

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. 080

February 26, 2018

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers , Civic Centre on February 26, 2018 from 6:50 p.m. to 7:22 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: E. Slomke, Clerk, T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities, J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services, L. Lindberg, Treasurer

1. COUNCIL MEETING

(Session No. 080)

1.1 Call to Order at 6:55 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.
Councillor Perry disclosed an interest in item 8.3 from the Committee of the Whole agenda as the per diem claim being considered is his.
Councillor Albanese disclosed an interest in item 8.1 from the Committee of the Whole agenda as the per diem claim being considered is his.
Councillor Kitowski disclosed an interest in item 8.2 from the Committee of the Whole agenda as the per diem claim being considered is his.

2. Delegations/Deputations - None.

3. Consent Agenda:

3.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole

1013 Caul - 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~~ and ~~7.8~~.
- 2) Council Consent item # 3.2.

CARRIED

3.2 Letter received February 22, 2018 from Gary & Lori Durbin re: Driveway
- will be referred to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for recommendation.

4. Approval of Council Minutes: *

4.1 Session No. 079, dated February 12, 2018

1014 Caul - Kitowski: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 079 dated February 12, 2018, having been typed and distributed be approved.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: *

5.1 Session Nos. 112 and 113, dated February 12 & 20, 2018 respectively

- 1015 Kitowski - Caul: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being Session Nos. 112 and 113 dated February 12, 2018 and February 20, 2018 respectively, 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 Albanese disclosed an interest in resolution 1018 below as the per diem claim being considered is his. He did not vote on the matter.

Councillor Kitowski disclosed an interest in resolution 1019 below as the per diem claim being considered is his. He did not vote on the matter.

Councillor Perry disclosed an interest in resolution 1020 below as the per diem claim being considered is his. He did not vote on the matter.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Caul for resolution 1024 below with the following results:

AVIS - Nay ALBANESE - Nay BRUNETTA - Yea

CAUL - Yea KITOWSKI - Nay PERRY - Nay

RYAN - Absent

- 1016 Albanese - Brunetta: THAT the report dated February 7, 2018 from T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities re: Review of Sidewalk Snow Removal By-law be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee to accept the draft by-law to regulate the depositing and removal of snow and ice from privately owned property onto Town owned or Town maintained sidewalks and road allowances, that a by-law be brought forward to the next Council meeting and further that application be made to the Ministry of Attorney General for short form wording to simplify the enforcement and levying of fines in respect to this by-law.

CARRIED

- 1017 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the report dated February 14, 2018 from T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities re: January 2018 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee to accept the January 2018 report prior to it being made available to the general public.

CARRIED

- 1018 Brunetta - Kitowski: THAT the report dated February 21, 2018 from L. Lindberg, Treasurer re: Councillor John Albanese - RRDMA Annual General Meeting Per Diem be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee for approve Schedule "F" Travel Statement - Mayor/Council Honorarium per diem claim in the total amount of \$160.00 as submitted by Councillor John Albanese for his attendance at the RRDMA Annual General Meeting on January 13, 2018 held in Fort Frances.

CARRIED

- 1019 Albanese - Brunetta: THAT the report dated February 21, 2018 from L. Lindberg, Treasurer re: Councillor Doug Kitowski - RRDMA Annual General Meeting Per Diem be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee for approve Schedule "F" Travel Statement - Mayor/Council Honorarium per diem claim in the total amount of \$160.00 as submitted by Councillor Doug Kitowski for his attendance at the RRDMA Annual General Meeting on January 13, 2018 held in Fort Frances.

CARRIED

- 1020 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the report dated February 16, 2018 from L. Lindberg, Treasurer re: Councillor Ken Perry - NOMA Board Meeting Per Diem Claim be

approved to agree with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to approve the per diem claim in the amount of \$240.00 as submitted by Councillor Perry for his attendance at the NOMA Board Meeting held in Thunder Bay on February 14, 2018.

CARRIED

- 1021 Albanese - Brunetta: THAT the report dated February 21, 2018 from D. Galusha, Deputy Treasurer re: User Fee By-law Amendments be approved to agree with the recommendation from Administration to amend the User Fee by-law as outlined in the report.

CARRIED

- 1022 Albanese - Brunetta: THAT the report dated February 16, 2018 from J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services re: Davis and Nolan Ross re: Request Ice Time Invoice Review be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Community Services Division and the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to uphold the rental contract as signed without revision.

CARRIED

- 1023 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the report dated February 16, 2018 from J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services re: Memorial Sports Centre Spring Hours be approved to authorize the adjustment of Memorial Sports Centre hours in the Spring from ice-out to the commencement of the Summer schedule, to close on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED

- 1024 Brunetta - Caul: THAT the report dated February 21, 2018 from T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities re: Request from EDAC to review Sewer & Water Infrastructure Installation Costs be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee to ensure that there will be no change to the way that sewer and water services installations are invoiced to customers.

DEFEATED

- 1025 Brunetta - Albanese: THAT the report dated February 21, 2018 from T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities re: Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Reform be approved to agree with the recommendation of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee to ensure that a resolution be passed in support of Ontario Good Roads Associations request for reforms to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

CARRIED

- 1026 Albanese - Brunetta: **Whereas** a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the *Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993* (EBR Act);
And whereas impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence;
And whereas the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions;
And whereas analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500;
And whereas the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process;
And whereas in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken;
And whereas local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of Build Canada funding;
Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Fort Frances requests that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process

for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs;

And further that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the *Planning Act*;

And further that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

CARRIED

7. By-Laws:

7.1 42/14-A To amend by-law 42/14, being a by-law to provide for the licensing, regulating and governing of owners and drivers of automobiles and taxicabs used for hire with the Town of Fort Frances.

1027 Caul - Kitowski: 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:

- By-Law No. 42/14-A, being a by-law to amend by-law 42/14, being a by-law to provide for the licensing, regulating and governing of owners and drivers of automobiles and taxicabs used for hire within the Town of Fort Frances.
- By-Law No. 15/17-A, being a by-law to amend by-law 15/17, being a by-law to approve an agreement with 539989 Ontario Ltd. dba North Air Services for provisions of Dial-A-Ride Services.
- By-Law No. 54/17-A, being a by-law to amend by-law 54/17, being a by-law to establish user fees.
- By-Law No. 11/18, being a by-law to approve a Contract with 1723047 Ontario Limited dba Equity & More for consultation services to review and update Pay Equity Plans.

CARRIED

7.2 15/17-A To amend by-law 15/17, being a by-law to approve an agreement with 539989 Ontario Ltd. dba North Air Services for provision of Dial-A-Ride Services.

7.3 54/17-A To amend by-law 54/17, being a by-law to establish user fees.

7.4 11/18 To approve a Contract with 1723047 Ontario Limited dba Equity & More for consultation services to review and update Pay Equity Plans.

8. New Items:

8.1 NOMA Conference - May 2-4, 2018 in Kenora, ON
- Council to consider resolution approving attendance.

1028 Kitowski - Caul: THAT the following Members of Council be permitted to attend the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Conference May 2-4, 2018 in Kenora, ON:

- all members available

On the basis as follows: travel expense and per diem allowed.

CARRIED

8.2 AMO Conference - August 19-22, 2018 in Ottawa, ON
- Council to consider resolution approving attendance. A discussion took place. This matter will be deferred to the next meeting so that the attendance policy can be reviewed.

9. Information Correspondence:

9.1 AMO Communications

- Submission on Policing - Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act

Received.

- Public Reporting Fire Regulation Posted for Municipal Comments

Received and referred to the Fire Chief and Fire Services Committee for review and recommendation.

9.2 Letter dated February 1, 2018 from R. Auger, LLB, Clerk, Town of Essex re: Support Resolution School Property

Received and referred to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for recommendation with input from the Administration & Finance Executive Committee.

9.3 Letter dated January 31, 2018 from N. Des Rosiers, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Participation at ROMA

Received.

9.4 Letter dated February 16, 2018 from A. Spencer, VP, Hydro One re: East-West Transmission Line

Received.

9.5 Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre Newsletter - February 2018

Received.

10. Minutes:

10.1 Planning & Development Executive Committee - February 5, 2018

Received.

10.2 Administration & Finance Executive Committee - February 6, 2018

Received.

10.3 Operations & Facilities Executive Committee - February 7, 2018

Received.

10.4 Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee - February 20, 2018

Received.

10.5 Committee of Adjustment - December 13, 2017

Received.

11. Non-agenda Items - None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

1029 Kitowski - Caul: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed.

CARRIED

R. Avis, Mayor

