

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION NO. 030

NOVEMBER 14, 2011

The meeting of Council of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Monday, November 14, 2011 from 7:18 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. Avis, (chaired 7:18 p.m. to 7:38 p.m. and 7:39 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.);
Councillors J. Albanese, A Hallikas, K. Perry, G. Paul Ryan, S. Tibbs (chaired 7:38 p.m. to 7:39 p.m.) and R. Wiedenhoeft.

ALSO PRESENT: M. McCaig, Administrator, G. Treftlin, Clerk; G. Bell, Manager, Community Services; L. Witherspoon, Treasurer.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest on agenda items by members:
 - 1) Councillor K. Perry on item 8.2 stating the claim for travel and per diem was his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 2) Councillor S. Tibbs on item 8.3 stating that the claim for per diem was hers. She did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter.
 - 3) Mayor R. Avis on item 8.1 stating that the claims for travel and per diem were his. He did not participate in any discussion of nor vote on the matter. He turned the Chair over to Deputy Mayor S. Tibbs while the matter was considered.
2. Verbal communications:
 - 1) Public meeting re: applications under sections 357/358 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for tax adjustment re: 555 Scott Street and 1210 Olde Shambles Road. No one came forward to speak to the applications when invited by Mayor Avis.
 - 2) B. Kircher spoke on her request to have Council reconsider their decision to eliminate the sidewalk on the east side of Armit Avenue Between Church Street and Front Street.
 - 4) Jackie Lampi-Hughes spoke on her request to have Council consider imposing a curfew on Hallowe'en activities annually.
3. Written communications as per the agenda attached.
4. Resolutions:
 - 371 Hallikas-Tibbs: That the report dated November 8, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: 357/358 Applications for Tax Adjustment – Re: 555 Scott Street (2011) and 1210 Olde Shambles Rd. (2011) be approved. CARRIED
 - 372 Tibbs-Hallikas: That the matter of the decision to eliminate the sidewalk on the east side of Armit Avenue between Front Street and Church Street having been previously decided be now reconsidered. CARRIED
 - 373 Hallikas-Wiedenhoeft: That the letter dated October 13, 2011 from B. Kircher re: Town's decision to remove the sidewalk on the east side of Armit Avenue between Front Street and Church Street be referred to the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation. CARRIED
 - 374 Tibbs-Hallikas: 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, and 7.12.
 - 2) Council Consent Summary Report # 3.0.
 - 3) Council Consent items # 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

- 7.1) approved submission of a grant application to Ontario Power Authority for funding of energy audits.
 - 7.2) approved the September 2011 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report.
 - 7.3) approved the request from Jennifer Kivimaki and Jordan Fournier for reimbursement in the amount of \$424.24 for the water portion of the sanitary sewer service costs from November of 2010 to November of 2011; and further directed that the water portion of subsequent water portions of the billings not be charged until such time as the new looping watermain is installed and fully operational at the Shevlin Wood Yard.
 - 7.4) approved executing an agreement with CN re: Proposed Sewer Forcemain Crossing on CN Property at Mile 88.58; further that the Town is responsible for all costs on the property at 833 Portage Avenue for the installation of a 10 foot high wooden green pressure treated fence along the rear property line and restoration of all damaged grass areas and trees, and that this work be included in the tender documents being prepared by Hatch Engineering.
 - 7.5) approved establishment of a sub committee of the Planning and Development Executive Committee to provide oversight, identify and refer property standard issues to the By-Law Department.
 - 7.6) denied a request from E. Haglund to construct building on town owned right of way.
 - 7.7) approved the use of a photo identification cards for taxi driver licensing and identification purposes and further that the authorizing amendments be made to the licensing and fee schedule by-laws.
 - 7.8) received only a financial request from Fort Frances Volunteer Bureau re: Christmas Dinner.
 - 7.9) denied a financial request from the Uniquely Me Program.
 - 7.10) received Minutes of Settlement – Requests for Reconsideration re: 800 Scott Street (2011).
 - 7.11) approved a rental increase of 3.17% for 2012 for residential property located at 501 Sixth Street West; and further approved a lease agreement with Jane Peterson for the period March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013.
 - 7.12) approved amending the fees currently charged for Civil Marriage services to include attendance at rehearsals; renewal of wedding vows and addition to fees for travel for Civil Marriage Services outside of Town boundaries.
 - 3.1) referred the report dated November 8, 2011 from Economic Development Advisory Committee re: Pricing and Sales Policy – Fort Frances Industrial Park to Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation with input from Administration and Finance and Operations and Facilities Executive Committees.
 - 3.2) referred the request from The Salvation Army re: Christmas Kettle Campaign 2011 to L. Pattison, Secretary/Receptionist for scheduling.
 - 3.3) referred a request from J. Dakin re: Invoice for work carried out at her property at 1107 Second Street East to Operations and Facilities Executive Committee for recommendation.
 - 3.4) proclaimed November 16, 2011 as Louis Riel Day in the Town of Fort Frances.
- 375 Hallikas-Tibbs: THAT the minutes of the Council meetings being Sessions No. 28 and 29 dated October 24 and November 1, 2011 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED
- 376 Tibbs-Hallikas: THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting being Session No. 36 dated October 24, 2011 having been typed and distributed be approved. CARRIED

- 377 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT the CUPE Presentation re: CUPE Grievances - PW-05-07-14-2011 and PW-07-08-26-2011 be received. CARRIED
- 378 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: THAT the report dated October 11, 2011 from C. Ruppenstein, Human Resources Manager re: CUPE Grievance - PW-05-07-14-2011 and PW-07-08-26-2011 be received. CARRIED
- 379 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: THAT CUPE Grievances - PW-05-07-14-2011 and PW-07-08-26-2011 be approved. DEFEATED
- 380 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: That the report dated October 28, 2011 from G. Treftlin, Town Clerk re: Application for Appointment to the Economic Development Advisory Committee be received and further that the following be appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee with term of office to November 30, 2012: Aaron Beckett. CARRIED
- 381 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: That the report dated November 7, 2011 from L. Pattison, Secretary, Citizen of the Year Committee re: Citizen of the Year Appointment – 2011 be approved as amended and further that the 2011 Citizen of the Year be as selected by Council. CARRIED
- 382 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: That the report dated November 8, 2011 from D. Scofield, Deputy Treasurer re: Mayor Roy Avis – Travel & Per Diem Claims be approved. Disclosure of Interest: R. Avis CARRIED
- 383 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: That the report dated November 8, 2011 from D. Scofield, Deputy Treasurer re: Councillor Ken Perry – Travel & Per Diem Claims be approved. Disclosure of Interest: K. Perry CARRIED
- 384 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: That the report dated November 8, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: Councillor Sharon Tibbs – Per Diem Claim be approved. Disclosure of Interest: S. Tibbs CARRIED
- 385 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: That the report dated November 8, 2011 from L. Witherspoon, Treasurer re: 2012 User Fee Schedule be approved and further that the matter of 2012 user fees be brought to a special meeting of Committee of the Whole on December 5, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. CARRIED
- 386 Albanese-Wiedenhoeft: That the report dated November 9, 2011 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Official Plan – 2011 be approved, that the appropriate by-law be prepared and application be made to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval of the new Official Plan. CARRIED
- 387 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: That the report dated November 9, 2011 from F. Flatt, Municipal Planner re: Residential Property – Town Lots for potential disposition and development be approved, that the subject lands contemplated for sale be declared surplus to the Town's needs, the appropriate by-laws be prepared, public notices given, land surveys completed and rezoning as necessary be commenced. CARRIED
Yeas: R. Avis, A. Hallikas, K. Perry, P. Ryan, S. Tibbs, R. Wiedenhoeft
Nay: J. Albanese
- 388 Wiedenhoeft-Albanese: That the report dated November 9, 2011 from M. McCaig, CAO re: Mitaanjigamiing (Stanjikoming) First Nation's Treaty Land Entitlement Claim be approved. CARRIED

- 389 Hallikas-Tibbs: That By-Law No. 63/11 being a by-law to adopt a new official plan for the Town of Fort Frances 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
- 390 Hallikas-Tibbs: That the letter dated November 2, 2011 from Jackie Lampi-Hughes to request implementation of a Town curfew for Hallowe'en activity on October 31st annually be received and the matter be referred to Community Services Executive Committee for recommendation with input from Police Services Board. CARRIED
- 391 Tibbs-Hallikas: That the following be authorized to represent Council at a meeting of Community Leaders Working Together to Create a Connected Community on November 23rd, 2011 at the Library – Technology Centre: Councillor A. Hallikas
Yeas: R. Avis, J. Albanese, P. Ryan and R. Wiedenhoeft CARRIED
Nays: K. Perry and S. Tibbs
- 392 Tibbs-Hallikas: That the letter dated November 2nd, 2011 from J. Ruppenstein, President and CEO, Fort Frances Power Corporation re: Annual General Meeting of the Fort Frances Power Corporation on November 30, 2011, be received and the following be authorized to attend: Mayor and Councillors. CARRIED
- 393 Hallikas-Tibbs: 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

