

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 026

SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, September 26, 2011 from 6:20 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, Chairperson; Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, K. Perry, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs 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 on agenda items by members:
  - 1) Councillor S. Tibbs on item 16 stating the claim for per diem was hers. She did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
2. Verbal communications:
  - 1) 2012 preliminary budget public meeting.
    - Becky Holden presented the Active Transportation Committee's Active Transportation Plan – Phase 2. Travis Rob, committee member was also in attendance.
    - W. Lundstrom requested the Town consider improving winter snow removal along Victoria Avenue from the 800 block to Scott Street.
    - Downtown Scott Street BIA, Chair C. Cuthbertson proposed that the BIA is prepared to participate with the Town in projects that would improve the downtown core's appeal to investors and consumers. Board members T. DeBenetti and D. Anderson were also in attendance.

No one came forward when Mayor Avis inquired if anyone else in attendance wanted to speak to the 2012 budget.
- 2) G. Gillon, Developer, Rainy River Future Development Corporation reported on services provided to Fort Frances over the period April 1 to June 30, 2011 and presented an invoice for the Fort Frances share of the NOEDF Project #842-50360 for the period April 1 to June 30, 2011. The 2010-2011 Annual Report for the Rainy River Future Development Corporation was presented for information. G. Emes, Chair, Rainy River Future Development Corporation was also in attendance.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Non agenda items:
  - 1) Councillor S. Tibbs offer to display a Don Cherry jacket and accessories in the Memorial Sports Centre.
  - 2) D. Brown announcement re: traffic signal upgrades at intersections along King's Highway and at Central Avenue and Third Street West and Second Street East.
5. Resolutions:
  - 318 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the presentation from Becky Holden, Active Transportation Plan Steering Committee re: Town of Fort Frances Active Transportation Plan Implementation Study – July 2011 be received and referred to the 2012 Budget process. CARRIED

- 319 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the verbal presentation from W. Lundstrom re: Sidewalk Snow Removal be referred to the 2012 Budget process. CARRIED
- 320 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the verbal presentation from C. Cuthbertson, Chair Business Improvement Area Board of Management (BIA) re: activities update be received and referred to the 2012 budget process. CARRIED
- 321 Tibbs-Hallikas: Future Development Corporation re: RRFDC Activity Report – April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 be received and further that RRFDC Invoice #07-06-2010 to June 30, 2011 be approved. CARRIED
- 322 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the following Consent items be approved:
- 1) Committee of the Whole Consent items # 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 and 15.
  - 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 36.
  - 3) Council Consent items # 38. CARRIED
  - 6) approved Geotechnical work on certain residential development at 1) Nelson Street – Minnie Avenue to Williams Avenue; 2) Old Huffman School property; Erin Crescent – 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of Kaitlyn Drive subdivision; engineering work for water, wastewater systems upgrades and road reconstruction at 1) King's Highway from Rainbow Motel to Pit Road No. 1 – watermain replacement; Second Street – Central Avenue to Armit Avenue – total roadway reconstruction; Eighth Street from Christie Avenue to Victoria Avenue – road resurfacing; and further that in 2012 approved the preparation of tender packages and engineering drawings for properties at 1) King's Highway from Rainbow Motel to Pit Road No. 1 – watermain replacement; 2) Second Street – Central Avenue to Armit Avenue – total roadway reconstruction; and 3) Eighth Street from Christie Avenue to Victoria Avenue – road resurfacing.
  - 7) approved a renewal agreement for hangar lot lease with Melaire Limited.
  - 8) approved the August 2011 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report.
  - 9) approved a request from Environment Canada to install 2 water gauges along Rainy River near Seven Oaks Park subject to certain conditions.
  - 10) denied a financial request from Riverside Foundation for Health Care for reimbursement of auditorium rental fee re: a Mardi Gras fundraising event at the Memorial Sport Centre.
  - 11) approved receiving Minutes of Settlement – Requests for Reconsideration re: 821 King's Highway.
  - 12) approved an advertisement request from Fort Frances Times re: 2012 Northwestern Ontario Vacation Guide Map at a cost of \$520.00 plus tax.
  - 13) approved a Property Value Revitalization Program - Residential Demolition grant from F. Boustead for property at 1127 King's Hwy.
  - 14) approved execution of a new lease agreement for an upgraded photocopier for the Treasury Department.
  - 15) approved purchase card expenses for M. McCaig, CAO for AMO Conference travel expenses.
- 323 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the minutes of the Council meeting being Session No. 25 dated September 12, 2011 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

- 324 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being Session No. 32 dated September 12, 2011 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 325 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report dated September 21, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Sharon Tibbs – Per Diem Claim be approved. CARRIED  
Disclosure of Interest: S. Tibbs
- 326 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT By-Law No 59/11, being a By-Law to approve a lease renewal agreement with Eldon Mose at the Fort Frances Municipal Airport 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
- 327 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT October 1, 2011 be proclaimed “National Seniors Day” in the Town of Fort Frances as requested by The Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development and The Honourable Alice Wong, Minister of State (Seniors). CARRIED
- 328 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the invitation from L. Cunningham, Training Coordinator Walkerton Clean Water Centre re: “Standard of Care – Safe Drinking Water Act” course October 12, 2011 be received and further that the following be authorized to attend: Mayor, Councillors and M. McCaig, CAO. CARRIED
- 329 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT October 16-22, 2011 be proclaimed “Local Government Week” in the Town of Fort Frances as requested jointly by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. CARRIED
- 330 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the offer in an e-mail dated September 14, 2011 from S. Tibbs re: Don Cherry Clothing Display Unit from Ducks Unlimited Auction be received and referred to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation. CARRIED
- 331 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed. CARRIED

R. Avis, Chairperson

G. Treftlin, Clerk

