

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. 069

August 21, 2017

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers , Civic Centre on August 21, 2017 from 6:20 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, W. Brunetta, D. Kitowski, K. Perry and G. Paul Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, E. Slomke, Clerk, L. Lindberg, Treasurer, T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities, T. Dennis, Chief Building Official/Planner

1. COUNCIL MEETING

(Session No. 069) to immediately follow the Committee of the Whole

1.1 Call to Order at 6:20 p.m.

1.2 Prayer

1.3 Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting - None.

1.4 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.
Mayor Avis disclosed an interest in Item 7.12 from the Committee of the Whole agenda tonight.

2. Delegations/Deputations:

2.1 Hearing to Consider 357/358 Applications for Tax Adjustment (902 Crowe Avenue)
- approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2017 taxes under Section 357/358 of the Municipal Act for property located at 902 Crowe Avenue resulting from the demolition of a garage.
- There was no one in attendance to speak for or against the recommendation.

867 Ryan - Kitowski: THAT the report dated August 8, 2017 from L. Lindberg, Treasurer re: Hearing to Consider 357/358 Applications for Tax Adjustment (902 Crowe Avenue) be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve the adjustment of 2017 taxes under Section 357/358 of the Municipal Act for property located at 902 Crowe Avenue resulting from the demolition of a garage.

CARRIED

2.2 Diana McGhee, Partnership Specialist, MNRF (materials to be distributed).

868 Kitowski - Ryan: THAT the presentation from Diana McGhee, Partnership Specialist on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) be received with thanks.

CARRIED

3. Consent Agenda:

3.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole

869 Ryan - Kitowski: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 7.1, 7.2, ~~7.3~~, 7.4, ~~7.5~~, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11, ~~7.12~~, 7.13, 7.14, 7.15, 7.16, 7.17, 7.18, 7.19, 7.20 and 7.21.

CARRIED

- 3.2 Letter dated June 29, 2017 from Sunset Country Travel Association re: Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution
- will be referred to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee for recommendation
- 3.3 Letter dated July 10, 2017 from Association des francophones du Nord-Ouest de l'Ontario re: Raising of the Franco-Ontarian Flag
- will be advised of Council's proclamation and will coordinate flag raising with Mayor Avis' office.
- 3.4 Letter dated August 1, 2017 from Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and Museum re: Sponsorship Opportunity in Souvenir Program
- will be referred to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.5 Letter dated August 2, 2017 from D. Judson re: Colonization Road
- will be referred to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for recommendation with input from the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee.
- 3.6 Letter from Fort Frances Girls & Women's Hockey Association re: Sponsorship Opportunity at Upcoming Event
- will be referred to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.7 Letters from Various Fort Frances Residents re: Zoning By-law Restrictions
- will be referred to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 3.8 Letter dated August 3, 2017 from Jennifer Horton re: resignation from Committee of Adjustment
- received with appreciation for service.
- 3.9 E-mail received August 16, 2017 from Stephanie Cole on behalf of Prostate Cancer Canada re: Proclamation Request
- will be advised of Council's proclamation.

4. Approval of Council Minutes: *

- 4.1 Session No. 068 dated July 10, 2017

870 Ryan - Kitowski: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 068 dated July 10, 2017, having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: *

- 5.1 Session No. 096 dated July 10, 2017

871 Kitowski - Ryan: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being Session No. 096 dated July 10, 2017, having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

6. Resolutions from tonight's Committee meeting

- 6.1 Council considered the following resolutions from tonight's Committee of the Whole meeting:

Councillor Kitowski requested a recorded vote on resolution 873 with the following results:

Avis YEA Albanese YEA Brunetta YEA
Caul Absent Kitowski NAY Perry YEA
Ryan YEA

Councillor Brunetta made a motion to amend resolution 874, which was seconded by Councillor Albanese. Council Defeated the motion to amend.

Councillor Kitowski requested a recorded vote on resolution 874 with the following results:

Avis NAY Albanese YEA Brunetta NAY
Caul Absent Kitowski NAY Perry NAY
Ryan YEA

Mayor Avis declared a conflict of interest in Resolution 875 as he has financial interest in two of the properties listed in the report. He did not speak to the matter nor vote on it. Councillor Perry assumed chairperson duties during the consideration of this resolution.

- 872 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the request dated August 2, 2017 from an interested party re: Property Disposition (Town Right of Way) be received and further that the matter proceed as directed.

CARRIED

- 873 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the report dated August 15, 2017 from T. Dennis, CBO/Municipal Planner re: Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 605 McIrvine Road be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Planning & Development Executive Committee and Committee of Adjustment to allow adoption by Council for a Site Specific Policy to the Official Plan Section 4.2.2 which allows Employment as well as Institutional designation and further change the Zoning designation from Enterprise to Institutional at 605 McIrvine Road.

CARRIED

- 874 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the report dated August 15, 2017 from T. Dennis, CBO/Municipal Planner re: Residential Property Review and Future Residential Development Planning be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Planning & Development Executive Committee to proceed with tendering of the Erin Crescent subdivision which would place the sewer and water in the ground fall of 2017, site services to be installed in 2018 construction season and completion of curbing and paving the fall of 2018.

DEFEATED

- 875 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the report dated August 8, 2017 from L. Lindberg, Treasurer re: Request for Reconsideration - Minutes of Settlement (600 Kings Hwy, 620 Kings Hwy, 363 Church Street, 942 Crowe Avenue, 504 Armit Avenue, Williams Avenue) be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to receive the minutes of settlement for the above properties for the 2017 taxation year and the 2014/2015 taxation years as listed in the report.

CARRIED

7. By-Laws:

- 7.1 A by-law to approve a Voting Contract with Intelivote Systems Inc. for utilization of application software to provide electronic voting through telephone and internet connections for the 2018 Municipal and School Board Elections.

- 876 Ryan - Kitowski: THAT By-Law No. 41/17, being a by-law to approve a Voting Contract with Intelivote Systems Inc. for utilization of application software to provide

electronic voting through telephone and internet connections for the 2018 Municipal and School Board Elections 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.

CARRIED

8. New Items:

- 8.1 Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs re: Municipal Act Amendments - feedback provided to the Clerk.

877 Kitowski - Ryan: THAT the letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs re: changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 be received and further that Council's feedback be provided to the Ministry by the Clerk as discussed.

CARRIED

- 8.2 E-mail from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) re: Endangered Species request to support Resolution

878 Ryan - Kitowski: With Respect to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) planning to post a draft Species at Risk (SAR) Guide to the Environmental Registry for 28 species;

AND the MNRF has failed to consult and work with affected stakeholders and forestry dependent communities on the development of the draft SAR guide;

AND THAT municipal leaders have consistently requested the MNRF complete and share with municipality's socio-economic impact analysis on all policy impacting forestry;

AND THAT MNRF has conducted analysis for one prescription, caribou, and the analysis clearly demonstrates that mills will close;

AND THAT there has been no analysis of the cumulative socio-economic impact of all SAR rules contained within the guide (prescriptions) of multiple species;

AND THAT Ontario has world-class legislation, the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA), which provides balanced and sustainable forest management;

AND THAT the Endangered Species Act's (ESA) mandate of the protection and recovery of individual species at risk conflicts with the multi-species and multi-value approach of the CFSA, threatening forest sustainability;

AND THAT the government in 2007 committed to realizing CFSA equivalency to the ESA, acknowledging that the under the CFSA, the forest sector must implement SAR rules (prescriptions);

AND THAT even under a Section 55 Rules in Regulation "exemption", the forest sector must implement SAR rules (prescription);

AND THAT if the government continues to implement flawed ESA policy, mills will close, jobs will be lost, and forestry dependent communities will be decimated;

AND THAT the **Town of Fort Frances** in support of its hardworking citizens and the renewable forest sector, is prepared to work with government to avoid the unintended consequences of this ESA policy;

We recommend that the **Town of Fort Frances** calls upon the Government of Ontario to permanently delay the posting of the made-in-Ontario Species at Risk (SAR) Guide which contains prescriptions (rules) for 28 species by 2 years;

AND THAT with respect to caribou, the Government of Ontario immediately modify Ontario's proposed caribou prescription by moving the caribou range north to reflect animal collaring data, moving away from the national 35% disturbance threshold, and acknowledging that other factors are threatening caribou recruitment and survival;

AND THAT the Government of Ontario support its forest sector and the 175,000 hardworking men and women, directly and indirectly, who live in communities in every region of the province by asking the Government of Canada to postpone the October 5, 2017 deadline for completing plans and acknowledging recovery could require timeframes in excess of 50 to 100 years,

AND THAT the Government of Ontario leave no worker, region or family behind by ensuring provincial policy supports at a minimum, current forestry operations and does not reduce the forest sector and its employment to a seasonal activity,

AND THAT the Government of Ontario extend the current Section 55 Regulation (exemption), which currently expires on June 30, 2018, for another 5 years recognizing that the CFSA ensure that all forest management in Ontario provides for all 3 pillars of sustainable development – economic, social and environment.

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Ontario Forestry Coalition and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

CARRIED

9. Information Correspondence:

- 9.1 AMO Communications (Policy Updates)
 - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan Phase 2 Negotiations
 - Response to Ontario Asset Management Regulation Proposal
 - Ambulance Act Legislative Consultation Including Fire-Medic Proposal
 - Minister's Expert Panel Report on Public Health Released
 - AMO Submission on Bill 148 - Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017
 - AMO Watchfile - August 3, 2017
 - AMO Watchfile - August 10, 2017Received.
- 9.2 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Spraying Sapawe Forest
Received.
- 9.3 Letter from Ontario Power Generation re: Support for OPG's Deep Geologic Repository
Received.
- 9.4 LAS 2017 Risk Management Symposium
Received.
- 9.5 Municipality of Bluewater re: Request Support for Ontario Carbon Tax Resolution
Received.
- 9.6 Municipality of Bluewater re: Request Support for Removal of Tax Exempt Portion on Remuneration Resolution
Received.
- 9.7 City of Owen Sound re: Request Support for Bill 68-Out of Court Payments Resolution
Received.
- 9.8 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Wildland Fire Risk Assessment

9.9 NOMA, FONOM and ROMA re: Species at Risk Guide concerns
Received.

9.10 Township of Central Frontenac re: Resolution of Support Municipality of Killarney (Bill 68)
Received.

9.11 Ministry of the Attorney General - The Far North Electoral Boundaries Commission's Final Report.
Received.

10. Minutes:

10.1 Administration & Finance Executive Committee - July 4, 2017
Received.

10.2 Planning & Development Executive Committee - July 4, 2017
Received.

10.3 Operations & Facilities Executive Committee - July 5, 2017
Received.

10.4 Community Services Executive Committee - July 4, 2017
Received.

10.5 Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee - July 18, 2017
Received.

10.6 Downtown BIA Board of Management - June 14, 2017
Received.

10.7 Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee - August 15, 2017
Received.

11. Non-agenda Items - None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

879 Ryan - Kitowski: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed.

CARRIED

R. Avis, Mayor

K. Perry, Chairperson

E. Slomke, Clerk

