



## Municipality of French River

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING held in the Council Chambers Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6pm

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#### **Members Present:**

Mayor Claude Bouffard(Chair), Councillors Michel Bigras, Ronald Garbutt, Malcolm Lamothe

#### **Members Excused:**

Councillor Gisèle Pageau, Denny Sharp, Dean Wenborne

#### **Officials Present:**

Marc Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk  
Tom Ng, Treasurer/Tax Collector

#### **Guests:**

5 Members of public

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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#### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 64

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed and amended:

Addition of Item 5.7.3  
Request for support - Sudbury East Chamber of Commerce

Carried

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#### **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

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#### **4. Delegations (NIL)**

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## **5. Reports and Items for Consideration**

### **5.1 General Government**

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#### **5.1.1 Chief Administrative Officer's Verbal Report**

The CAO informed that the emergency repairs to the loader totaled \$25,000, reported on the News Release of the launch of the 'Experience Fishing' Project partnership which the Tourism Northern Ontario, reminded of the Public Meeting for the Presentation of the Final Draft Budget 2017 being held at 6pm on March 29 at the Alban Community Centre and informed that the half load signs on municipal highways were posted that day.

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#### **5.1.2 Discussion - Canada Day Events**

Canada Day is fast approaching and direction is required on the expected event scale in order to allow enough time to plan an event that reflects the resources available.

Following discussion, Council agreed to send a letter to organizations requesting assistance and participation, that the suggestions and opportunities be gathered and further reported to Council for consideration.

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#### **5.1.3 Discussion - to request OPP to update household counts (OPP Fee) - Councillor Bigras**

The 2017 French River household count was reduced to reflect an adjustment made by MPAC. There was an inconsistent count of trailer sites in trailer campgrounds, French River was the only Municipality in the area that accounted for trailer sites in three of our trailer campgrounds; the household count was adjusted to be consistent with the approach used in other areas.

Through Ontario, some Boards and Agencies that provide services to Municipalities rely on the household count record of MPAC to calculate apportionments. The adjustment recently affected the Planning Board's Municipal Apportionment costs.

It was agreed that as the French River's household count went down, that the OPP should also use the 2017 adjusted count for their Billing for 2017 rather than the 2015 data that they are currently relying on.

A letter will be addressed to the OPP to request the adjustment and additional information on billing practices and that a follow up as a delegation will be brought up at AMO if necessary.

#### **5.1.4 Resolution to authorize a Funding Application**

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 65

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes the Funding Application to the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program under Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) as part of the partnership with the Sudbury East Connectivity Agreement (Fibre Optic Project) for an amount of \$100,000.

Carried

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#### **5.1.5 Discussion - Letter from Ministry of Transportation, Follow up relating to Highway 69 signage**

It was agreed that a letter be addressed to the Minister to further request that the Highway 69 direction sign include directions to the Town of Alban in addition to Noëlville and Sturgeon Falls.

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#### **5.1.6 Resolution to approve Membership Fees of the West Nipissing Sudbury East Vet Services Committee for the years 2016-2017**

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 66

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the annual financial contributions to the West Nipissing Sudbury East Vet Services Committee for an amount of \$250 for the year 2016 and \$250 for year 2017.

Carried

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#### **5.1.7 Resolution to receive the Operational Review Final Report**

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 67

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the Operational Review - Final Report as prepared by KPMG LLP dated March 2, 2017.

Carried

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#### **5.1.8 Discussion - Considerations for Implementation of the Operational Review**

The discussion to consider the recommendations and opportunities will be deferred to the next meeting to allow all Members to be present.

It was suggested that the discussions be held at the Combined Meeting on a monthly basis to allow all Council to be fully involved versus a committee where only a few members are privy to full discussions.

## 5.2 Finance

### 5.2.1 Monthly Disbursements Report

The Treasurer reported that the total disbursements for the months of January 2017 were in the amount of \$436,423.30.

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### 5.2.2 Resolution to appoint Signing Authorities

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 68

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council affirms that the following two members of Council and employees are the signing authorities for the Municipality of French River as of March 15, 2017:

1. Mayor Claude Bouffard
2. Councillor Gisèle Pageau, Deputy Mayor
3. Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk
4. Tom Ng, Treasurer
5. Marc Gagnon, CAO

**AND THAT** the signing authority for Michel Bigras be revoked.

Councillor Michel Bigras requested a Recorded Vote.

	FOR	AGAINST
COUNCILLOR Michel Bigras		x
COUNCILLOR Ron Garbutt	x	
COUNCILLOR Malcolm Lamothe	x	
MAYOR Claude Bouffard	x	

Carried

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## 5.3 Public Works & Environment Services (NIL)

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## 5.4 Community Services (NIL)

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## 5.5 Emergency Services and Public Safety

### 5.5.1 Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Report

The report was found in the agenda package.

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## 5.6 Development & Planning (NIL)

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## 5.7 Correspondence / Correspondance

### **5.7.1 Request for Support - Vianet**

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 69

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes a Letter of support to Vianet for their funding application to the Connect to Innovate Program to increase broadband connectivity in Sudbury-East.

Carried

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### **5.7.2 Request for Support - True 802 Wireless**

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 70

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes a Letter of support to True 802 Wireless for their funding application to the Connect to Innovate Program to increase broadband connectivity in Sudbury-East.

Carried

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### **5.7.3 Request for Support - Sudbury East Chamber of Commerce**

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 71

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes a Letter of support to the Sudbury East Chamber of Commerce for their funding application to Rural Economic Development Program (RED) for a Regional Economic Development Strategy;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council agrees to a financial contribution of \$500 to go towards the 10% applicant contribution for the funding application.

Defeated

A letter will be sent to the President of the Sudbury East Chamber of Commerce advising them of the Defeated Resolution and copies to SEMA and Sudbury East Municipalities. The letter will also include a request for additional information and details of their initiative prior to Council agreeing to any commitments.

The Sudbury East Municipalities have received a grant from the Province of Ontario – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to undertake a Shared Services Study to review and identify municipal services that have potential to be shared among Sudbury East Municipalities (SEMA). The Report has already identified the opportunity for regional economic development and a partnership with Economic Partners Sudbury East - West Nipissing is already in discussion for economic development support.

## 6. Consent Agenda

The following motion was presented to adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda:

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe Resol. 2017- 72

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the Items of the Consent Agenda under Sections 6.1, 6.3 and 6.4 and receives the Items under Sections 6.2.

Carried

**Item 6.2 was taken out of the Consent Agenda to allow debate.**

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### 6.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe Resol. 2017- 73

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopts the following minutes as presented:

Special Council Meeting of held February 15, 2017  
Regular Council Meeting held February 15, 2017  
Special Council Meeting of held March 2, 2017  
Special Council Meeting of held March 7, 2017

Carried

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**6.2 Item was separated from the Consent Agenda to allow debate.**

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### 6.3 Items for Consideration or Information (NIL)

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### 6.4 By-laws

#### 6.4.1 Municipal Automotive Materials Services Agreement with Automotive Materials Stewardship Inc. (AMS)

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe Resol. 2017- 74

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-13, being a by-law to enter into a Municipal Automotive Materials Services Agreement with Automotive Materials Stewardship Inc. (AMS) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

## **6.2 Receipt of Minutes**

The Item to receive the Minutes was removed from the Consent Agenda to discuss the decision of the Sudbury & District Board of Health to approve the new rates while Council had sent them a letter objecting.

It was agreed that the matter be further brought up at SEMA and that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health.

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 75

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the following minutes as presented:

Sudbury & District Board of Health held February 16, 2017

Carried

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## **7. Notices of Motion**

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## **8. Announcement and Inquiries**

Councillor Michel Bigras provided an update of the Planning Board meeting where the travel trailer item was discussed; French River was the only Municipality who had submitted suggestions relating to the matter. Councillor Denny Sharp was appointed to the newly created ad hoc committee for the development of a draft by-law that will be presented to the board and to each Council for consideration.

Brian McCullagh of Vianet was present to answer any questions relating to his request for support and offered to share their funding application submission.

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## **9. Closed Session**

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 76

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be closed as authorized in the Municipal Act pursuant to Section 239 (a) the security of the property of the municipality relating to an update of terms of an agreement and (b) personal matters that would identify municipal employees relating to Information concerning human resources.

Carried

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 78

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the open session reconvenes at 7:34 p.m.

Carried

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**10. Adjournment**

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 79

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-14, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River at a meeting held on March 15, 2017 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

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Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 80

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Carried

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**