



Municipality of French River

MINUTES

**Closed Session - 5pm
Regular Council Meeting - 6pm**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2016
held in the Council Chambers**

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Councillor Denny Sharp

Officials Present:

John Regan, Chief Administrative Officer
Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk
Arthur Smith, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Robert Martin, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager
Greg Darby, Director of Operations

Guests:

Bryan Searle, Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
15 Members of public

1. Call to order, roll call and adoption of the agenda

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

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 01

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

To add two Closed Session items relating to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and potential litigation

To add an item at 7.1.2 Sudbury East Connectivity Project, request from Sustainable Building and Energy Consultants for funds to support the project

To add an item 7.1.3 Governance Model and Procedural By-law review

Carried

2. Moment of reflection

Council paused for a moment of reflection.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Closed Session

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into a closed meeting pursuant to section 239 (2) (b), (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for the purpose of personal matters that would identify municipal employees relating to budget deliberations, litigation or potential litigation relating to a legal agreement and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege relating to a planning matter and that the meeting is to be closed pursuant to the said subsection.

Carried

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the open session reconvenes at 6:05 p.m.

Carried

Regular portion of the meeting to resumed at 6 pm

5. Resolution to resolve into Committee

Resol. 2016- 4

Moved By Dean Wenborne and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now go into Council in Committee to consider delegations, reports and correspondence for consideration.

Carried

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

Councillor Michel Bigras chaired the Council in Committee meeting.

6. Delegations

6.1 French River Curling Club

Don Finucane and Jim Ireland gave an overview of their club's activities and presented a plaque of appreciation to the Parks & Recreation Employees to recognize their constant efforts, their over and above assistance and for working with the French River Curling Club in making their experience more enjoyable.

6.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Bryan Searle, Municipal Advisor, presented the Financial Indicator Review and Municipal Financial Profile reports; French River is doing well compared to peer group.

The Municipality could strategize further on methods to mitigate the impact of higher assessment of waterfront properties by establishing area rating and to have people pay for the services they use such as establishing user fees for waste services. Such approaches would shift the existing taxation burden to make up the shortcomings.

The CAO informed Council that Mr. Searle had presented the reports and had provided Finance 101 training to employees which would also be beneficial for Council.

Moved By Claude Bouffard and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council invites the Municipal Advisor of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide finance training to Council.

Carried

7. Management, Committee and Board Reports

7.1 Mayor

The Mayor gave a verbal report of activities and shared the successful results from the CP Holiday Train event and congratulated the organizing group for a job well done.

7.1.1 Letter addressed to Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) relating to internet speed

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2016- 6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves to send a letter to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) relating to internet speed.

Carried

7.1.2 Sudbury East Connectivity Project

The Mayor and the CAO were approached by the Sustainable Building and Energy Consultants who are requesting funds to support a project to perform a study to determine the current community connectivity, the expectations, the available funding, what is feasible in our community and to recommend a proposal for each participant in the project.

Moved By Claude Bouffard and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Sudbury East Connectivity Project as proposed by Sustainable Building & Energy Consultants Inc. and commits \$2,500, with half being paid to initiate the work and the other half to be paid once the report is complete and satisfactory to the participating partners.

Carried

7.1.3 Governance Model and Procedural By-law review

Council had approved a change in meeting schedule on a trial basis and has yet to be reviewed,

Moved by Claude Bouffard and Seconded by Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to further extend the trial period of the current meeting structure until the review of the Procedure By-law and governance model at Regular Council Meeting schedule on February 24, 2016.

Carried

7.2 Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO gave a verbal report on ongoing projects and activities and reminded Council of his teaching opportunity in Ukraine and that the Clerk will be Acting CAO during his absence during the week of January 18-22.

7.2.1 Ad Hoc Committee to set the framework for a waste diversion educational and marketing plan

The purpose of the Ad hoc committee was to set a framework for a waste diversion educational and marketing plan for our current waste management system. It was suggested that Councillor Malcolm Lamothe be appointed as Chair, Greg Darby, Director of Operations as resource personnel and that the members be recruited by the Chair. The education plan would need to be implemented before the summer to be able to evaluate its effectiveness and potential waste diversion achievements.

Councillor Malcolm Lamothe will evaluate the project and will present a plan to Council for consideration at the January 27th Regular Council Meeting.

7.3 Finance Department

7.3.1 Monthly Disbursements Report

The Treasurer reported the following total disbursements:

- September 2015 were in the amount of \$666,499.21
- October 2015 were in the amount of \$1,009,891.99
- November 2015 were in the amount of \$1,170,407.07

Council took a break from 7:35 to 7:45pm.

7.3.2 2016 Budget Deliberation

The Director of Operations referenced the Information Report submitted regarding the inspection of the Noëlville lagoon and the recommendations made by MOE; the study will be budgeted for 2017.

Council discussed the level of detailed reports required in order for them to understand the expenditures and proposed increases in the budget.

It was suggested that Members of Council set meetings with the Treasurer for an opportunity to review the specific accounts in question which would avoid a potential misuse of resources.

Council discussed the level of increase that would be acceptable.

Council gave a mandate to staff to set the levels of service and to limit the increase from last year's budget to 9.9%. The next budget deliberation will take place at the January 27th Regular Council Meeting.

7.4 Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department

7.4.1 Grants and Subsidy Application

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 9

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 Chevalier de Colomb, Conseil 10585 (Alban) for their Annual Fishing Derby being held on March 5, 2016.

Carried

7.5 Community Development and Tourism Department

7.5.1 Action Report - Resolution to approve a funding application to the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Claude Bouffard

Resol. 2016- 10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Funding Application to the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund for an amount of \$45,000;

AND FURTHER that the sum of \$4,500 which represents 10% of the Fund be committed to this project by the Municipality as identified in the 2016 Budget.

Carried

7.6 Ontario Provincial Police / Community Policing Advisory Committee

7.6.1 Monthly Municipal Policing Report

The Policing Report for the month of October 2015 was distributed and any questions are to be forwarded to the Mayor to bring forward at the Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting.

8. Correspondence for Council's Consideration

8.1 Resolution for Support - Stabilizing Hydro Rates

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Municipality of West Nipissing's resolution calling upon the provincial government to recognize the plight of northern and rural Ontario residents who are directly impacted by the hydro rate increases and economic ramifications on rural communities as residents are forced to leave their homes and close their businesses due to unsustainable hydro rate increases;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of West Nipissing.

Carried

8.2 Resolution for Support - Expansion of Natural Gas Services in Northern Ontario

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2016- 12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Municipality of West Nipissing's resolution urging the Minister of Energy to consider expanding the accessibility to natural gas services in Northern Ontario communities in order to provide a similar financial saving opportunity to all northern residents and businesses;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of West Nipissing.

Carried

8.3 Resolution for Support - Re-classification of Winter Highway Classes

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 13

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Municipality of West Nipissing's resolution urging the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure that each one receives the appropriate level of maintenance required during the winter months thus ensuring the safety and security of all northern travelers;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of West Nipissing.

Carried

9. Verbal Motion to return into the Regular Meeting

Moved by: Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2016- 14

THAT the Committee rise and report.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Claude Bouffard resumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

10. Resolution adopting proceedings from Council in Committee

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2016- 15

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

Carried

11. Consent Agenda

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

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 16

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Items of the Consent Agenda under Sections 11.1, 11.4 and receives the Items under Sections 11.2, 11.3.

Carried

11.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 17

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

Special Meeting of Council held December 9, 2015

Regular Council Meeting held December 9, 2015

Carried

11.2 Minutes Received

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 18

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

Sudbury East Planning Board held November 12, 2015

Sudbury & District Board of Health held November 19, 2015

Carried

11.3 Correspondence for Council's Information

11.4 By-laws

The following By-laws were read and adopted:

11.4.1 Borrowing By-law

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 19

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2016-01, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

11.4.2 Confirmation By-law

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 20

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2016-02, 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 January 13, 2016 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

12. Addendums (if required and by resolution)

13. Notices of Motion

14. Announcement and Inquiries

Frank Mueck of Noëlville suggested that the speaker system should be looked at and shared three “attaboys”; for pursuing the meeting processes, for requesting additional details of expenditures to further understand the budget and for providing the information requested at the last meeting.

Ron Robert of Alban, suggested that the work performed by the consultants for the connectivity project be researched for references, informed that there is a resident that could offer their expertise and knowledge of telecommunications/connectivity and recommended that the Letter to CRTC also be forwarded to the MP and MPP.

15. Closed Session

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into a closed meeting pursuant to section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for the purpose of personal matters that would identify municipal employees relating to budget deliberations and that the meeting is to be closed pursuant to the said subsection.

Carried

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 22

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the open session reconvenes at 9:14 p.m.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved By Dean Wenborne and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 23

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK