

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

AGENDA - February 11, 2019

MEETING - Council Chambers , Civic Centre

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1. **COUNCIL MEETING**

(Session No. 006) to immediately follow the Committee of the Whole

1.1 Call to Order

1.2 Prayer

1.3 Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting

1.4 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

2. **Delegations/Deputations: 6:45 p.m.**

2.1 Cultural Heritage Tree Project. (Tony Elders)

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3. **Consent Agenda:**

3.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole

3.2 Annual Per Capita Contribution Request from RRFDC.

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- will be referred to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

4. **Approval of Council Minutes: ***

4.1 Session No. 003 - January 14, 2019

Session No. 004 - January 21, 2019

Session No. 005 - January 28, 2019

5. **Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: ***

5.1 Session No. 003 - January 14, 2019

Session No. 004 - January 21, 2019

Session No. 005 and 006 - January 28, 2019

6. **Resolutions from tonight's Committee meeting**

7. **Information Correspondence:**

7.1 AMO Watchfile - January 31, 2019 and February 7, 2019.

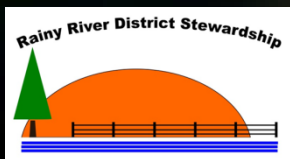
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12. <u>** Items can be viewed by contacting the Clerk</u>	

The Cultural Heritage Tree Project



Rainy River District Stewardship
11 February 2018
Tony Elders & Jeremy Hughes

An inventory
A website
A labelled tree tour

Who We Are?



What We Do?

Definition of Stewardship:

“An ethic in which humans care for the land as part of the natural system. Environmental stewardship is about making a personal commitment to sustain and enhance ecosystems for future generations.”

Mission Statement:

To advance-the responsible care of Nature in Rainy River District for benefits now and in the future.

Goals

Engage our communities in environmental stewardship projects

Develop purposeful, strong networks and partnerships

Empower the youth of Rainy River District to become leaders in environmental stewardship amongst their peers and for future generations

Increase natural awareness through outreach

Provide a forum to discuss environmental issues and develop community-based solutions



The cultural heritage tree project

Partners

Rainy River District Stewardship
Town of Fort Frances
FF High School
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
NW Health Unit
FF Library & Technology Center
Rainy Lake Conservancy
And others....

The Cultural Heritage Tree Project

- Many beautiful mature native trees on municipal land
- Raise awareness and educate
- To inventory and map trees along the active transportation plan routes on municipal land
- Label a few trees with a small sign
- Partner with town, high school, MNR, health unit and others

Aerial view of 2nd Street

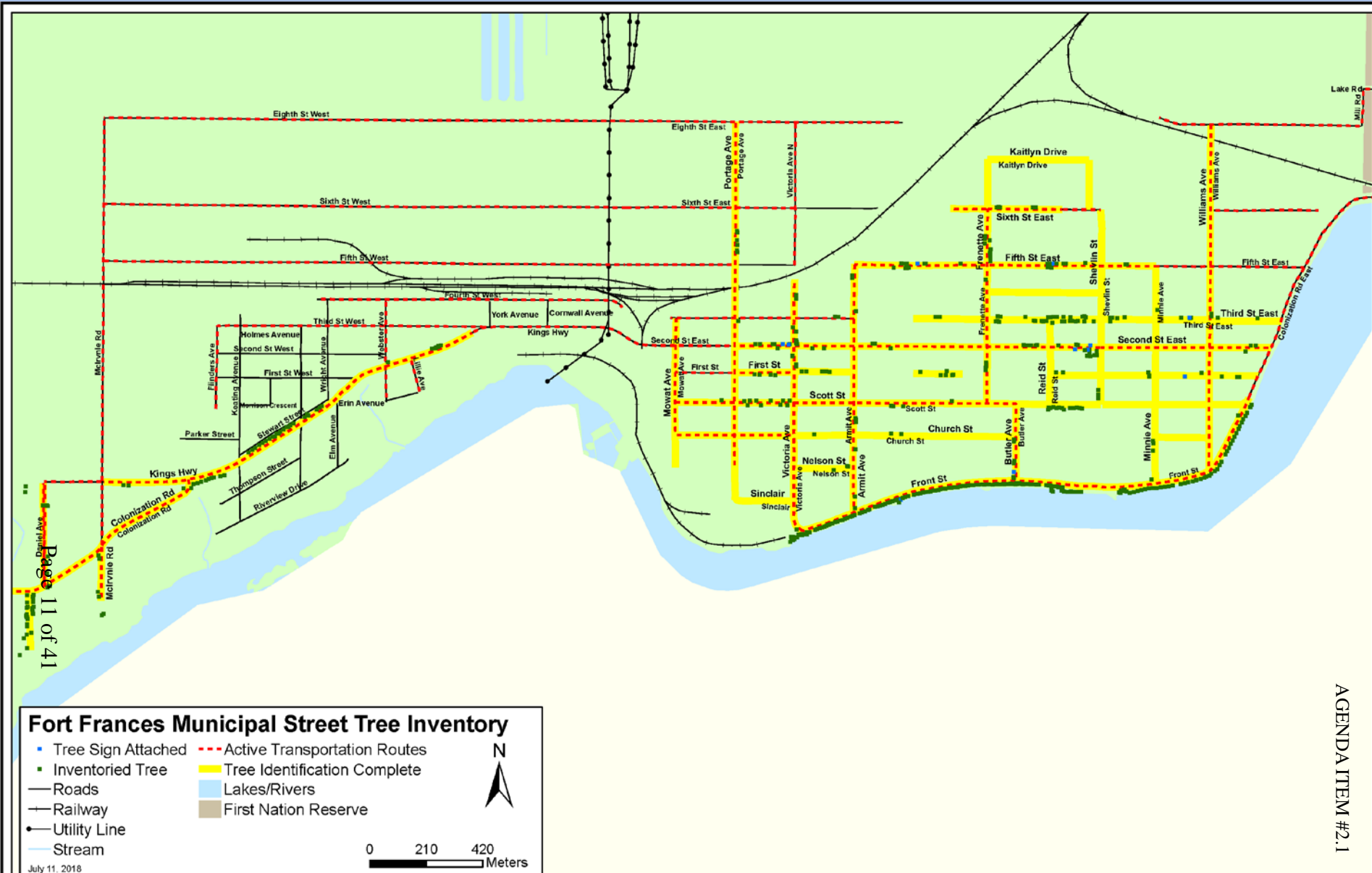


This is what we are doing

- Identify land ownership and trees
- Map locations
- Measure tree diameter, height, % crown, condition, crown size, distance to buildings...



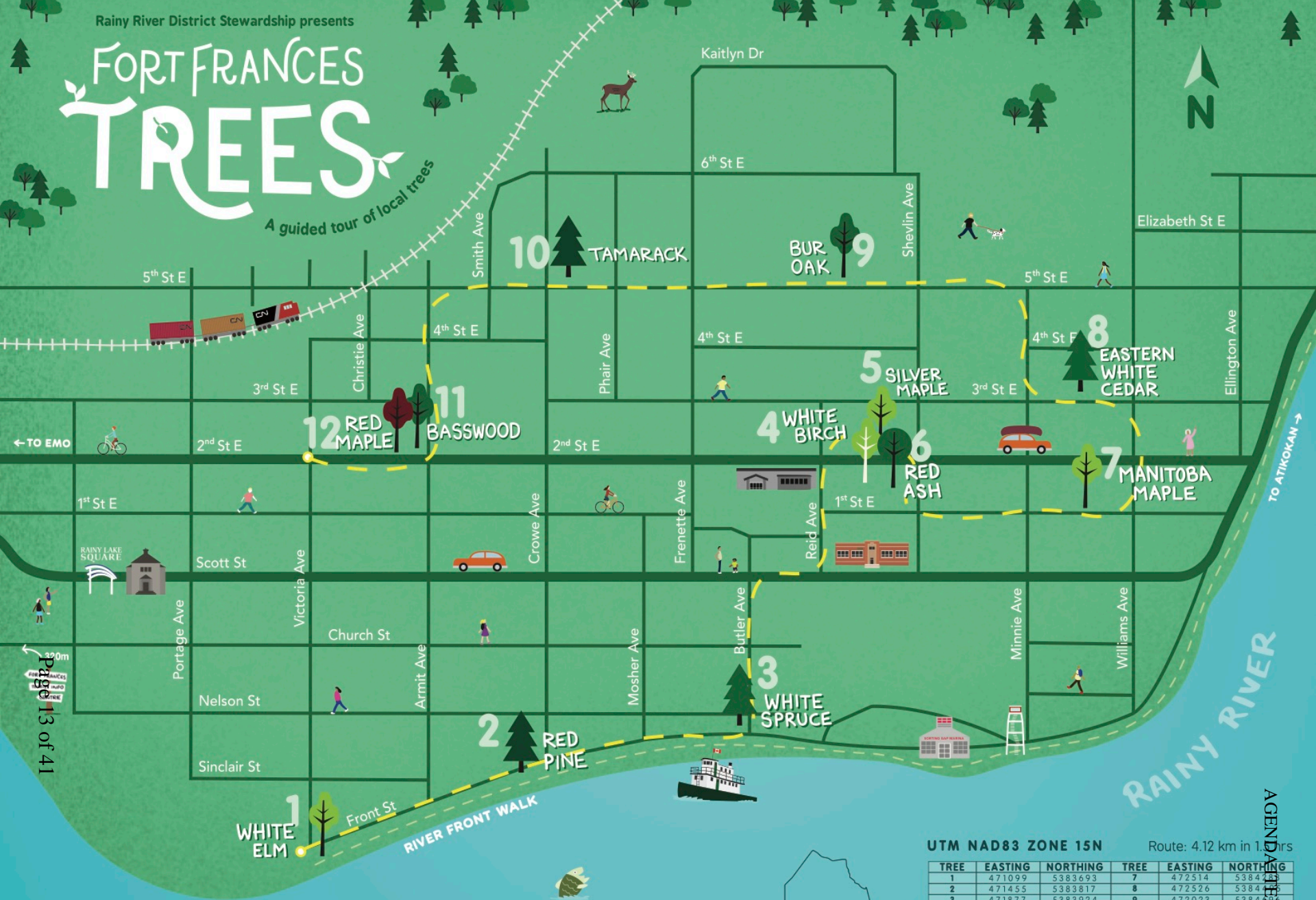
The Map





FORT FRANCES TREES

A guided tour of local trees



UTM NAD83 ZONE 15N

Route: 4.12 km in 1.0 hrs

TREE	EASTING	NORTHING	TREE	EASTING	NORTHING
1	471099	5383693	7	472514	5384387
2	471455	5383817	8	472526	5384387
3	471877	5383924	9	472023	5384387
4	472101	5384378	10	471515	5384387
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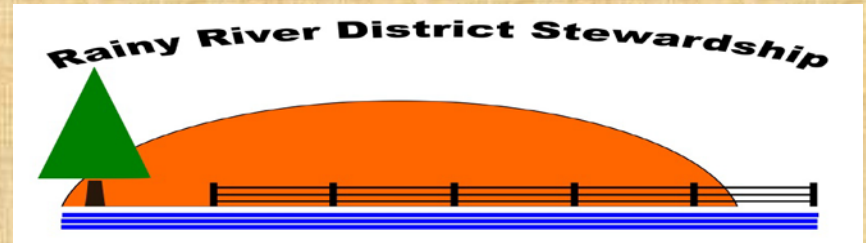
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See more at www.rrds.ca/trees

April 2018



A Project Report



The Cultural Heritage Tree Project Final Report



Project Lead: Tony Elders
September, 2018

An Interactive Website

www.rrds.ca/trees



Annual Ecological Benefits to Fort Frances of 527 Trees

• Storm water intercepted each year:	347,500 L	\$808
• Energy conserved each year:	6,648 kWh	\$499
	120,000 BTU	\$1,254
• Air pollutants removed each year:		\$344
• Carbon dioxide reduced each year:	4,988 kg	\$573
Total Annual Benefits		\$3,449

Benefits and values are calculated using a model provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

Recommendations

- Develop a tree strategy for municipal lands. This could include a target for tree cover, areas where trees could be planted (and areas not to plant), and a multi-year planting plan to achieve the planting target.
- Consider what species are to be planted to maximize tree benefits in terms of energy, storm water runoff, pollution abatement, and carbon sequestration.
- Consider a periodic planting regime that will allow trees to develop at different heights and ages to be both economical and resistant to periodic insect and disease infestation.
- Consider a municipally sponsored program to have residents “adopt”, sponsor and care for trees planted on boulevards and municipal lands as they have in the past.
- Plant trees native to the region over foreign imports.
- Encourage participation in tree programs by community groups (RRDS, Lions Club etc).
- Protect town trees from bark damage caused by workers using weed eaters and lawnmowers, especially when the trees are young.
- Investigate the iTree program for other municipal uses.



The End.....
or
the Beginning?



RAINY RIVER FUTURE

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

A Community Futures Development Corporation

January 17, 2019

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances
Mayor Avis & Council
320 Portage Ave.
Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 3P9



Dear Mayor Avis & Council:

Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) is seeking the financial support of all of our area municipalities. These municipal per capita contributions, for projects assisting the District, help us to leverage both provincial and federal funds.

This year, we will be undertaking a new two year economic diversification project, which continues to focus the regional economy. The RRFDC also hopes to complete the two current tile drainage projects and apply for an additional project. The second land clearing project is also expected to be completed by December 2019. The RRFDC is continuing to work towards improved broadband service in the District with a new project in development. Our 2017/2018 annual report (enclosed in mailed package) provides additional information on these and other activities.

We are requesting your participation in our Corporation by way of a municipal \$7.00 per capita contribution. The amount requested for the 2019-20 year, based on your municipal population of **7955** as stated in the *2019 Association of Municipalities, Clerks & Treasurers (AMCTO) Directory* is **\$55685**.

As always, we are available to meet with your Council to discuss our projects and determine what other support we can offer your community.

Sincerely,

Gord Armstrong
Chair



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January 31, 2019

In This Issue

- February 13 Municipal Waste Diversion Forum.
- Updates to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.
- A digital meeting management and livestreaming solution for municipalities.
- Federal Carbon Pricing System - How will it impact municipalities?
- RETScreen Energy Workshops now available in your area!
- Conversations with ONE Investment - "Meet and Greet."
- LAS Blog: Four ways LAS can support your Energy Plan!
- Career Opportunities.

AMO Matters

AMO & M3RC are hosting a February 13 Forum on the ever-changing landscape of the *Waste-Free Ontario Act* & other waste diversion topics for Ontario municipal staff and elected officials. Attendance is free. [Register today!](#)

Provincial Matters

Updates have been introduced to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program. Check out information and Municipal Investigator Training Sessions on [OMAFRA's website](#).

Eye on Events

For generations, municipal governments have relied on paper-based, manual processes to manage meetings. Now, municipalities are discovering the benefits of digitally transforming meeting management processes. Members interested in automating and streamlining board, committee and council meetings, are invited to a [free webinar](#) on February 13, 12 pm, where we will be announcing our new partnership with a digital meeting management and livestreaming provider.

The new federal carbon tax will take effect this April 1. What does that mean for your municipality's budget and environmental initiatives? Please join LAS and program partner Edison Energy for a [free webinar](#) on February 14th at 11 am and get answers to all your questions.

LAS and TdS Dixon are offering low cost [RETScreen Performance Workshops](#) to help get you started on your 5-year Energy Plan. Register for this one-day workshop [online](#) or [submit your form](#) today! Not currently offered in your area? Gather 10 of your neighbours and [let us know](#) - we'll make it happen.

[ONE Investment](#) is launching new investment offerings in 2019 under the Prudent Investor regime for municipalities. We would like to meet with a group of finance staff at a location near you to discuss ONE, your needs and answer questions. If your municipality is interested in participating, please contact [Janet Wong](#). Locations will be determined based on responses.

LAS

LAS Blog: Five year corporate energy management plans are due on July 1. Check out the [LAS Blog](#) to learn how we can help accomplish this project quickly and efficiently.

Careers

[Clerk to the Authority/Executive Coordinator, CAO & Board - Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority](#). Position term: Temporary Full Time (up to 3 months), Non-Union. Application deadline: 4 p.m., February 5, 2019. Please apply online at Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority [Careers](#).

[Manager of Planning Services - Town of Amherstburg](#). Reports to: Director of Planning, Development and Legislative Services. Please visit the Town's [website](#) for a detailed job description. Applicants are invited to submit a resume no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 8, 2019 to

resumes@amherstburg.ca.

Waste Management Coordinator - Town of Richmond Hill. Department: Environment & Infrastructure Services. Reports to: Manager, Energy & Waste. For more information and to apply online, visit [Richmond Hill Employment](#) by 4:30 PM on February 12, 2019.

CAO Clerk Treasurer - Township of Fauquier-Strickland. Please submit a covering letter and resume clearly outlining how you meet the qualifications of this position and why you want to work for the Township of Fauquier-Strickland, by 4 pm, Friday February 15, 2019, to the attention of: Mayor Madeleine Tremblay, Corporation of the Township of Fauquier-Strickland, P. O. Box 40, Fauquier, Ontario P0L 1G0. Email: info@fauquierstrickland.com; Fax : 705.339.2421.

Deputy Clerk Treasurer - Township of Fauquier-Strickland. Please submit a covering letter and a detailed resume clearly outlining how you meet the qualifications of this position and why you want to work for the Township of Fauquier-Strickland, by 4 pm, Friday February 15th, 2019, to the attention of: Mr. Robert Courchesne, Clerk Treasurer Administrator, Township of Fauquier-Strickland, P. O. Box 40, 25 Grzela Road, Fauquier, Ontario P0L 1G0. Email: info@fauquierstrickland.com

Treasurer / Tax Collector - Municipality of Hastings Highlands. Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume by February 15, 2019, with cover letter to the following: Municipality of Hastings Highlands, 33011 Highway 62, P.O. Box 130, Maynooth, ON K0L 2S0, Attention: (Ms.) Pat Pilgrim, CAO/Clerk, or by email to: cao@hastingshighlands.ca, Fax: 613.338.3292.

Treasurer - Town of Orangeville. Department: Corporate Services, Finance Division. Reports to: General Manager, Corporate Services. Please submit your resume, in confidence, to Ms. Sarah Alexander, Human Resources Assistant, no later than 4 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2019. Applications may be submitted [online](#), emailed to hr@orangeville.ca, or submitted in person at the Town Hall. If submitting a resume via email, please quote the job title in the subject line.

About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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February 7, 2019

In This Issue

- Digitally transforming the municipal meeting lifecycle.
- AMO's Development Charge submission.
- Online Municipal Risk Management Institute launched.
- February 13 Municipal Waste Diversion Forum.
- Health Canada seeking input on Edible Cannabis Product Rules.
- A digital meeting management and livestreaming solution for municipalities.
- Energy Reporting made easy with RETScreen Expert!
- Federal Carbon Pricing System - Free webinar next week.
- 7 Steps to updating your 5-year Energy Plan.
- ONE Investment - new section added to the WatchFile!
- Careers with Toronto, Lennox-Addington and Orangeville.

Guest Column*

Municipalities are implementing digital meeting management solutions so they can be more efficient, accessible, and transparent. That's why AMO recently partnered with eSCRIBE, our preferred partner for digital meeting management and livestreaming solutions. Learn more about eSCRIBE in [this column](#) by Robert Treumann, President & CEO.

AMO Matters

The government's housing consultation included a discussion about "government-imposed fees and charges" being a barrier to the supply of housing. In response, the AMO President made the [attached submission](#) to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Members are encouraged to reinforce these key messages with MPPs and provincial officials.

AMO and the Frank Cowan Company have partnered to offer online courses to help municipal elected officials and staff better understand and manage risk, improving safety and reducing liability costs. [Learn more](#) or visit www.municipaleducation.ca to register.

AMO & M3RC are hosting a February 13 Forum on the ever-changing landscape of the *Waste-Free Ontario Act* & other waste diversion topics for Ontario municipal staff and elected officials. Attendance is free. [Register today!](#)

Federal Matters

Health Canada is consulting now on proposed rules for edible cannabis products to be legal by October 17, 2019. Edible cannabis products allow users to consume cannabis through ingestion, without combustion. This consultation is on rules governing packaging formats and standards, information, warnings as well as licensing to produce edible products. For more information see [Health Canada's 2019 Regulatory Consultation presentation](#).

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One-day [RETScreen Expert Workshops](#) hosted by LAS/TdS Dixon are taking place in your area. These workshops will help you assess your utility bills for your July 1, 2019 Energy Plan. Cost of workshop is eligible for 50% funding from IESO. Space is limited. [Submit your registration form](#) or [register online](#) today.

You're still in time to [sign up for the free Federal carbon tax webinar](#). Please join LAS and program partner Edison Energy on February 14 at 11 am and get answers to all your carbon tax questions.

LAS

Public sector 5-year Energy Plans must be updated by July 1 2019 under [O.Reg 507/18](#). In 2014, only 20% of these plans met all requirements, so LAS has developed a handy [7-step checklist](#) to guide you. Also, be sure to check out the toolkit area of the Ministry of Energy's [BPS reporting portal](#) for more guides.

ONE Investment

Welcome to a [new section](#) of the WatchFile. For 25 years, [ONE Investment](#) has helped municipal investors make money and fund important local projects. Keep an eye on this space for new services and offerings.

Careers

[Executive Director, Municipal Licensing & Standards - City of Toronto](#). Reports to: Deputy City Manager. Job type: Permanent, Full-Time (Non-Union). Location: City Hall, 100 Queen St. West. For more information on this and other opportunities with the City of Toronto, visit [Jobs at the City](#). To apply [online](#), submit your resume, quoting File #2319116X, by February 14, 2019.

[Director of Social Services - County of Lennox & Addington](#). Reports to Chief Administrative Officer. Please forward a detailed resume and covering letter by 4:00 p.m. on February 21, 2019 to: Human Resources, County of Lennox and Addington, 97 Thomas St. East, Napanee, ON K7R 4B9. Phone: 613-354-4883, Fax: 613-354-3112, Email: hr@lennox-addington.on.ca.

[General Manager, Corporate Services - Town of Orangeville](#). Reports to Chief Administrative Officer. Please submit your resume, in confidence, to Ms. Sarah Alexander, Human Resources Assistant, no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019. Applications may be submitted [online](#), emailed to hr@orangeville.ca, or submitted in person at the Town Hall located at 87 Broadway. If submitting a resume via email, please quote the job title in the subject line.

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Special Dates of Interest

- **Fibre Arts Festival** (local art) now open - upstairs.
- **Fibre Content** (traveling exhibit) now open - downstairs.
- Feb. 18-24 is **Heritage Week** for the National Trust for Canada
- **SnOasis 7, Snowflake Heaven** runs March 2 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- March 30 is the **last day** for the Fibre Arts exhibits
- **Taking Back Our Natural World** runs April to June; accepting art submissions!
- Monday April 22nd is **Earth Day!**
- Watch for workshops & seminars around **climate change**

During February and March in our main floor gallery, we bring you **Fibre Content**, a travelling exhibition on loan through the collaborative effort of numerous organizations and artists from southern Ontario who love and support the creative use of textiles. These are incredible examples of textile art. Included in the exhibit is an interactive component that allows browsers to touch — not something usually allowed with fibre art.

Upstairs, we display local pieces submitted through our **Fibre Arts Festival**. This exhibit will run until March 31st. Like the art in Fibre Content, these are a must see!

We thank our judges: **Cher Pruys**, **Phyllis Johnson** and **Pattie Anderson** for making the difficult choices for awarding 1st and 2nd place in each category. For Best Original Design, winners are Jamie Nelson for *Off Season Reindeer Games* and Carol Hyatt for *Tianna's Sweater*. For Best Pattern Piece, winners are Debbie Ballard for *By the Lamp's Glow* and Kim Roy for her table runner. For Best Use of Materials, winners are Caren Fagerdahl for *The Mitten* and Camie Gray for *Lady in Red*. Congratulations to all winners. Submissions are of amazing quality and skill. Thank you to everyone who submitted.

*We invite you to our
Open House on Wed Feb 13, 1-3 p.m.
to celebrate fibre art.*

Tea & dainties will be served! All welcome!

Fibre Content

Exhibit on display at the
Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre from
February 5 until March 31

WE ARE OPEN:
TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - 11AM TO 4PM



Notes...

2018 was an important year for the museum. With *We Were Taught Differently: the Residential School Experience* and *Veterans of Treaty 3*, we made a conscious decision to focus on subjects that are not only of great importance to our indigenous community but are equally so to all Canadians. To imagine a future that is as good as we can make it, we must first know our past, recognize that there is work to be done, and make the choices that ensure the best chance of getting there. But the best part is that the returns are truly huge. I feel very good about the positive direction our community is heading and at so many levels. Leadership across our district is truly inspiring.

The museum continues to gather the **histories of all veterans** for our files, therefore should you have a family story to share, please contact the museum by calling 274-7891 or by email: ffmuseum@fortfrances.ca.



The museum is also part of a larger community group that initiated the **Indigenous Workshops** series that help support and promote native arts. Just as we recognize the importance of heritage crafts with our **Fibre Arts Festival**, it is equally valuable to teach and learn how to make tourtiere and capotes, and to understand the traditions behind ribbon skirts, beading and medicine bags from those experts and elders who best know the old ways. Also of great benefit is that we get together with new and old friends, learn something we didn't before, and feel good about being creative. What a great way to beat the winter season!

In the coming year, we tackle another very important subject: **climate change**. We hear so much about it, but I'm embarrassed to say, it's another topic that we've somehow failed to explore and are now running to catch up. Please look for more on this on page 4.

Last year we missed doing a **membership drive**. I'm happy to say there were many of you who still sent in your donations in support of the museum, so thank you very much! We will be running a drive in early March, so watch for that. We thank everyone in advance for their continued support. We cannot do it without you!



March 1st marks the last day for **Laura Gosse**, our Community Engagement intern. She has worked hard during her year at the museum to reach out to the greater community, and has been instrumental in forming and strengthening a number of valuable partnerships. Laura is looking forward to the Masters program in Environmental Studies at Lakehead in September and we wish her well as she tackles another stage in life's journey. *Thanks, Laura, for your contributions to the museum and community!*





Miller Family Quilt

The Miller family understands that the quilt was made by family members, relatives and friends of the Park, Church and Miller families, plus a few local Rainy River neighbours and friends, back in the very early 1900s, and was presented to Clara Jane Park (1879-1939) on the occasion of her marriage to William Edward Miller (1877-1962) in 1905.

William Edward Miller was a son of Robert Miller (1843-1931) and Agnes Miller (nee Duncan, 1843-1935).

Robert Miller and his older brother, Stewart Miller (1842-1926), were very early settlers in the Rainy River area and moved to Rainy River with their families from eastern Ontario in the 1890s. Both brothers settled east of the community of Rainy River on either side of a local creek, hence the creek became known as Miller's Creek, a name that exists still today.

William and Clara Jane Miller are buried in Rainy River.

This quilt is a wonderful example of a heritage craft. Often made with much attention to detail and even love, these crafts, designed for a purpose – warming a bed or a floor (rughooking) – were also an artform, with fabrics and needlework selected to complement the piece.

It is for this reason that we promote our Fibre Arts Festival – to further support heritage crafts.

We are grateful to the Miller family for choosing to gift this family heirloom to our museum. It will be treasured.

Accessioning News



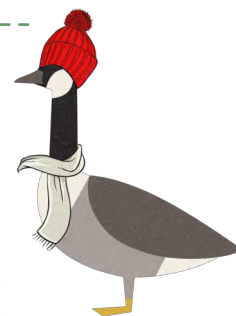
We have a new volunteer who has joined the accessioning ranks! A big welcome to Carolyn Mount. Carolyn has worked at three major BC museums and has considerable experience managing artifacts. Using her expertise, she is lending her support to Nell in tackling the backlog of items gifted to the museum.

If anyone is interested in learning how we accession artifacts or anything else in the museum, please feel free to pop by the museum and ask our staff and our wonderful volunteers!

Coming Up...

Mark your calendars for the **Friends of the Museum's** annual children's winter festival: **SnOasis 7: Snowflake Heaven!**

March 2nd from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Rainy Lake Square. This is a great day of winter fun for young families. Auger dogs and bannock on a stick! Also cookies, hot chocolate, face painting and yoga at the Museum. We thank our Friends of the Museum for this yearly event; also Friends of the Library for serving hot chocolate and Meghan Spooner for leading yoga. *Where would we be without our Friends!*



Taking Back Our Natural World

Climate change is here, now. Weather systems that once moved through our area taking the rain or cold with it, now hang over us with no end in sight. No one likes Domesday imagery but climate change will be catastrophic for our children if we can't do enough to keep temperatures under control.

The United Nations has set the year of NO RETURN to 2030, **only 11 years away!** Scary, isn't it? How old will you be? What about your children, grandchildren? Eleven years is no time at all to ensure temperatures do not rise more than 1.5°C. Are we doing all we can? Will it be enough?

If we look around our community, we can see that some very good things have been accomplished. Our own power corporation and the Town have done some great work when it comes to solar power, LED lighting, and educating the public around energy conservation. Recycling? Yes, our community has been stepping up.

There are also inroads being made by our business community. Flint House provided a water bottle filling station at the Rainy Lake Square. The Rendezvous and other local restaurants have banned straws, and many other business owners have strongly discouraged the use of plastic bags. There are numerous other good things happening. Kudos to all of you who are thinking about these issues and doing your part!

However, climate change is a very real threat that will impact all of us, so we need put our heads together and determine what else we can be doing. As individuals, we need conserve natural resources like water, and eliminate products that cause harm, won't break down or can't be recycled. We must look for opportunities to leave our cars at home, and instead bike or walk. We can plant trees, compost, and consider natural alternatives for shorelines.

From April to June, the Museum's exhibit will be **Taking Back Our Natural World**. Not only will we be providing some information on how climate change is impacting us and the solutions that are available, ***but also will be inviting the public to submit artwork on this subject.***

What are we looking for? Anything that highlights the impact of climate change on our world. It could be as simple as a collage of photos that shows your favourite places on Rainy Lake impacted by garbage washing up on shore, or a sculpture made of one-serving-only fast-food containers. *But be creative. There will be prizes!* If you need inspiration, look online under 'artwork that highlights climate change'. You'll be blown away! **Deadline for submissions: April 2nd.** Criteria around art submissions can be picked up at the museum or downloaded from our website. Unfortunately we must limit size of entries.

Also watch for upcoming workshops and information sessions from presenters on some of these important topics. There are those in our broader community that can answer our questions and provide suggestions on how to lessen our impact on our natural world. **Taking Back Our Natural World** at the Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre, April to June 2019. For more information, call Sherry at 274-7891.





TAKING BACK OUR NATURAL WORLD

Looking for Artist Submissions

Are you artistic? Feeling creative?

The Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre is now accepting artwork for
Taking Back Our Natural World
an exhibit examining the impact of climate change.

Deadline for submissions: **April 2, 2019**
Pieces will be on display from April through June.

Entries will be judged for creativity and relationship to theme. Prizes will be awarded.
Entries must meet entry criteria; there are size limitations.

Information available at the museum (274-7891), also posted on ffmuseum website.

Exhibits in planning stages...

July - Sept — **Echoes in the Ice: Finding Franklin's Ship.** We're just completing paperwork, but it looks like a go! For July through September this year, we are bringing in a first class exhibit through money raised from our membership drives. Costs for these big exhibits seem high, but not when one considers the level of research that happens behind the scenes and the work of experts to build them. We in northern Ontario also need to contend with the additional costs of transportation to bring them in. However, once in a while it's worth it! We're worth it! Although admission costs will run higher than normal, we hope you will support us by coming out. Be sure to find time this summer!

Oct - Dec — **Prohibition & Profit: the Business of Smuggling Booze.** If you've a local story to share, Maxine Hayes is still collecting.

Jan - Mar — **Canada: Day 1.** This is a traveling exhibit from the Government of Canada that tells the story of immigration.

Singer 15419968 — **Recollections by Mike Solomon**

So far as I know, not much is known about the beginning of this machine's first fifty years of life. I do have a wee bit of memory to share about one stage of its lifetime however.

Back in the late 1940s and/or early 1950s Maty Heusbourg, a shoemaker, owned the machine and had it in his shoe repair shop located just next (east) of the Royal Theatre on Fort Frances' Scott Street. Maty became generally and widely known for his skill and handcraftmanship at resurrecting footwear and leather gear for local folk. In particular, his skill at fixing badly worn bushworker workboots and mitts by hand-sewing or using his old treadle sewing machine was admirable, to say the least.

Somehow Maty's old treadle machine (the subject of this tale) went away when he closed up shop. There is a story that he was getting some fellow to do some repairs and the fellow never did the job nor brought the machine back. I heard of this some fifty years later and sought out the repairman. He apparently did not do the job, and after my offer of a hundred bucks, he sold it to me. It has sat in my livingroom (ever since) for the past 30 or more years. Just seeing it there always brought back fond memories for me.



Almost every labourer would wear out their leather mitts quickly. They might also damage their boots, (rip and/or separate the leather tops from the rubber bottoms of boots), etc. Few could afford new stuff so it was usual for workers to roughly cobble up/patch their gear. Mitts in particular wore through quickly. Handling frozen lumber boards, slabs, tools such as axes, picaroons, cant-hooks, peaveys, or railway spike iron clawbars in snow and icy conditions produced ruinous damage to mitts.

Workers would improvise for a time by switching mitts to the other hand. This meant a discomfort by wearing the mitts on the wrong hands. Finally, (actually in a few days for mitts worn on some jobs) the mitts would become a hazard and have to be replaced. This was costly. I don't really remember how much a pair of new mitts cost but I seem to recall the sum of \$3.00 for a pair of new at the camp commissary. BUT! apparently if a worn-out pair was exchanged, new ones could be had for a dollar.

The worn-out mitts were bagged until enough of an accumulation deserved a trip to Maty in Fort Frances when the camp boss or one of his minions went back for supplies or business. Apparently, later, the boss would pay Maty for the repairs and fetch the repaired mitts back to camp upon return. Now I clearly recall hearing workers vow that Maty's repaired mitts were better than new ones. Maty would also do cobbler work like putting steel corks in river drive boots.

So... what about me? Well, from time to time I went to Fort Frances and visited with contractor Vince McEvoy's boys of my age. I was tasked on doing so, with carrying a gunnysack of worn mitts to Maty's Shoe Shop. Maty, of course, would badger and torment me about who I was and what kind of mischief I would likely encounter in Town. He would nevertheless treat me kindly and after a short visit with Otto Polenske, owner of the Royal Theatre next door, they would say that I could "see a Show" for free. I did so and recall these warm memories as I write about the old treadle sewing machine.



Indigenous Arts Workshop Series newgold

The new workshop program, developed through the networking and support of many organizations in our community, is going well. As previously reported, the goal is to have different indigenous-themed workshops hosted throughout our district, thus ensuring that local participants have the opportunity to attend, while allowing for others to visit. Workshops are held once every second month with the support of Friends of the Fort Frances Museum, Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre, Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre, Seven Generations Education Institute, Sunset Country Metis, Project Sunset, Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre, and a multitude of other community members. A huge thank-you to TD Canada Trust for their financial support of our Tourtiere Workshop and to New Gold, our newest supporter, for their generous contribution to upcoming workshops.

Our third workshop — already filled! — will be held **February 16th & 23rd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at Seven Generations Education Institute. The workshop will be **Capote Making** taught by Caren Fagerdahl and Jane Trivers. The **base cost is \$45** which includes sewing materials and lunch. The additional cost of a Hudson Bay Blanket will vary.

Please stay tuned for future Indigenous Art Workshops.

FORT FRANCES MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE

Adult Spring Workshops

<p>Beginners Wood Carving Instructor S. Latimer Sat. Jan 19, 12-4:30PM & Sun. Jan. 20, 1-4PM Cost \$15</p>	<p>Abstract Flow Painting Instructor P. Tinkess-Fletcher Sat. Jan 26 1-4PM Cost \$25</p>	
<p>Silk Tie/Scarf Painting Instructor C. Pruys Sat. Feb 9, 1-3 PM Cost \$60</p>	<p>Fused Glass Instructor N. Lowey Sat. Mar 9, 1-3PM Cost \$65</p>	<p>Cupcake Decorating Instructor M. Spooner Sat. Mar 23, 1-3PM Cost \$15</p>
<p>Spring Wreath Instructor J. Coats Sat. Apr 6, 1-4PM Cost \$45</p>	<p>Fused Glass Suncatcher Instructor C. Pruys Sat. Apr 13, 1-3PM Cost \$65</p>	<p>Spring Arrangement Instructor J. Coats Sat. Apr 20, 1-4PM Cost \$45</p>
<p>Felting Instructor J. Nelson Sat. Apr 27 & Sun Apr 28, 12-4PM Cost \$30</p>	<p>Terrariums Instructor N. Lowey Sat. May 4, 1-3PM Cost \$65</p>	<p>Scone Making Instructor M. Hickling Sat. May 11, 1-3PM Cost \$10</p>

Please come to the Museum to register & pay for your classes.
 If you have any questions please feel free to contact the
 Museum at 274-7891

Workshops at the Museum

We are no longer accepting registration by phone or Facebook. Paid fees must accompany your registration. Cash or cheque only. This change is necessary to provide artists with numbers in order to buy supplies. We thank all past workshop lovers who have paid or cancelled in a timely fashion.

A HUGE thank-you to Friends of the Museum who subsidize the cost of artist fees and advertising. We simply could not offer classes at these prices without this support!



Our 2018 Fall Workshop line-up was a success! A sincere thank you to Caren Fagerdahl for continuing to organize our line-up of workshops.

Thanks also to the instructors who teach us new skills, crafts, and encourage us to be creative. And thank you to all our participants! Without your interest, we could not have a program.

We are now into another season, new memories and wonderful experiences with you all!



TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
Economic Development Advisory Committee

MINUTES

January 7, 2019

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on January 7, 2019 from 11:43 a.m. to 2:13 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Cumming, Chair, J. Gillon, K. McCaig, D. Kircher, Chief W. Windigo, K. Firth (11:43 p.m. to 1:19 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. to 2:13 p.m.), D. Eldridge, M. Caron, Mayor J. Caul

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, T. Drysdale, Consultant, G. Gillon (RRFDC), L. Mose, MNDM, R. Thoms, 93.1 The Border, and K. Lawson, Board Secretary

REGRETS: R. Avis

1. Call to Order 11:43 a.m.

1.1 Nomination of Committee Chair.

The meeting was opened by K. Lawson, Board Secretary. J. Cumming was nominated as Chair.

McTaggart-Kircher: THAT the nomination of J. Cumming as Committee Chair be hereby approved.

CARRIED

1.2 Nomination of Committee Vice Chair.

- J. Cumming, Committee Chair called for nominations for Vice Chair. M. Caron was nominated.

McTaggart-Gillon: THAT the nomination of M. Caron as Committee Vice-Chair be approved.

CARRIED

1.3 Introduction of Committee Members.

- Chair invited everyone at the table to introduce themselves.

2. Non-agenda Committee items which because of urgency cannot be deferred to a subsequent meeting, identified to be considered later in the meeting.

2.1 The Committee Secretary cautioned members about the use of Non-agenda items which are not considered emergent. She indicated that by bringing items in this manner, there is no transparency to the public. She will send an email out to members prior to putting future agendas together and at that time members can bring their agenda items forward for consideration.

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof

- 3.1 K. Firth declared an interest in agenda item 5.3 as he is employed by one of the hotels being discussed. He left the room while the matter was discussed.

4. Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes

- 4.1 November 5, 2018.

McTaggart-McCaig: THAT the minutes from the November 5th, 2018 meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

5. New Business

- 5.1 Committee Orientation.
 - Tannis provided the committee with 2 Power Point presentations to bring new members up to date.
 1) Five Year Review - Economic Development;
 2) Council Orientation - November 2018.
- 5.2 Mill Sale Negotiation Update.
 - B. Brown and T. Drysdale provided members with an update on the potential purchaser who is negotiating with Resolute Forest Products. Members were reminded that it is very early in the process.
- 5.3 Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Committee Recommendation.
 - a discussion was had as to the makeup of the Committee. Tannis was asked to bring the mandate for the Committee forward to the next meeting, and this item will be further discussed at the next regular meeting.
- 5.4 Labour Market Shortages - previous request from D. Fortes.
 - this item will be tabled.

6. Non-agenda Items - None

7. Adjourn - 2:13 p.m. / Next Meeting Date - February 4th, 2019

TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. #2January 7, 2019

The meeting of Planning & Development Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Civic Centre - Committee Room on January 7, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:02 a.m.

PRESENT: J. McTaggart - Chairperson, W. Brunetta - Councillor, D. Judson - Councillor, Mayor J. Caul (ex-officio)

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, T. Dennis, CBO/Planner, P. Briere, Committee Secretary, R. Gushulak, Guest, R. Broman, Guest, D. Broman, Guest.

1. Call to Order - 0800am

Session #2

2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof

None.

3. Approval of Previous Committee Minutes

3.1 Approval of Previous Committee Minutes.

- Approved as presented.

4. Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting, both in-camera and in open meeting.

None.

5. In-Camera

None.

6. Items Referred from Council

6.1 Letter from Gushulak's & Broman's. Re: Property off Colonization Road West.

- An overview of the request letter was provided by Mr. R. Gushulak, R & D. Broman to the Committee. A discussion was had in regards to what options were available to the property owners. The Planning & Development Executive Committee is recommending that Administration bring forward more information forward at a future meeting too allow input from other Divisions, the Community Improvement Plan and more information from the property owners.

6.2 Legislation Requirements Surrounding Recreational Cannabis Stores in Ontario.

- Administration provided an overview of the current process being used by the AGCO on the initial opening of retail stores in Ontario and what that meant for our community. Following this overview a discussion was had and the Planning & Development Executive Committee is recommending to:

- 1) Opt-In to allowing Cannabis Retail Stores within Fort Frances and that notification be provided to the AGCO advising such decision and:
- 2) Defer a decision on the Draft Policy Statement until a later date.

6.3 2019 Planning & Development Budget. (Hard copy of Budget Materials distributed in Reading Room).

- The members of the Committee reviewed the budget documents provided by Administration and after a discussion was had on the budget documents the Planning & Development Executive Committee is recommending that the budget documents for the Planning & Development Division be forwarded to Treasury for consideration by the Committee of the Whole.

7. **New Business**
None.

8. **Outstanding Items**

8.1 Proposed Draft Fence By-Law.
- A review was had on the proposed Draft By-Law and during the discussion of the changes it was proposed by the Planning & Development Executive Committee that the original By-Law be brought forward so that the members can review where the changes have been made.

9. **Information**
None.

10. **Non-agenda Items**
None.

11. **Adjourn / Next Meeting Date - 1002am**
Monday January 21, 2018.

Executive Committee Chair

Secretary, Planning & Development Executive Committee

TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. # 003January 22, 2019

The meeting of Administration & Finance Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on January 22, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson W. Brunetta, Councillors D. Judson and A. Hallikas, Mayor J. Caul (ex-officio)

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, D. Galusha, Treasurer, R. Thoms, 93.1 The Border and K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk

REGRETS:

1. **Call to Order 10:00 a.m.**
2. **Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting, both in-camera and in open meeting.**

2.1 D. Galusha, Treasurer re: OMPF Funding Update.

3. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - none identified**

4. **Approval of Previous Committee Minutes**

4.1 Session No. 2 dated January 8, 2019.

Judson-Hallikas: Approved as amended.

CARRIED

5. **In-Camera - no matters identified**

6. **Items Referred from Council**

6.1 Heart of the Continent Partnership Financial Request.
- committee recommended receiving only the request and no further action be taken.

6.2 Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation Financial Request.
- committee recommended receiving the request with a letter of support in principle being sent to the requester and looking at the request again in 2020.

7. **New Business**

7.1 POA Write-Off Request.
- committee recommended approval of the write-off of 2012 POA accounts receivable in the amount of \$16,670.30 for accounting purposes, recognizing that this does not absolve a convicted offender from the requirement to pay a fine as debts to the Crown are owed in perpetuity and never forgiven.

8. Non-agenda Items -

- 8.1 D. Galusha presented an update on the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Allocation.

9. Adjourn 10:25 a.m./ Next Meeting Date - February 5, 2019


Executive Committee Chair


D. Brown, CAO

TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. #002January 23, 2019

The meeting of Operations & Facilities Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Civic Centre on January 23, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:54 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson R. Wiedenhoeft - Councillor, M. Behan - Councillor, J. McTaggart - Councillor, Doug Brown, CAO and Travis Rob, Operations and Facilities Manager.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor June Caul, Ken Rogoza (8:30 a.m. to 8:57 a.m.), Greg Wiedenhoeft and Craig Miller (8:30 a.m. to 9:17 a.m.)

1 Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

2 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof

2.1 None

3 Approval of Previous Committee Minutes

3.1 Minutes from the previous meeting of this Committee on January 9, 2019 - the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as circulated.

4 Non-agenda Items

4.1 None

5 New Business

5.1 Plugged Sewer Bill - 279 Scott Street - the administration report was discussed and it was decided to approve as recommended. Ken Rogoza was present from 8:30 a.m. to 8:57 a.m., Greg Wiedenhoeft and Craig Miller were present from 8:30 a.m. to 9:17 a.m.

5.2 Capital Purchase of Sidewalk Implements - the administration report was recommended as presented.

5.3 December 2018 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report - the December Drinking Water Summary was recommended as presented.

- 5.4 Report No. 1 Establishing 2019 Water and Sewer Rates - some scenarios were discussed and more information will be brought back to the next meeting.

6 Information

- 6.1 Sewer and Water Data for 2018 - updated January 19, 2019 - the administration report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.
- 6.2 Fort Frances Wastewater Treatment Facility - December 2018 Monthly Report - the administration report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.

7 Adjourn / Next Meeting Date

- 7.1 The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Executive Committee Chair

T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities

TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. #003January 21, 2019

This meeting of the Community Services Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held at the Fort Frances Museum on January 21, 2019 from 10:26 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

PRESENT: Andrew Hallikas - Chairman, Michael Behan - Councillor, Rick Wiedenhoeft - Councillor, ~~Mayor June Caul (ex officio)~~, Jason Kabel - Manager of Community Services

ALSO PRESENT:**1 CALL TO ORDER (Session #003)**

A. Hallikas called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Call for Non-Agenda Items)

- Approved as circulated.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

- NIL

4 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES

41 Community Services Executive Committee - January 7, 2019 - Approved as circulated.

5 ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

51 Letter received January 7, 2019 from N. Piccinato, 2019 Convention Co-Chairperson, FF Branch 29 Royal Canadian Legion re: Waive Rental Fees and Extend Hours - Mr. Piccinato has withdrawn this request - The committee acknowledged the withdrawn request, no further action required.

6 NEW BUSINESS**7 IN-CAMERA**

71 Appointment to Board/Committee - Sunny Cove Camp Advisory Committee.
- The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor & Council to appoint Nicke Paddock to the Sunny Cove Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2020.

8 NON-AGENDA ITEMS

9 INFORMATION

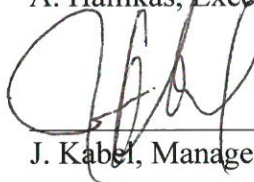
- 91 2018-19 Gas Tax Funding by Municipality
- 92 Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) - 2017 Ontario Specialized Transit Services Fact Book (Fort Frances - Pg. 81-82 of 206)
- 93 Next Meeting - February 4, 2019 - 10:30 a.m. @ Fort Frances Seniors Centre

10 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to consider, the meeting was closed by A. Hallikas at 10:35 a.m.



A. Hallikas, Executive Committee Chair



J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services