



**Municipality of French River**

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMBINED COUNCIL MEETING**

held in the Council Chambers  
Wednesday, March 7, 2017 at 6pm

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:**

Councillor Gisèle Pageau, Denny Sharp

**Officials Present:**

Marc Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk  
Carlie Zwiers, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

6 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 (*and Additions if applicable*)**

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 58

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.

Carried

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**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

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**4. Delegations (NIL)**

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**5. Resolution to resolve into Committee**

Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2018- 59

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council now go into Committee of the Whole to consider delegations, reports and correspondence for consideration.

Carried

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

#### **6.1 General Government**

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##### **6.1.1 Report - Follow up from the Pet Save presentation relating to the reported stray and overpopulation of cats in our area**

The CAO presented the report included in the agenda package. Following discussion, Council generally agreed to direct Staff to contact and work with Pet Save for further information and to identify the need and discussing potential initiatives/programs for a humane animal control of cats in our area. Any information and or recommendations will be brought to Council for consideration and future steps. A resolution will be presented at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Council Meeting with a recommendation of a timeline.

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##### **6.1.2 Report - Municipal Election Recount Policy**

The Clerk presented the report included in the agenda package. Following discussion, Council generally agreed to adopt the Municipal Election Recount Policy. A resolution will be presented at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Council Meeting.

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##### **6.1.3 Report - Sign By-law Amendments**

The Clerk presented the report included in the agenda package. Following discussion, Council generally agreed to adopt the amended Sign By-law. A resolution will be presented at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Council Meeting.

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##### **6.1.4 Report - Procedure By-law Amendments**

The Clerk presented the report included in the agenda package. Following discussion, Council generally agreed to adopt the amended Procedure By-law. A resolution will be presented at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Council Meeting.

The Municipal Act now allows Procedure By-laws to provide for participating in meetings electronically, as time permits Staff will research mechanisms and options and further report to Council.

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#### **6.2 Finance (NIL)**

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#### **6.3 Public Works & Environment Services (NIL)**

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#### **6.4 Community Services (NIL)**

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## 6.5 Emergency Services and Public Safety (NIL)

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## 6.6 Development & Planning (NIL)

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## 6.7 Correspondence

### 6.7.1 VAA Senior Friendly Trail Committee

#### Request for support and partnership with a grant applications for the development of the Senior Friendly Trail Project

Following discussion, Council generally agreed to support and partner with the VAA Senior Friendly Trail Committee. A resolution will be presented at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Council Meeting to apply for funding.

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## REGULAR MEETING

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### 7. Verbal Motion to return into the Regular Meeting

Moved by: Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2018- 60

**THAT** the Committee rise and report.

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### 8. Consideration of the adoption of recommendations from Committee of the Whole

Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2018- 61

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the actions taken in Committee of the Whole in considering delegations, reports and correspondence be confirmed by this Council.

Carried

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### 9. Consent Agenda

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

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 62

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the Items of the Consent Agenda under Sections 9.1, 9.3, 9.4 and receives the Items under Sections 9.2.

Carried

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## 9.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 63

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

Regular Council Meeting held February 21, 2017

Carried

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## 9.2 Minutes Received (NIL)

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## 9.3 Items for Consideration or Information (NIL)

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### 9.3.1 Monthly Disbursements Report

The total disbursements reported for the month of January 2018 was in the amount of \$711,568.84.

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## 9.4 By-laws

### 9.4.1 2018 Budget By-law

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 64

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2018-14, being a by-law to adopt the 2018 Operating and Capital Budget be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

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### 9.4.2 Northern Ontario Internship Program Agreement

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 65

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2018-15, being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Northern Ontario Internship Program Agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for the position of Public Works Youth Intern be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

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## 10. Notices of Motion (NIL)

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**11. Announcement and Inquiries**

The CAO reminded the Members of the Public Works & Environmental Committee meeting being held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

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**12. Closed Session (NIL)**

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**13. Adjournment**

Moved By Dean Wenborne and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe Resol. 2018- 66

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2018-16, 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 7, 2018 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

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Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe Resol. 2018- 67

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Carried

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**