



## Municipality of French River

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

held in the Council Chambers  
French River Municipal Complex  
Thursday, April 14, 2016 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:**

John Regan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk  
Robert Martin, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager

#### **Guests:**

9 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.

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Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 102

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

Closed Session under Section 239 (3.1) educational or training sessions

Carried

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#### **2. Moment of reflection**

Council paused for a moment of reflection.

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#### **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

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#### **4. Resolution to resolve into Committee**

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 103

**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.

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### **5. Delegations**

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### **6. Management, Committee and Board Reports**

#### **6.1 Mayor**

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##### **6.1.1 Appointment of a Council Member to the Water Management Committee of the French River Resorts Association**

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 104

**WHEREAS** the issue of flooding in the French River occurs every year and this re-occurrence should be dealt with on an annual basis by Council.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council appoints the following Member of Council to the Water Management Committee of the French River Resorts Association to be able to voice their concerns to a high body of government and report back to Council on resolved or re-occurring issues:

Councillor Dean Wenborne

Carried

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##### **6.1.2 Request for support from the Water Management Committee of the French River Resorts Association**

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2016- 105

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the Letter from the Water Management Committee of the French River Resorts Association to Marc Serré, MP Nickel Belt relating to the problems regarding the ongoing floods in the French River Corridor;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council agrees to arrange a meeting with Marc Serré, MP Nickel Belt and the Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Carried

### 6.1.3 Council Meeting Schedule

Moved By Claude Bouffard and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2016- 106

**WHEREAS** the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for May 11th, 2016 is during the FONOM Conference at which Members of Council are attending.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves that the Regular Council Meeting of May 11th be rescheduled to Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Carried

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### 6.1.4 Discussion - Email correspondence

Council considered the email correspondence between the public and Council Members and discussed potential options to improve communications. The CAO informed that the Communication Policy will be reviewed as well as the addition of a FAQ portion on the website.

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## 6.2 Chief Administrative Officer

### 6.2.1 2016 Budget

Moved By Claude Bouffard and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 107

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopts the 2016 Capital Budget as presented;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council authorizes operational spending to an upper limit of the 2015 Operational Budget value;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council considers the adoption of the 2016 Operational Budget by June 2016.

Carried

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## 6.3 Clerk

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## 6.4 Finance Department

## **6.5 Economic Development Committee**

### **6.5.1 Discussion - Status of Committee** (EDC Feb 9th meeting)

At their meeting held February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Committee was requesting confirmation of the status of the committee going forward.

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2016- 108

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council dissolves the Economic Development Committee.

Carried

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## **6.6 Public Works & Environmental Committee**

The last Public Works & Environmental Committee Meeting was held March 17<sup>th</sup>, and generated the following recommendations.

### **6.6.1 Reserves for Engineering Services**

Moved By Dean Wenborne and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2016- 109

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council establishes Reserves for Engineering Services for shovel ready infrastructure capital projects for an amount up to \$100,000.

Carried

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### **6.6.2 Request for Proposal for an Engineering Firm**

Moved By Claude Bouffard and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2016- 110

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs Staff to release a Request for Proposal for an Engineering Firm.

Carried

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### **6.6.3 Municipality to impose mandatory field bed inspections on sale of property, mandatory pump-outs at every 5 years and inspection of storm water connections to the sewage system**

The CAO stated that the Municipality does not have any jurisdiction on septic systems; options to market and educate residents will be pursued with the Sudbury & District Health Unit which is the agency who has authority.

## **6.7 French River Public Library Board**

Councillor Gisèle Pageau gave a verbal report.

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## **6.8 Ontario Provincial Police / Community Policing Advisory Committee**

### **6.8.1 Monthly Municipal Policing Report**

The Policing Report for the month of January 2016 was distributed and any questions are to be forwarded to the Mayor to bring forward at the Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting.

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## **7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration**

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### **8. Verbal Motion to return into the Regular Meeting**

Moved by: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 111

**THAT** the Committee rise and report.

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

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

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### **9. Resolution adopting proceedings from Council in Committee**

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Michel Bigras

Resol. 2016- 112

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

Carried

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### **10. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2016- 113

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the Items of the Consent Agenda under Sections 10.1, 10.4 and receives the Items under Sections 10.2, 10.3.

Carried

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## **10.1 Adoption of Minutes**

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2016- 114

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

Regular Council Meeting held March 23, 2016  
Special Meeting of Council held March 30, 2016

Carried

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## **10.2 Minutes Received**

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## **10.3 Correspondence for Council's Information**

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## **10.4 By-laws**

**The following By-laws were read and adopted:**

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### **10.4.1 Confirmation By-law**

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2016- 115

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2016-14, 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 14, 2016 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

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## **11. ADDENDUM** (if required and by resolution)

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## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

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## **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES**

Councillor Ron Garbutt summarized his report relating to his attendance to the ROMA/OGRA Conference (added to Agenda Package)

Councillor Denny Sharp announced that the group is coming along with their planning of a 5k and 10k run for raise funds for youth.

Councillor Malcolm Lamothe commented that the Baby SOS fundraising drive is underway by the Club Richelieu to collect financial donations or items that would be helpful to a new mother, the goods that are collected will be given through both community health centres.

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Councillor Michel Bigras announced that a group is hosting a Smelt Fry on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the high school to raise funds for Vale Hospice and that the Rod & Gun Club are holding their annual fish fry in May.

Mayor Claude Bouffard announced that the Caisse Populaire d'Alban are holding their AGM this Friday, and that Ecole Secondaire Rivière des Français hare holding a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Frank Mueck, Noëlville, questioned what is the short list of projected infrastructure projects and what is the priority of roads for 2016; staff have been requested to itemize road priority projects and shovel ready projects. Mr. Mueck commented on the proposed mandatory septic system inspections, through personal experience is aware that property owners can't be forced to inspect water or septic systems.

Ron Robert, Alban, questioned the status of the firm looking into connectivity in our area and commented that the CRTC are holding meetings in the coming weeks relating to connectivity in Canada and that they consider internet as a necessity for everyone; a meeting is scheduled to start the process and that there are numerous ongoing initiatives to address the lack of connectivity in Northern Ontario.

Bob Armstrong, Alban, commented on Item 6.2.1 relating to the 2016 Budget and how Council should assure the residents that budgets will no longer increase.

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#### **14. Closed Session**

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 116

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be closed as authorized in Section 239 of the *Municipal Act*, to discuss the following:

- (b) personal matters that would identify municipal employees
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- (3.1) educational or training sessions

Carried

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Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 119

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the open session reconvenes at 9:10 p.m.

Carried

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 120

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Carried

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**