

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 006

MARCH 8, 2010

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, March 8, 2010 from 6:48 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, (chaired 6:48 p.m. to 7:34 p.m. and 7:35 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.); Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, G. Paul Ryan, and R. Wiedenhoeft (chaired 7:34 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.).

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) P. Noonan made a presentation on Council's recent decision to allow weddings/receptions at Sunny Cove Camp and asked Council to reconsider this decision.
- 2) G. Gillon, Rainy River Future Development Corporation presented RRFDC's Review of Doctor Recruitment and Retention in Fort Frances.

2. Written communications as per the agenda attached.

3. Non agenda items:

- 1) Mayor Avis and Councillor Hallikas reported on the recent Ontario Good Roads and R.O.M.A. conference they recently attended and meetings had with various provincial ministers or their representatives.
- 2) Mayor Avis acknowledged with appreciation a recent contribution from M. Katerick to the Memorial Sports Centre.

4. Resolutions:

- 079 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the matter of weddings and receptions at Sunny Cove Camp having been previously decided now be reconsidered. CARRIED
- 080 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the presentation from P. Noonan re: Wedding Receptions at Sunny Cove Camp be received and the matter be referred to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation with input from Administration and Finance Executive Committee. CARRIED
- 081 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the presentation from G. Gillon, Rainy River Future Development Corporation re: Town of Fort Frances – Doctor Recruitment and Retention Review be received and the recommendations therein be endorsed. CARRIED
- 082 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the following Consent items be approved:
- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 8,9,10,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 and 19.
 - 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 33.
 - 3) Council Consent items # 35,36 and 37. CARRIED
 - 8) approved endorsement of the Policy Framework of Affordable Access to Recreation for Ontarians.

- 9) approved awarding contracts to Northland Basics for computer purchases in the amount of \$43,912.00; Evolutions for presentation technology in the amount of \$48,609.00 and Wilson's for network equipment and service in the amount of \$16,839.00 under Fort Frances Public Library and Technology Centre - Tender No. 10-CS-01.
- 10) approved a request for easement from Union Gas over Part 1 Plan 48R-4259 (south of King's Highway at Colonization Road West) to document the recent installation of 4 inch plastic gas main associated with the replacement project in the community.
- 12) approved waiving the minor variance fees respecting File No. A2/2010.
- 13) approved purchase of a new blueprint copier from Mondrian-Hall in the net amount of \$21,000.00.
- 14) approved executing the notice of intent to use the Ontario Land Information Directory with the Ministry of Natural Resources.
- 15) declined participation in the 2010 Pitch-In Canada Week for 2010.
- 16) approved entering into an amending Municipal Funding Agreement with Association of Municipalities of Ontario re: transfer of Federal Gas Tax revenue for the period 2010-2013.
- 17) denied a financial request from Paramedics and Dispatchers towards a curling bonspiel March 6, 2010.
- 18) accepted the Provincial Offences Act audited statements for the year ending December 31, 2009 and payment of the services invoice as submitted by BDO Dunwoody in the amount of \$3,150.00.
- 19) approved travel expenses for M. McCaig, CAO in the amount of 404.00.
- 35) proclaimed March 2010 as "Red Cross Month" in the Town of Fort Frances.
- 36) referred a request from G. Domanski re: Interim Tax Bill 2010 for 755 River Drive to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 37) referred a financial request from Women's Health Symposium 2010 re: 4th Annual Women's Health Symposium – May 8, 2010 to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

- 083 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 5 dated February 22, 2010 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 084 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being Session Nos. 8, 9 and 10 dated February 16, 18 and 22, 2010 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 085 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the letter dated March 4, 2010 from M. McCaig, CAO to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs re: Point Park be received and further that the matter proceed as directed. CARRIED
- 086 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: THAT the report dated March 1, 2010 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: CUPE Grievance #PW/MS be approved as amended and further that a formal agreement and authorizing by-law be prepared. CARRIED

- 087 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated March 1, 2010 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: Fort Frances Public Library and Technology Coordinator Position be approved. CARRIED
- 088 Albanese-Hallikas: THAT the report dated March 1, 2010 from R. Hallam, Superintendent Planning and Development re: Zoning By-Law re: Sight Triangle be approved. CARRIED
- 089 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: THAT the report dated March 4, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – Travel Expense and Per Diem Claims be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis
- 090 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated March 4, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Ken Perry – Travel Expense and Per Diem Claims be approved. CARRIED
- 091 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:
- 50/05-A A By-Law to approve an amending agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues under the New Deal for Cities and Communities.
- 14/10 A By-Law to assume, stop up, and close, for the purpose of selling, part of a north-south lane south of Fifth Street East, north of the CN Right-Of-Way between Portage Avenue and McKenzie Avenue. CARRIED
- 092 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk