

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 008

MARCH 22, 2010

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, March 22, 2010 from 6:40 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, (chaired 6:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 7:01 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.); Councillors A Hallikas, K. Perry (6:40 p.m. to 7:02 p.m.), G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs (chaired 7:00 p.m. to 7:01 p.m.) and R. Wiedenhoef.

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 of Council:
 - 1) Councillor A. Hallikas on item 22., stating the claim for travel expense and per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 2) Councillor K. Perry on item 23., stating the claim for travel expense was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 3) Mayor R. Avis on item 21., stating the Town purchase card expense 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.
2. Verbal Communications:
 - 1) Joyce Cunningham, Chair Fort Frances Public Library Board updated Council on the new library technology centre and acknowledged the support for the new facility from Council, the different government agencies, ministries, Shaw Cable and the general public. She spoke also on the financial support from the province toward the hiring of a technology person for the centre.
 - 2) Presentation from G. Gillon was deferred to a future meeting.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Non agenda item:
 - 1) Mayor Avis advised that Councillor Albanese was absent from Council in order to attend meetings with the Minister of Health in Toronto.
 - 2) Councillor S. Tibbs recommended and Council agreed that Council extend congratulations to Duncan Keith, a member of Canada's Men's Olympic Hockey Team, and Gold Medal winners at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games. Duncan has ties to the Town of Fort Frances.
5. Resolutions:

098 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

 - 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19 and 20.
 - 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 40
 - 3) Council Consent items # 42,43,44,45,46,47,48 and 49. CARRIED
 - 10) approved preparation of a minor variance to reduce the required minimum lot area re: 319 Third Street West at no cost to the applicant.
 - 11) received and accepted the Ministry of Environment Communal Sewage Inspection Report dated March 1, 2010.
 - 12) approved a Geospatial Data License Agreement with Centra Transmission Holdings.

- 13) approved the February 2010 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report.
 - 14) approved preparation of a By-Law to amend Traffic Control By-Law 10/03 to bring the by-law into conformance with current traffic control measures in place.
 - 15) denied a request from G. Domanski to write off the penalty applied to property tax account #1412.
 - 16) approved a donation to support a Friend Sponsorship for the Women's Health Symposium 2010 in the amount of \$100.00.
 - 17) approved accepting the Federal Gas Tax Revenues Auditors Report on Compliance with Agreement for the year ended December 31, 2009 and further approved payment for the audited services invoice in the amount of \$1,650.00 plus gst.
 - 18) approved the financing of remaining capital projects for 2009 in the amount of \$95,366.73 to be funded as follows: \$89,517.71 from A&F Surplus Reserve; \$688.42 from Parks and Cemeteries Projects Reserve Fund and \$5,160.60 from Sorting Gap Marina Reserve Fund.
 - 19) approved transferring the 2009 General Fund Operating Surplus to Reserve Funds for future capital expenditures as follows: 35% to Corporate Projects Reserve Funds; 45% to Corporate Vehicles and Equipment Reserve Funds and 20% to Corporate Building Reserve Funds year end and further that the entire Water Fund surplus to transferred to Waterworks Reserve Fund and the Sewer Fund surplus be transferred to the Sewer Reserve Fund.
 - 20) approved purchase card expenses for M. McCaig, CAO in the amount of \$305.98.
 - 42) referred a letter from Ontario Public Service Employees Union re: Service quality issues at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for discussion.
 - 43) referred the Municipal Planner's memorandum re: 824 Victoria Avenue – Church of the Holy Spirit – Encroachment Agreement to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 44) referred the Municipal Planner's memorandum re: 824 Victoria Avenue – Church of the Holy Spirit – Zoning Amendment to the Municipal Planner for processing.
 - 45) referred the letter from Causeway General Insurance Brokers Limited re: Future of the Rainy Lake Hotel and the Downtown Core to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation with input from Administration and Finance Executive Committee and Economic Development Advisory Committee.
 - 46) referred the letter from St. Mary's Parish re: Safety issues at the parking lot adjacent to St. Mary's Parish to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 47) referred the request from Fort Frances High School Chem Free Grad Committee for support of the 2010 "Chem Free" graduation celebration to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 48) referred the request from Fort Frances High School Chem Free Grad Committee re: Waiving arena and auditorium rental fees for the 2010 "Chem Free" Grad Part to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation with input from Administration and Finance Executive Committee.
 - 49) referred the request from Ontario Good Roads Association re: Municipal Data Works Initiative to Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 099 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Sessions No. 6 and 7 dated March 8 and 15, 2010 having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

- 100 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being Sessions No. 11, 12 and 13 dated March 5, 8, and 15, 2010 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

101 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated March 5, 2010 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Town Sale to Daryl's Custom Landscapes – Part 2 Plan 48R-4236 be approved and further that an amending by-law be prepared. CARRIED

102 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the report dated March 17, 2010 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: CUPE Negotiations be received. CARRIED

103 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the request dated March 9, 2010 from P. Anderson, Co-ordinator, BIA re: Application for BIA Board Position be received and further that the following appointment be made for the remainder of the term of office to November 30, 2010: Robin Payeur representing 777714 Ontario Limited. CARRIED

104 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the report dated March 17, 2010 from G. Bell, Manager Community Services re: Weddings at Sunny Cove Camp be approved. CARRIED

105 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the report dated March 18, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Andrew Hallikas – Travel Expense and Per Diem Claims be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: A. Hallikas

106 Perry-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated March 18, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – Purchase Card Expense be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis

107 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated March 18, 2010 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Ken Perry – Travel Expense be approved. CARRIED
Disclosure of Interest: K. Perry

108 Wiedenhoeft-Perry: THAT the report dated March 10, 2010 from D. Brown, Manager Operations and Facilities re: 2009 Schedule 22 (Compliance) Summary Report be approved and further that this Council acknowledges that it has reviewed and accepts the 2009 Schedule 22 Summary Report as presented. CARRIED

109 Hallikas-Tibbs: 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:

10/03-R A By-Law to amend Town of Fort Frances By-Law 10/03 the Traffic Control By-Law.

05/10 A By-Law to authorize entering into an agreement granting an easement with Union Gas Limited over certain municipal property.

15/10 A By-Law to authorize an end-user license agreement with the Queen's Printer as represented by Land Information Ontario for purposes of access to the Ontario Land Information Directory. CARRIED

- 110 Hallikas-Tibbs: 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