



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL held in the Council Chambers French River Municipal Complex Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7pm

Members Present:

Mayor Claude Bouffard(Chair), Councillors Michel Bigras, Ronald Garbutt, Tammy Mitchell, Gisèle Pageau, Denny Sharp, Dean Wenborne

Members Excused:

Officials Present:

Mélanie Bouffard, Acting CAO/Clerk
Julie Bouthillette, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Brennan Kenny, Economic Development Manager
Robert Martin, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager

Guests:

8 Members of public
Jeff Graham, GSS Engineering Consultants Ltd.
Allan Donnan, TPA Sports
Aurel Malo, Dibrina Sure

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 61

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

1. To add a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Ron Garbutt that had been deferred at the December 17, 2014 Council Meeting regarding the Municipal Budget Process.
2. Closed Session pursuant to section 239 (2) (d) "labour relations or employee negotiations"

Carried

2. Prayer

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Closed Session

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2015- 62

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider directions that should be given to senior staff pursuant to section 239 (2) (d) "labour relations or employee negotiations" in respect to a potential union related matter.

Carried

Moved By: Dean Wenborne
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

Resol. 2015- 63

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the open session reconvenes at 7:40 p.m.

Carried

5. Resolution to resolve into Committee

Moved By: Tammy Mitchell
Seconded By: Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2015- 64

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

Carried

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

6. Delegations

6.1 Presentation of the Noëlville Sewage Lagoons Evaluation of Treatment Capacity and Performance, Prepared by GSS Engineering Consultants Ltd.

Jeff Graham from GSS Engineering presented the evaluation of the Noëlville Sewage Lagoons for the Municipality of French River. The three (3) main objectives of the study were:

1. What is the effective capacity of a lagoon system and are the lagoons at capacity?
2. Are lagoons causing eutrophication of Wolseley River and Wolseley Bay?
3. Can operations of the lagoons be improved?

The study involved the cooperation and the review of data from Ontario Clean Water Agency and French River Stewardship Council. The recommendations in the final report will be considered at the March 18th Public Works and Environment Committee meeting.

6.2 Junior A Hockey Team Proposal

Allan Donnan, President of Total Performance Athletics (TPA Sports) gave a presentation on establishing a Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League (NOJHL) team in French River. Mr. Robert Mazzuca (Commissioner of the NOJHL) and Hector Seguin (NOJHL Administration Officer) were also present to show their support in this venture.

Mr. Donnan presently owns 5 teams and is approved to have an expansion team which he is willing to locate in French River. He presently operates a NOJHL team in Mattawa which the economy spin off is \$250K annually. There were many factors that interested Mr. Donnan for locating a team in our municipality such as, our geographical location, our French language, our facilities and our great community support and willingness, especially with our minor hockey association.

To establish a team in French River, a five year contract with a \$50,000 loan from the Municipality would be required to help with start-up costs which would be payable at \$10,000 a year without interest. If the team wins the championships within those five years a \$10,000 of the loan would be waved from the municipality. The coach and team would reside in our municipality and local families would billet players 400\$/month. The arena facilities would need approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 of improvements to accommodate the NOJHL team.

Mr. Donnan expressed that this opportunity would greatly profit our community economically and contribute to our minor hockey league in many ways. A NOJHL hockey game has been scheduled for Saturday, February 28 Mattawa VS Blind River which will be a great occasion to see how the community responds. TPA Sports will draft a proposal and present it to Council at the Council Meeting being held March 11, 2015. If approved, the next steps would be to hire a coach, general manager and create a team for the 2015-2016 seasons.

6.3 DiBrina Sure – CAO Recruitment

Mr. Aurel Malo of DiBrina Sure was retained for human resources services and for the recruitment of a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). A tentative timeline, a sample job ad and list of publication methods was presented. The position will be posted external/internal and the advertisement will commence on March 7, 2015. The applications will be directly submitted to DiBrina Sure, the short list will be presented to Council for review along with all the applicants. Council offered a few comments relating to the ad, once updated, it will be recirculated for final review.

7. Management, Committee and Board Reports

7.1 Mayor

Mayor summarized the report found in the agenda package.

7.1.1 Approval of delegates at the AMO Conference, August 16-19, 2015 in Niagara Falls

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2015- 65

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following attendees at the AMO's Annual Conference August 16-19, 2015 held in Niagara Falls at an approximate cost of \$2,500 each:

- 1) Claude Bouffard
- 2) Michel Bigras
- 3) staff member to be determined

Carried

7.2 Ontario Provincial Police / Community Policing Advisory Committee

7.2.1 Municipal Policing Report

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

7.3 CAO/Clerk Department

7.4 Finance Department

7.4.1 Action Report - Dentist Lease Agreement at 37 St. Antoine

Treasurer summarized written report.

Moved By: Gisèle Pageau
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

Resol. 2015- 66

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to end the Lease Agreement at 37 St-Antoine Street with Doctor Couto Dental Office effective April 1, 2015.

Carried

Councillor Gisèle Pageau informed that there are opportunities being explored for a new dentist.

7.4.2 Information Report - Statement of Remuneration & Expenses 2014

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2015- 67

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts Council's Statement of Remuneration & Expenses for the year 2014.

Carried

7.4.3 Action Report - Operations Review and Long Term Financial Plan Terms of Reference

Moved By: Dean Wenborne
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

Resol. 2015- 68

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council awards the Operations Review and Long Term Financial Plan to KPMG for an amount of \$47,500 + applicable taxes.

Motion to withdraw by Mover Dean Wenborne

There were no objections.

A Request for Proposal will be presented at the March 11th Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

7.4.4 Council Remuneration for Elected Members of Council

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2015- 69

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts that one-third (1/3) of the remuneration paid to the elected members of Council and its local board shall continue to subsidize incidental expenses for the discharge of their duties.

Carried

7.5 Building Controls / Municipal Law Enforcement Department

7.6 Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department

7.7 Economic Development Department

7.7.1 Action Report - 2015 Celebrations commemorating the 400th anniversary of Champlain

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

Resol. 2015- 70

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Funding Application to Ontario 400th Celebrations Programs for the '400 Years of Travel' program to celebrate the anniversary of Champlain's passage through the area for an amount of \$38,960;

AND FURTHER that the sum of up to \$4,000 which represents 10.3% of the project cost be committed to this project by the Municipality.

Carried

7.8 Public Works & Environmental Department

7.8.1 Waterways Protection - Pursue authority to permit and inspect private sewage systems

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2015- 71

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council continues the efforts of pursuing the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to allow the Municipality to issue permits and inspection on private sewage systems.

Carried

7.8.2 Dokis Reserve Road - Seek solution for the deterioration of the condition of the road

Moved By: Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2015- 72

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor to approach the Municipality of West Nipissing, Dokis First Nation, Contractors and the Federal Government to seek a solution for the deterioration of the condition of Dokis Reserve Road.

Carried

7.8.3 Amend Terms of Reference to add one (1) Council Member, Appoint a Chair, Council Member and Alternate Member

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 73

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amends the Terms of Reference of the Public Works & Environmental Committee to add one (1) additional Council Member, appoints Councillor Ron Garbutt as Chair and Councillor Michel Bigras as Alternate Member. Denny Sharp was appointed as a 4th member.

Carried

7.9 Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board

7.10 French River Public Library Board

7.11 Fire Department

8. Correspondence for Council's Consideration

8.1 Grants and Subsidy Application from the St. Thomas' Anglican Church for a hall rental fee rebate for their a Church Fund Raising Event on April 11

Moved By: Dean Wenborne
Seconded By: Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2015- 74

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 St. Thomas' Anglican Church for their Church Fund Raising Event on April 11, 2015.

Carried

8.2 Request for annual contribution of \$200 towards the West Nipissing/ East Sudbury Vet Services Committee

Moved By: Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

Resol. 2015- 75

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the annual contribution of \$200 towards the West Nipissing/ East Sudbury Vet Services Committee.

Carried

8.3 Ministry of Transportation consultation on Ontario's Default Speed Limit

Moved By: Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 76

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to provide the following comments to the Ministry of Transportation relating to the consultation on Ontario's Default Speed Limit:

-through a legislative change, permit municipalities to set a different default speed limit inside municipal boundaries or neighbourhoods, and require the posting of a sign at each entry point of the municipality or neighbourhood.

Carried

9. Verbal Motion to return into the Regular Meeting

Moved by: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2015- 77

THAT the Committee rise and report.

REGULAR MEETING

10. Resolution adopting proceedings from Council in Committee

Moved By: Gisèle Pageau
Seconded By: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2015- 78

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: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 79

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

Item 11.1 was taken out of the Consent Agenda to allow debate.

11.1 Item was separated from the Consent Agenda to allow debate.

11.2 Minutes Received

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 80

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

Sudbury East Planning Board held January 8, 2015
French River Public Library Board held December 8, 2014

Carried

11.3 Correspondence for Council's Information

11.4 By-laws

The following By-laws were read and adopted:

11.4.1 New Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Services Amending Agreement with Stewardship Ontario

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 81

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2015-09, being a by-law to amend by-law 2011-38 a New Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Services Agreement with Stewardship Ontario be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

11.4.2 Confirmation By-law

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 82

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2015-10, 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 February 25, 2015 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

Item was separated from the Consent Agenda to allow debate.

11.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Dean Wenborne
Seconded By: Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2015- 83

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

Special Meeting of Council held February 4, 2015
Special Meeting of Council held February 5, 2015
Regular Council Meeting held February 11, 2015

Carried

12. ADDENDUM (if required and by resolution)

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 To Establish a Policy to Bring the Final Draft of the Municipal Budget to the Public each Year, Motion submitted by Councillor Ron Garbutt

The Motion was deferred at the December 17, 2014 Council Meeting to discuss the whole Communication Plan for the Budget 2015.

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 84

WHEREAS the municipal budget is the document that specifies the spending of the municipal taxpayer's dollars; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of council to over-see and set the budget, which staff must follow; and

WHEREAS it is also council's responsibility to be open and transparent to the tax payer with regards to the spending of their taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS the best way to achieve this transparency is to hold public meetings to explain to the public the draft budget for the upcoming year and receive the taxpayer's comments on the draft budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council set a policy to present the final draft budget each year to the taxpayers of this municipality in the form of special budget meetings located in the urban centers of our municipality being "French River Municipal Office in Noëlville", "Alban Community Center in Alban", and the "Monetville Public School in

Monetville” for the convenience of our taxpayers in those areas. The meetings should be scheduled for evenings or week-ends for the convenience of working taxpayers.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT members of council and staff be present to explain the budget and answer any questions that may arise from the public and to make note of any comments/suggestions from the public.

Recorded Vote

Councillor Garbutt requested a Recorded Vote.

	FOR	AGAINST
COUNCILLOR Michel Bigras		x
COUNCILLOR Gisèle Pageau	x	
COUNCILLOR Dean Wenborne	x	
COUNCILLOR Ron Garbutt	x	
COUNCILLOR Tammy Mitchell	x	
COUNCILLOR Denny Sharp	x	
MAYOR Claude Bouffard		x

Carried

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

Resol. 2015- 85

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK