



## Municipality of French River

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING held in the Council Chambers Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6pm

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#### **Members Present:**

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

#### **Members Excused:**

Councillor Dean Wenborne

#### **Officials Present:**

Marc Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk  
Robert Martin, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager  
Denis Séguin, Fire Chief

#### **Guests:**

4 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 Denny Sharp

Resol. 2017- 159

**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**

##### **4.1 Paul Frustaglio, French River Rapids**

An update on the operations was provided. Regardless of the fact that the team has had a difficult start, it is felt that they have the right group in place to move forward and to provide the French River a hockey team it can be proud of. Many changes have been implemented in all facets of the organization however; they are determined to implement several marketing initiatives to fill the arena and to provide good entertainment for all at a fair cost.

The principal struggle has been the financial situation of the team incurred by previous management. Fundraising and sponsorship efforts are going well as the community is responding and supporting the team.

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On behalf of the team, Mr. Frustaglio requested Council's support in either forgiveness of the debt/loan or an extension of the payment terms and was open to provide more financial details in confidence to not air personal information/legal issues that should be kept private.

Following discussion, Council generally agreed to consider the request once the team's financial situation is reviewed; a Closed Session Meeting will be scheduled and the request could be considered at the next Council Meeting.

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

### **5.1 General Government**

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

The CAO provided an update on the following items:

- Fire Chief Denis Séguin is retiring, an interim plan will be considered
- the Chief Building Official has resigned, an interim service will be fulfilled with the shared building department agreement until a permanent solution is considered
- Bill 68, Final Reading in May, has not been proclaimed yet
- reminded of Canada Day festivities in Alban starting at 4pm
- hazardous day event was successful with over 130 participants
- dust control will commence the following week
- tender for the HVAC/heating for the Municipal Complex will be released in July for the work to commence in September
- email from AMO, seeking comments on several items, to be discussed at subsequent meeting, might schedule a special meeting in order to meet the deadlines

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#### **5.1.2 Clerk's Verbal Report on attendance at AMCTO Conference & Bill 68**

The Clerk provided a brief verbal report of the Conference.

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#### **5.1.3 Transfer Payment Agreement By-law for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF)**

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 160

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-32, being a by-law to authorize a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) for the Assessment of Noëlville Wastewater/Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrades be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

## 5.2 Finance (NIL)

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### 5.3 Public Works & Environment Services

#### 5.3.1 Resolution - Operational Review Opportunity #7 - Winter Road Maintenance to Private and Rural Roads

The Public Works & Environment Committee at a Meeting held June 14<sup>th</sup>, recommended that Council continues with the service since the Cost Analysis Report demonstrates that the Municipality is currently recovering the costs associated with providing the winter road maintenance services to a private road (Lafreniere Road) and to a seasonal road (Silvry Moon Road). The costs will be reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure they are justified.

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Michel Bigras

Resol. 2017- 161

**WHEREAS** the Final Operations Review Report presented on March 2, 2017 included an Opportunity to review the winter road maintenance of seasonal and private roads which is not required under the Provincial regulations; and

**WHEREAS** an analysis of the costs associated with providing such service was prepared and found that the said costs are recovered through the fees charged to those receiving the service;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council agrees to continue to provide the services of Winter Road Maintenance to Private and Rural Roads at the current established fees in order to recover the costs associated with the delivery of the said service.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the fees be reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure they continue to cover costs associated with the service.

Carried

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### 5.4 Community Services

#### 5.4.1 Grants and Subsidy Application

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 162

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the Grant & Subsidy Application for a rebate of \$200 from the hall rental fee at the Alban Community Centre received from the Paroisse Notre-Dame de Lourdes for their Annual Parish Supper being held on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Carried

## 5.5 Emergency Services and Public Safety

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## 5.6 Development & Planning

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### 5.7 Correspondence

#### 5.7.1 Information - Financial contribution of \$250 to Monetville Public School

For information only; financial contribution will be provided as budgeted to assist in school activities.

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#### 5.7.2 Resolution to support the West Nipissing Historical Society in their writing of the history of Monetville and to erect a roadside plaque in honour of Cyril Monette

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2017- 163

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the West Nipissing Historical Society's project of writing the history of Monetville which includes the recognition of Cyril Monette by erecting a roadside plaque in his honour near the entrance of Harold Fryer Drive.

Carried

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### 6. Consent Agenda

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

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 164

**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

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### 6.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 165

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

Combined Council Meeting held June 7, 2017

Carried

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## 6.2 Receipt of Minutes

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 166

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

Sudbury East Planning Board held May 4, 2017

Carried

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## 6.3 Items for Consideration or Information

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### 6.3.1 Resolution to renew the Employee Group Benefit Program (from June 7th meeting)

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 167

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council renews the Employee Group Benefit Program with Sun Life Financials for an amount of \$ 104,940.00 for the period of June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.

Carried

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### 6.3.2 Resolution to support a funding application to FedNor's Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario (CIINO) (from June 7th meeting)

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 168

**WHEREAS** Council adopted the Sudbury East Municipal Shared Services Study in March 2017; and

**WHEREAS** on May 17, 2017, Council approved the implementation of the priority identified in the Study in pursuing a regional economic development model along with the Sudbury East Municipalities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the funding application by Economic Partners Sudbury East/West Nipissing Inc. to FedNor's Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario (CIINO) to hire a qualified economic development professional specifically assigned for the Sudbury East region and further authorizes a yearly contribution of up to \$3,500 for three consecutive years.

Carried

**6.3.3 Resolution to award the Recycling Hauling Services (from June 7th meeting)**

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 169

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council awards the Hauling Services Contract to R & D Recycling for an amount of \$275 per trip for period of three (3) years.

Carried

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**6.4 By-laws**

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**6.4.1 Sewer Rate By-law (from June 7th meeting)**

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 170

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-28, being a by-law to approve sewage service rates charged to users of the Municipal Sewer System be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

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**6.4.2 Appointment of a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (student position)**

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 171

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-29, being a by-law to appoint a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (Jerry Jopling) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

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**6.4.3 Zoning By-law Amendment**

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 172

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-30, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2014-23, as amended (B & E Honey Fields) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

#### 6.4.4 Zoning By-law Amendment

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 173

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-31, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2014-23, as amended (Vince & Tammy Seguin) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

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### 7. Notices of Motion

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#### 8. Announcement and Inquiries

Peter Williams, resident of Alban, informed of the Annual General Meeting of the French River Stewardship Council being held July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Alban Health Centre.

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### 9. Closed Session

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 174

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be closed as authorized in Section 239 (d) labour relations or employee negotiations of the *Municipal Act*, with respect to Human Resources.

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Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 176

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the open session reconvenes at 7:54 p.m.

Carried

Councillor Michel Bigras declared a pecuniary interest in the closed session; his son is a member of the French River Fire Department. The Member stepped out of the closed session during the item.

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The Mayor reported that Council discussed the options available relating to the vacant Fire Chief position; the direction was to appoint an Interim Fire Chief from within the organization.

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#### 9.1 Resolutions emanating from Closed Session (if required)

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2017- 177

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council appoints Roch Bigras as Interim Fire Chief as of Monday, June 26, 2017 until the completion of the Shared Services Emergency Management analysis/recommendation.

Carried

## 10. Adjournment

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2017- 178

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-33, 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 June 21, 2017 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

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Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2017- 179

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Carried

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**