

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 025

SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, September 12, 2011 from 6:53 p.m. to 7:21 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis (chaired 6:53 p.m. to 7:12 p.m. and 7:13 p.m. to 7:21 p.m.), Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs (chaired 7:12 p.m. to 7:13 p.m.) and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; G. Bell, Manager, Community Services; D. Brown, Manager, Operations & Facilities; L. Witherspoon, Treasurer.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest by members on agenda items:
 - 1) Councillor P. Ryan on item 26 stating that the claim for travel expense and per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 2) Mayor R. Avis on items 24 and 25 stating that item 24 was his claim for travel expense and per diem and item 25 was his purchase card expense. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matters He turned the chair over to Deputy Mayor S. Tibbs while the matters were considered.
2. Verbal communications:
 - 1) Mayor Avis gave an update on the recent Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference August 21-24, 2011 attended by Councillor P. Ryan, CAO Mark McCaig and him. He made reference to meetings had with Provincial ministers and their staff.
 - 2) Mayor Avis and Mark McCaig CAO presented the new strategic plan for the Town of Fort Frances, June 2011, Realities...Challenges...Opportunities”.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Resolutions:

303 Albanese-Hallikas: THAT the Strategic Plan, “Realities...Challenges... Opportunities” dated June 2011 for the Town of Fort Frances be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

304 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the following Consent items be approved:

- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 8,10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,20, 22 and 23
- 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 38
- 3) Council Consent items # 40,41 and 42. CARRIED
- 8) approved a Memorandum of Understanding with FIREFLY/ Ontario Early Years Centre re: Fort Frances Best Start Hub program.
- 10) denied a request from Dr. C. Begin to retain trees planted on the town boulevard adjacent to 236 Second Street East and providing the option of having the Town purchase the trees at a reasonable cost and relocating them to the waterfront.
- 11) approved certain traffic signal upgrades at McIrvine Road/King’s Hwy.; Keating Avenue/King’s Hwy.; and Central Avenue/3rd and 2nd Street intersections.
- 12) approved certain repairs to roadway on Eighth Street East between Victoria and Christies Avenues; and that permanent work on this section be referred to the 2012 budget process.

- 13) approved not awarding tender No. 11-OF-11 for Supply of Parks and Cemetery Flowers for 2012, 2013 and 2014 and re-tendering for same on a year by year basis.
- 14) approved eliminating the sidewalk on the east side of Armit Avenue from Front to Church Street; and further approved removal and replacement of the sidewalk along the west side of Armit Avenue between Church and Nelson Street.
- 15) approved an Airport Facility – Private Hangar renewal agreement with Eldon Mose.
- 16) approved the June 2011 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report.
- 17) approved the July 2011 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report.
- 18) approved retaining BMA Management Consulting Inc. to complete the financial plans for both water and wastewater systems at an estimated cost of \$7,000.00 plus hst.
- 19) approved all on-going solar maintenance tasks be preformed by Operations and Facilities Division for a one year period once all 4 installations are producing electrical power.
- 20) approved an update to the Criminal Background Check Policy to require Criminal Background Checks for all new hires.
- 22) approved travel claim for Mark McCaig, CAO re: attendance at the AMO Conference – August 21-24, 2011.
- 23) approved sponsorship for the Riverside Foundation for Health Care Mardi Gras fundraising event in the amount of \$500.00.
- 40) approved referring a memorandum from Rainy River Future Development Corporation re: Boustead – Demolition Grant Application to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 41) approved referring an advertisement request dated August 29, 2011 from Fort Frances Times re: The NW Ontario Vacation Guide Map to Administration and finance Executive Committee for recommendation.
- 42) proclaimed October 26, 2011 as “Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day” in the Town of Fort Frances.

305 Albanese-Hallikas: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Sessions No. 23 and 24 dated August 19 and 22, 2011 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

306 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the reports of the Committee of the Whole of Council meetings being Sessions No. 30 and 31 dated August 19 and 22, 2011 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

307 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the Application for Municipal Business License dated August 18, 2011 from Ryan Daw be approved. CARRIED

308 Albanese-Hallikas: THAT the direction previously given June 27, 2011 with respect to correspondence dated June 16, 2011 from Derksen Professional Corporation re: Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board be rescinded in part and the matter proceed now as currently directed. CARRIED

309 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated September 7, 2011 from G. Bell, Manager Community Services re: East End Hall Renovations to Accessibility Requirements be approved.
 Meet CARRIED

310 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report dated September 8, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: 2012 Budget Timetable be approved. CARRIED

- 311 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the report dated September 8, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – AMO Conference Travel and Per Diem Claims be approved.

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis

- 312 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas: THAT the report dated September 8, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – Purchase Card Expense be approved.

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis

- 313 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the report dated September 8, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re Councillor Paul Ryan – AMO Conference Travel and Per Diem Claims be approved.

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interest: P. Ryan

- 314 Albanese-Hallikas: 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:

54/11 A By-Law to approve the purchase of a handicapped transit bus from Macnab Transit Sales Corp. (Tender 11-OF-08).

55/11 A By-Law to approve a contract with Wilco Contractors Superior Inc. for supply and installation of wildlife control fencing at the Fort Frances Municipal Airport (Tender 11-OF-10).

56/11 A By-Law to approve a proposal from Honeywell Building Solutions to prepare an Energy and Facility Renewal report with respect to certain identified Town facilities (Tender 11-OF-05).

58/11 A By-Law to approve a memorandum of understanding with FIREFLY/ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE with respect to continued delivery of core early year child services by the Fort Frances Best Start Hub.

CARRIED

- 315 Hallikas-Albanese: THAT the request dated July 4, 2011 from Fort Frances Public Library Board re: Meeting Request be received and further that Mayor Avis and the Town Clerk attend the regular Library Board meeting in September.

CARRIED

- 316 Albanese-Hallikas: THAT the invitation dated August 30, 2011 from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association re: September 28-30 – Treaty 3 Area Economic Opportunities Conference – Kenora be received. CARRIED

- 317 Hallikas-Albanese: 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

