



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Council Chambers
Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6pm

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Councillor Ronald Garbutt

Officials Present:

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

Guests:

4 Members of public
Chris Carrier, Fire Marque Inc.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Adoption of Agenda (*and Additions if applicable*)

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following addition and amendments to the agenda be approved as presented:

Add Closed Session Item under section 239 (2) (d) "labour relations or employee negotiations" with respect to the ratification of the Collective Agreement

Move Items 6.4.3 and 6.4.6 following Item 9. as Resolutions emanating from Closed Session

Carried

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2018- 6

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

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Michel Bigras declared a pecuniary interest at Item 4.1 and 5.5.1; his son is the Interim Fire Chief.

4. Delegations

4.1 Fire Marque Inc.

Presentation of their company's cost recovery program for the Fire Department in response to property related incidents

Chris Carrier of Fire Marquee made a presentation on the Fire Department cost recovery program that they offer Municipalities.

The Fire Marquee's Indemnification Technology Program is not a typical fee, it is a cost recovery mechanism to comply with insurance policy language, it maximizes billing opportunities on behalf of fire departments by invoicing insurance companies for costs of fire department attendance with respect to insured perils.

To participate in the Program, a Municipality enters into an agreement with Fire Marquee to perform cost recovery from insurance companies and amends their Fees and Charges By-law to provide for the cost recovery for responding to property fires.

Insurance policies clearly state that the money must go to fire departments; for expenses such as Fire Prevention Education, Personnel Training and Capital Purchases.

The Program does not increase the amount of insurance of the policy, property owners are not required to pay a deductible or there is no increase in insurance rates.

Council generally agreed that the discussion to pursue the program be brought at the meeting scheduled February 7, 2018.

5. Reports and Items for Consideration

5.1 General Government

5.1.1 Clerk's 2017 Fourth Quarter Report

The Clerk presented the report included in the agenda package.

5.1.2 Funding application to Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Municipal Asset Management Program

Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2018- 7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes a funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Municipal Asset Management Program for 80% funding up to a maximum of \$50,000 to assist in areas of plans, policies, asset management assessments, data collection and reporting.

Carried

5.1.3 Resolution to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the year 2018

The Chair opened Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Denny Sharp was nominated by Mike Bigras and seconded by Dean Wenborne. The nomination was declined by Councillor Sharp.

Councillor Gisele Pageau was nominated by Dean Wenborne and seconded by Malcolm Lamothe. There were no other nominations.

Moved By Dean Wenborne and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2018- 8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints the following Member of Council as Deputy Mayor for the year 2018:

Gisele Pageau

Carried

5.1.4 Resolution to approve the attendees at 2018 Conferences

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 9

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the attendance of Council Members at the following 2018 Conferences:

OGRA Conference, February 25-28 in Toronto at an approximate cost of \$2,200 for each delegate

- Ron Garbutt

FONOM Conference, May 9-11 in Parry Sound Toronto at an approximate cost of \$1,300 for each delegate

- Denny Sharp, one day

- Michel Bigras

- Claude Bouffard

AMO Conference, August 19-22 in Ottawa Toronto at an approximate cost of \$2,100 for each delegate

- Gisele Pageau
- Michel Bigras
- Claude Bouffard
- Malcolm Lamothe

AFMO Conference, (date TBD) in Kirkland Lake at an approximate cost of \$1,500 for each delegate

- Claude Bouffard
- Gisele Pageau

Carried

5.2 Finance

5.2.1 Treasurer's 2017 Fourth Quarter Report

The Treasurer presented the report included in the agenda package.

5.2.2 2017 Statement of Council Remuneration

The Treasurer presented the report included in the agenda package as per the requirements of the Municipal Act, s.284(1)(2).

Council generally agreed that the report should include additional information from what is required by the Municipal Act; to include the conference and training costs incurred by Members of Council.

5.3 Public Works & Environment Services

5.3.1 Public Works & Environmental 2017 Fourth Quarter Report

The Acting Director presented the report included in the agenda package.

5.4 Community Services

5.4.1 French River Public Library Board Report

Councillor Pageau presented the report included in the agenda package.

5.4.2 Parks, Recreation & Facilities 2017 Fourth Quarter Report

The Manager presented the report included in the agenda package.

5.4.3 Resolution to award the Vertical Platform Lift Contract (Noëlville Community Centre)

The Manager presented the report included in the agenda package.

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council awards the Vertical Platform Lift Contract to Magnum Constructors Inc. for an amount of \$167,000 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

5.4.4 Request from the Sudbury East Community Health Centre to utilize the Alban Community Centre for indoor walking (community activity) at no charge

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2018- 11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the request from the Sudbury East Community Health Centre to utilize the Alban Community Centre for indoor walking (community activity) at no charge.

Carried

5.5 Emergency Services and Public Safety

5.5.1 Fire Department 2017 Fourth Quarter Report

The Fire Chief presented the report included in the agenda package.

5.5.2 Municipal Law Enforcement 2017 Fourth Quarter Report

The report was included in the agenda package.

5.6 Development & Planning

5.6.1 Building Controls 2017 Fourth Quarter Report

The report was included in the agenda package.

5.7 Correspondence

6. Consent Agenda

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

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 12

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 Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 13

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

Combined Council Meeting held December 6, 2017
Special Council Meeting held December 20, 2017

Carried

6.2 Receipt of Minutes

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 14

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

Sudbury East Planning Board held October 12, 2017

Carried

6.3 Items for Consideration or Information

6.3.1 Monthly Disbursements Report

The total disbursements reported for the month of November 2017 was in the amount of \$ \$1,250,527.22 and the month December 2017 was in the amount of \$1,390,706.58.

6.3.2 Ministry of Transportation, Letter dated December 20, 2017

The Ministry of Transportation responded to Council's Resolution requesting the inclusion of paved shoulders and centreline rumble strips along the Highway 64 Rehabilitation.

6.3.3 Resolution to declare a Community Event

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 15

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declares the Noëlville Family Hockey Tournament being held on February 9, 10, and 11, 2018 as a community event of municipal significance.

Carried

6.3.4 Resolution to appoint French River Library Board Member

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 16

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Alain Noël (Directeur à l'École Secondaire Rivière-des-Français) as the Member of Education to the French River Library Board.

Carried

6.3.5 Grants and Subsidy

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 17

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a Grants and Subsidy Application from Knights of Columbus #10585 (Alban) for a hall rental fee rebate for their Annual Ice Fishing Derby March 3, 2018.

Carried

6.4 By-laws

6.4.1 Borrowing By-law

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 18

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-01, 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

6.4.2 Interim Tax Levy By-law

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 19

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-02, being a by-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

6.4.3 Item moved following Item 9.

6.4.4 Zoning By-law Amendment (Benoit Pitre)

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 20

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-04, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2014-23, as amended (Benoit Pitre) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

6.4.5 By-law to authorize the use of French in notices, forms and other information for the 2018 Municipal Elections

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-05, being a by-law to authorize the use of French in notices, forms and other information provided under the Municipal Elections Act be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

6.4.6 Item moved following Item 9.

7. Notices of Motion

8. Announcement and Inquiries

9. Closed Session

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2018- 22

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be closed as authorized in the Municipal Act pursuant to Section 239 (2) (f) "advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose" with respect to the application of the Levy as a Fee for OPP Services and to Section 239 (2) (d) "labour relations or employee negotiations" with respect to the ratification of the Collective Agreement.

Carried

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Gisele Pageau

Resol. 2018- 24

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the open session reconvenes at 8:37 p.m.

Carried

9.1 Resolutions emanating from Closed Session

9.1.1 Collective Agreement with United Steelworkers Union Local 2020

Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2018- 25

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-03, being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Collective Agreement between the Municipality of French River and the United Steelworkers Union Local 2020 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

9.1.2 By-law to amend Employee Policy Manual - Bereavement Leave

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2018- 26

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-06, being a by-law to amend By-law 2016-19, the Employee Policy Manual, Bereavement Leave be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

10. Adjournment

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Gisele Pageau

Resol. 2018- 27

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-07, 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 17, 2018 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2018- 28

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK