

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

Community Services Executive Committee

AGENDA - July 4, 2017 10:30 AM

MEETING - FF Library Technology Centre - Shaw Room

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MINUTES

SESSION NO. # 048

June 19, 2017

The meeting of Community Services Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held at the Sister Kennedy Centre on June 19, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.

PRESENT: Wendy Brunetta - Chairperson, John Albanese - Councillor, Doug Kitowski - Councillor, Jason Kabel - Community Services Division Manager

1 CALL TO ORDER (Session # 048)

The meeting was called to order by chair, W. Brunetta at 10:42 a.m.

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Call for non-agenda items)

- Approved with the addition of one information item (letter from Lions Club Re: Centennial Celebration)

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

- NIL

4 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES

4.1 Community Services Executive Committee - June 5, 2017 - Approved as circulated.

5 ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

5.1 Sunset Water Sports Request (further documentation will be available at the meeting) - The Committee recommends to offer utilization of the public docks and beaches surrounding the Town for the operation of the water sports business so long as the Town is named as an additional insured on the insurance policy (\$2,000,000 liability) for Sunset Water Sports.

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Canadian Museum Operating Grant (CMOG) - The Committee recommends to Mayor and Council to authorize the submission of the 2017 Community Museum Operating Grant to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport by Museum Curator, Sherry George and also to authorize appropriate execution of the grant application on behalf of the Town.

7 NON-AGENDA ITEMS

8 INFORMATION

8.1 Next Meeting - July 4, 2017 - location - FF Library Technology Centre

9 CLOSING

There being no further matters before the committee at this time, the meeting was closed at 11:09 a.m.

W. Brunetta, Executive Committee Chair

J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services



REPORT

TO: Mayor Avis and Council
FROM: Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager
DATE: June 29, 2017
RE: Watten Volunteer Fire Department Donation Request

At the regular meeting of Council on June 26, 2017, the attached request from B. Angus, Watten Fire Department Administrative Board was referred to the Administration and Finance Executive Committee with input from the Community Services Executive Committee.

The Watten Fire Department is requesting a financial donation for the rental cost of Sunny Cove Camp to host their annual fish fry, August 25, 2017, (\$559.58 + tax) or \$300 in lieu of the rental cost as has been authorized by Council in previous years.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to contribute \$300 towards the rental costs of Sunny Cove Camp as had been done in previous years.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jason Kabel



June 12, 2017
Mayor and Council
Town of Fort Frances

RE: Sunny Cove Camp

As part of its fundraising campaign again this year, the Watten Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a fish fry at Sunny Cove Camp. The fish fry is scheduled for August 25th.

The Watten Fire Department must raise funds every year to cover operating and maintenance expenses for its fire hall and support fire services vehicle. As part of this campaign we are respectfully requesting the town donate the rental fee for Sunny Cove, or in lieu of this, a monetary donation. In past years the Town of Fort Frances has donated \$300.00 to the Watten Fire Department, and this support has been sincerely appreciated.

If you would like further information about the activities of our organization or this request please contact Chad Buist at 274-9000 or Brian Angus at 274-6057.

We appreciate your consideration and assistance.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brian Angus'.

Brian Angus
Administrative Board, Watten Fire Department



REPORT

TO: Mayor Avis and Council

FROM: Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

DATE: June 30, 2017

RE: Colonization Road name change request – Dawson Mihichuk

At the regular meeting of Council on June 26, 2017, the attached request from D. Mihichuk was referred to the Planning and Development Executive Committee with input from the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee. The Clerk advised that she thought it prudent to have all executive committees include it on the agenda to gather as much information as possible on the matter.

As stipulated, the 'Request received June 19, 2017 from D. Mihichuk re: Rename Colonization Road with support via change.org'.

Also attached, please find an email received by the Clerk's office in opposition to the proposed name change.

RECOMMENDATION

None at this time. The item is intended to be discussed to pass on any pertinent information to the Planning and Development Executive Committee as required.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kabel".

Jason Kabel



Dear Your Worship Roy Avis, and Honourable Councillors,

Find attached below the names and locations of signatories to the petition to rename Colonization Road. We are of the firm belief that the road is outdated and celebrates a dark aspect of our history. Growing up in Fort Frances, you learn to not question the road. I myself never thought about it until I received comments about it during my time in Thunder Bay, studying at Lakehead University. This road makes Fort Frances look stuck 40 years in the past to anybody not from the immediate area. Saying that my hometown has not one but two "Colonization Roads" is something I say with shame.

2017 marks 150 years of Canadian Confederation, yet marks thousands of years of living in North America for Indigenous peoples. Colonization and settlement of these lands by Europeans was a disastrous one-sided process in which acts of war, assimilation, and genocide were directed towards our Indigenous peoples. These acts are in the past, and unfortunately we cannot change them. We can, however, change our future. Will Fort Frances be a town that continues to commemorate these horrible acts, or will Fort Frances move towards the future in an act of reconciliation and partnership? Some may say this is "just a road" and that people need to "get over it." To them I reply Fort Frances has renamed roads for less, with much less antagonism directed towards the efforts. Renaming our town's Colonization Roads would let the world know that Fort Frances is looking to the future and is fostering positive relationships with our Indigenous residents.

This is what I have to say about this petition, as the person that started it. Below are comments from other signatories expressing why they want the change:

"True reconciliation starts from within."

~Candace McCormick

"I am signing this petition because I believe it's about time. This has nothing to do with how I feel about the actual name but everything to do with the way original people have reacted to it. That is very important to me because we have not shown enough sensitivity or sense to do anything about these things in the past. I will be releasing a book that I have written that deals with this issue quite extensively and in particular in the last section all about colonization and

why the word is offensive. I'm aware of it and I support this petition 100%. As a passing thought I must admit when I first moved to Fort Frances I live at 1233 colonization Road West and I never gave it any consideration at all because I thought it was a rather neat name. So I too did not understand the significance of this name and how much it hurt those people in the know."

~Jack Hedmanjack

"When explaining "colonization" to my children, they said, "That is awful. Change the name."

I agree with them....."

~Brad Oster

"As an indigenous person from Fort Frances I believe this is an important step in reconciliation and decolonization."

~Erin Gustafson

Now it is up to you as the mayor and councillors to act on this. Will the issue be ignored and Fort Frances continue to be mocked as a "racist small town" or will you show leadership and work towards positive change, involving the community and surrounding areas in a true act of reconciliation? The ball is in your court.

Sincerely a concerned resident,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dawson Mihichuk', written in a cursive style.

Dawson Mihichuk

Recipient: Mayor and Members of Council

Letter: Greetings,

Fort Frances Mayor and Council: As a resident of Fort Frances I find the name Colonization Road to be offensive to Fort Frances' aboriginal community and detrimental to the relationship between aboriginal and non-aboriginal Fort Francesians.

Please work to change the name of Colonization Road,

From: Kevin Stewart [<mailto:stewak2@hotmail.com>]
Sent: June-28-17 9:54 AM
To: Town <town@fortfrances.ca>
Cc: mbehan@fortfrances.com; B93 News <news@931theborder.ca>
Subject: Petition to Rename Colonization Road

Council Members:

As residents of Colonization Road Wests, are writing to express our opposition to this proposal.

While we sympathize with those who find the name offensive, there is not a clear public consensus that 'Colonization' is in fact a racist or offensive term. If in fact any reference to European settlement of Canada is offensive, there are many other potential issues - our local hospital, which serves all of our community, is named for La Verendrye, the first European in the Fort Frances area. There are many more local examples. Renaming Colonization Road might well set an undesirable precedent.

Renaming a street has significant impact to those who live on it. Records must be changed - billing records, driver's licenses, mailing addresses of all kinds, signage. The town will incur significant expenditure both on changing records and for signage changes, at time when funding is so constrained stop lights are being removed. At the very least, this change should not be made without formal input and majority approval from impacted residents - those who reside on Colonization Road.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

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