

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 12

APRIL 26, 2010

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, April 26, 2010 from 7:16 p.m. to 8:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, K. Perry
G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs and R. Wiedenhoeft.

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

1. Verbal communications:

- 1) Public meeting re: applications for tax adjustment under the Municipal Act, 2001, s.o. 2001, c.35, s. 357 re: 533 Scott Street, 1033 Scott Street, 439 Third Street East and 907 Crowe Avenue. No one came forward to speak to the applications when invited by Mayor Avis.
- 2) G. Burton, Union Gas, introduced D. Alexander, Union Gas. Mr. Alexander presented to Council an overview of Union Gas' project to replace in-ground piping and upgrade services in Fort Frances in 2010. John Wachnuk and Luke Scarrup of Union Gas were introduced as well.
- 3) G. Gillon, Regional Developer, Rainy River Future Development Corporation presented to Council a proposal for enhanced economic development services to the Town and a proposal to restructure the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- 4) Item 33., was removed from consent agenda to be considered separately by Council.

2. Written communications as per the agenda attached.

3. Non agenda items:

- 1) Councillor R. Wiedenhoeft and P. Ryan reported on the Northern Ontario Municipal Association annual meeting they attending April 21 to 24 in Marathon.
- 2) Councillor Albanese commented on the poor condition of the Canadian flag flying on the American side of the border and the banners along the entrance to town along church Street in the vicinity of the Canada Customs inspection facility.

4. Resolutions:

- 136 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated April 21, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: 357/358 Applications for Tax Adjustment re: 533 Scott Street, 1033 Scott Street, 439 Third Street East and 907 Crowe Avenue be approved. CARRIED
- 137 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the presentation from G. Gillon, Regional Economic Developer, Rainy River Future Development Corporation re: Enhanced Economic Development Services be received and referred to Administration and Finance Executive Committee and Economic Development Advisory Committee for recommendation. CARRIED

138 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 9,10,11,12,13 and 14.
- 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 31.
- 3) Council Consent items # 34,35,36,37 and 38. CARRIED
- 9) approved the March 2010 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report.
- 10) approved foregoing the enactment of a deeming by-law –830 Armit Ave.; direct the interim building official to review the file in contemplation of issuance of a building permit and undertake a review of the deeming process from a long term perspective in consultation with the municipal planner and CAO.
- 11) approved a contribution to the Rainy River Vet Assistance Trust Fund in the amount of \$650.00 funded from Council Public Relations expense.
- 12) approved that the original proposed amount budgeted for the Fun in the Sun annual grant of \$5,000.00 and further directed that the financial request dated March 16, 2010 be referred to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- 13) approved an amendment to By-Law 02/10 altering Council remuneration effective dated from December 1, 2010 to December 1, 2012.
- 14) approved a contract with Comprint Systems Inc. (cob as DataFix) for Internet Voter Lookup services during the 2010 municipal election.
- 34) referred the memorandum dated April 21, 2010 from E.G. Berry, Interim Planner re: Zoning Amendment – church of the Holy Spirit – 824 Victoria Avenue to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation and the Committee of Adjustment (in its planning advisory role).
- 35) proclaimed May 2010 as “Vision Health Month” and May 27, 2010 as “CNIB Day.”
- 36) proclaimed May 2-8, 2010 as “Emergency Preparedness Week.”
- 37) referred a financial request from J. Cunningham, Chair Fort Frances Public Library Board re: Fort Frances Public Library Grand Opening Reception – June 21, 2010 to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 38) referred the request from Fort Frances Curling Club re: Change in Tax Due Date to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

139 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the week of May 31st to June 4th, 2010 be proclaimed as Physician Appreciation Week in the Town of Fort Frances as requested April 13, 2010 from Councillor Andrew Hallikas. CARRIED

140 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the minutes of Council meetings being Sessions No. 9,10 and 11 dated April 5, 12 and 15, 2010 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

141 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the reports of the Committee of Whole of Council meetings being Sessions No. 16, 17, 18 and 19 dated April 5, 12, 15 and 19, 2010 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

142 Ryan-Tibbs: THAT the report dated April 20, 2010 from M. McCaig, CAO re: Condominium Agreement be approved. CARRIED

- 143 Tibbs-Ryan: THAT the report dated April 23, 2010 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Memorandum of Agreement with CUPE Local 65 and G. Lockman be approved and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared.
CARRIED
- 144 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report dated April 19, 2010 from D. Brown, Manager Operations and Facilities re: 1201 Scott Street – Car Wash – Owner – Murry Snider be referred back to Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for further consideration and recommendation.
CARRIED
- 145 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:
- 17/10 A By-Law to authorize an encroachment agreement with the owner of the property known as 824 Victoria Avenue.
- 26/10 A By-Law to approve an agreement with Comprint Systems Inc. (dba DataFix) for internet voter lookup services for purposes of the 2010 municipal election.
- 27/10 A By-Law to approve a contract with Ontario Clean Water Agency for overall responsible operator with regard to the Town's sewage collection system.
CARRIED
- 146 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed.
CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk