



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING held in the Council Chambers Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 6pm

Members Present:

Mayor Claude Bouffard(Chair), Councillors Michel Bigras, Ronald Garbutt, Malcolm Lamothe, Gisèle Pageau, Denny Sharp, Dean Wenborne

Members Excused:

Officials Present:

Marc Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer
Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk
Tom Ng, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Robert Martin, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager
Michael Campbell, Chief Building Official
Carlie Zwiers, Executive Assistant

Guests:

17 Members of public

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 96

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Malcolm Lamothe declared a pecuniary interest at Item 5.4.2; he is a member of the Club Richelieu.

4. Delegations

4.1 French River Health Care Response Committee

Nicole Poitras, CPA, is a volunteer consultant for the French River Health Care Response Committee. The Committee was formed in response to a submitted business case to the North East LHIN for the amalgamation of the Sudbury East Community Health Center and the French River Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic Boards. The proposed amalgamation is a source of anxiety in the constituents of the Municipality of French River.

The Committee is seeking support from Council to urge the Ministry of Health to delay their final decision until the results of the initiatives (including a survey of health care in French River, focus groups, interviews with stakeholders...) can be compiled and shared by the Committee.

Council generally agreed to provide them with a letter of support for a delay in the process and to copy the MOH, LHIN, both boards and MPs.

5. Reports and Items for Consideration

5.1 General Government

5.1.1 Clerk's First Quarter Report

The report was presented and included in the agenda package.

5.1.2 Vote by Mail By-law

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 97

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-18, being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2018 Municipal Election and to authorize the execution of agreements to provide vote by mail services be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

5.1.3 Health & Safety Policy

Moved By Dean Wenborne and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 98

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the amended Health & Safety Policy and addition of Schedule 'A' - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Prevention Plan.

Carried

5.2 Finance

5.2.1 Finance First Quarter Report

The report was presented and included in the agenda package.

5.2.2 2017 Budget By-law

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2017- 99

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-19, being a by-law to adopt the 2017 Operating and Capital Budget for the Municipality of French River be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

5.2.3 Monthly Disbursements Report

The Treasurer reported that the total disbursements for the months of March 2017 were in the amount of \$597,291.65.

5.3 Public Works & Environment Services

5.3.1 Public Works & Environmental First Quarter Report

The report was presented and included in the agenda package.

5.4 Community Services

5.4.1 Parks, Recreation & Facilities First Quarter Report

The report was presented and included in the agenda package.

5.4.2 Funding Application to Hydro One PowerPlay Program

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2017- 100

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes a Funding Application to Hydro One PowerPlay Program for an amount of up to \$20,000 as part of a partnership with Club Richelieu to improve the Alban and Noëlville Ball Fields.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Name: Councillor Malcolm Lamothe

Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not participate on this Item.

5.5 Emergency Services and Public Safety

5.5.1 Building Controls/Municipal Law Enforcement First Quarter Report

The report was presented and included in the agenda package.

5.5.2 Fire Department First Quarter Report

The report was presented and included in the agenda package.

5.5.3 Community Policing Advisory Committee

At their last meeting of March 7, 2017, the Committee agreed that each Municipality should identify issues that the OPP should report and focus on; each Council was asked to provide the OPP with a direction of three action items for the next three years. The Resolution will be sent to the Committee for discussion at their next meeting.

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2017- 101

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council provides direction to the Community Policing Advisory Committee to report and focus on the following three goals for the next three years for French River:

- 1) Traffic (Distracted Driving, Drunk Driving, Speeding)
- 2) Mental Health Strategy
- 3) Crime (Domestic, Break and Enter, cottages checks)

Carried

5.6 Development & Planning (NIL)

5.7 Correspondence

5.7.1 Request for Support - Bell, Connect to Innovate Program

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2017- 102

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

Carried

6. Consent Agenda

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

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 103

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

6.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 104

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

Combined Council Meeting held April 5, 2017

Carried

6.2 Receipt of Minutes (NIL)

6.3 Items for Consideration or Information (NIL)

6.4 By-laws

6.4.1 Zoning By-law Amendment

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 105

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-20, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2014-23, as amended (Andrew & Megan Rowaan) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

7. Notices of Motion (NIL)

8. Announcement and Inquiries

Councillor Dean Wenborne reported on the water level, Council generally agreed that a letter be sent to the Public Works Canada relating to the effective management of the water level.

Councillor Denny Sharp reported on her and the CAO's attendance at a meeting with the Rainbow District School Board relating to exploring opportunities in sharing facilities.

Mayor Bouffard reported on the status of the Highway 69 signage; an additional letter is being sent to the Minister of Transportation.

Art Adams, resident of Noëlville, expressed his disappointed that Council was not consulted prior to today in relation of the proposed amalgamation of the health centre Boards, they should have been the first to receive the information on a matter so important to the area and suggested that more information be posted on the municipal website.

9. Closed Session

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2017- 106

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be closed as authorized in the Municipal Act pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) "personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees" with respect to a former workplace harassment investigation.

Carried

Moved By Dean Wenborne and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 108

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the open session reconvenes at 8:30 p.m.

Carried

10. Adjournment

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2017- 109

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-21, 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 April 19, 2017 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Michel Bigras

Resol. 2017- 110

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK