Area Board budget.
 - 14) approved taking certain measures to provide basic care and to alleviate any visible threats to public health and safety with respect to the property known as the Rainy Lake Hotel.

33) approved a Break Open Ticket Licence Application from Riverside Foundation for Health Care at LaVerendrye Hospital from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012.

- 192 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 15 dated May 9, 2011 having been typed and distributed be approved.
CARRIED
- 193 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being Session No. 20 dated May 9, 2011 having been typed and distributed be approved.
CARRIED
- 194 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the correspondence dated May 5, 2011 from Derksen Professional Corporation re: The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances – Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (“DSSAB”) be received and further that the matter proceed as directed.
CARRIED
- 195 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the correspondence dated May 17, 2011 from Derksen Professional Corporation re: Point Park/Point Two Chain Multiplicities of Litigation be received and further that the matter proceed as directed.
CARRIED
- 196 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the report dated May 9, 2011 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Sunny Cove Camp Caretaker Contract be approved and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared.
CARRIED
- 197 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated May 18, 2011 from D. Brown, Manager Operations and Facilities re: RFP No. 11-OF-06 – Selection of Contractor to Install 4 – MicroFIT Solar Power Generating Systems on Top of Town Owned Buildings be approved and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared.
CARRIED
Yea: A. Hallikas, K. Perry, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs, R. Wiedenhoeft
Nay: R. Avis, J. Albanese
- 198 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated May 18, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – Purchase Card Expense be approved.
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis
CARRIED
- 199 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated May 18, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – Pithers Point Park & Two Chain Court Hearing Travel and Per Diem Claims be approved.
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis
CARRIED
- 200 Ryan-Hallikas: THAT the report dated May 19, 2011 from R. Hallam, Superintendent Planning and Development re: Tender No. 11-PD-07 – Vehicles be approved.
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis
CARRIED
- 201 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated May 20, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: 2011 Graduation Congratulatory Message on B93 fm be approved.
CARRIED
- 202 Wiedenhoeft – Albanese: THAT the report dated May 20, 2011 from R. Hallam, Superintendent Planning and Development re: Unbudgeted Capital Expenses – Civic Centre HVAC be approved.
CARRIED

- 203 Hallikas-Ryan: THAT the report dated May 24, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: 2009 Year End Surplus/Deficit Sewer Fund Adjustment be approved. CARRIED
- 204 Wiedenhoeft-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:
- 32/11 A By-Law to authorize the levying and collection in 2011 of a special charge of taxes upon the Business Improvement Area.
- 34/11 A By-Law to establish a percentage by which tax decreases are limited in 2011 to properties in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-residential property classes.
- 35/11 A By-Law to approve an agreement with Bearskin Lake Air Service LP. CARRIED
- 205 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT electronic mail dated May 16, 2011 from A. Hallikas re: Air Advisory Panel – Terms of Reference be received and further that the following be recommended for appointment to the NOMA Air Advisory Panel: Councillor A. Hallikas. CARRIED
- 206 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: That the Invitation from the Northwestern Ontario Joint Task Force re: Attendance at Regional Economic Planning Summit – June 13-14, 2011 be received and further that the following be authorized to attend: Mayor and Councillors; The Regional Economic Developer, and further that the regularly scheduled meeting of Council on June 13th, 2011 be rescheduled to June 6, 2011. CARRIED
- 207 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the letter dated May 16, 2011 from Assisted Living Action Group re: Assisted Living Facility be received and that the matter proceed as per Council's direction. CARRIED
- 208 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

S. Tibbs, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk