



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE COMBINED COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Council Chambers
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 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:

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

Guests:

3 Members of public

1. Call to order and roll call

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resol. 2017- 248

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

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

Withdrawal of Item 6.5.1

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Delegations (NIL)

5. Resolution to resolve into Committee

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 249

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

Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councillor Gisèle Pageau chaired the Committee of the Whole meeting.

6. Reports and Items for Consideration

6.1 General Government

6.1.1 Report - Operational Review Opportunities Status Report

- **Opportunity # 2 - User Fees, Recommendation to adopt the proposed User Fees and Charges By-law**

The report included in the agenda package was presented. Following discussion, Council requested additional comparison of hall revenues and generally agreed that the cost recovery target of 20% would be reasonable for recreational user fees. A resolution will be presented at the October 18th Regular Council Meeting to adopt the fees and charges by-law to reflect the increases.

- **Opportunity # 12 - Business Process Mapping, software upgrade**

The update report included in the agenda package was presented.

6.1.2 DSSAB Governance and Accountability Review Consultation - Written Submission Form for Municipal Representatives

Following discussion, Council generally agreed that the two governance issues are apportionment based on assessment and that French River should have a permanent seat on the Board to reflect that we have the largest apportionment (financial, size).

Council agreed to submit their comments to the CAO, the council-endorsed written submission will be prepared and a resolution to approve it will be presented at the October 18th Regular Council Meeting.

6.1.3 Employee Policy Manual - Recommendation to adopt the Draft Travel Expenses Policy

Following discussion, Council generally agreed with the amendments as presented. A resolution will be presented at the October 18th Regular Council Meeting to adopt the amendment to the Travel Expenses Policy.

6.1.4 Council Remuneration and expenses - Recommendation to adopt the Draft By-law to establish rates of remuneration and expenses of Council

Following discussion, Council generally agreed with the amendments as presented and to the removal of the added statement in the Purpose and the removal of the per diem allowance. A resolution will be presented at the October 18th Regular Council Meeting to adopt the By-law to establish rates of remuneration and expenses of Council.

6.2 Finance (NIL)

6.3 Public Works & Environment Services

6.3.1 Resolution to adopt a By-law to assume Tower Road as a municipal highway

The report included in the agenda package was presented.

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Claude Bouffard

Resol. 2017- 250

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-48, being a by-law to provide for the establishment and assumption of Tower Road as a municipal highway be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

6.3.2 Resolution to award Contract for the Rehabilitation of Brousseau Road, Dokis Reserve Road, Ed Clare Road and Thackery Road

The report included in the agenda package was presented.

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2017- 251

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council awards Contract No. 2017-23 for the Rehabilitation of Brousseau Road, Dokis Reserve Road, Ed Clare Road and Thackery Road to B. Thomas Bulldozing Inc. for an amount of \$286,820.30 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

6.3.3 Speed in School Zones - Recommendation to pass a By-law to reduce the speed limit in school zones and to designate highways as community safety zones

Following discussion, Council generally agreed with the amendments as presented to the Traffic and Parking By-law and to reduce the speed to 40km/h. A resolution will be presented at the October 18th Regular Council Meeting to adopt the By-law to reduce the speed limit in school zones and to designate highways as community safety zones.

6.4 Community Services

6.4.1 Véloroute Voyageur Cycling Route - Recommendation to confirm the intention to participate in the signage program

Following discussion, Council generally agreed to participate in the signage program. A resolution will be presented at the October 18th Regular Council Meeting to confirm the intention to participate in the signage program and to suggest that the Jo Chartrand Park be considered as a location for a kiosk and bicycle fix station.

6.5 Emergency Services and Public Safety

6.5.1 Volunteer Firefighters - Recommendation to adopt the Draft Volunteer Firefighter Policy

Item Withdrawn.

6.6 Development & Planning (NIL)

6.7 Correspondence

6.7.1 French River Snowmobile Association, Request for financial assistance to cover costs associated with the snowmobile bridges (from Sept 13th meeting, see minutes)

Following discussion, Council generally agreed that the CAO organize a meeting with all parties involved with the bridges and to pursue additional information from the snowmobile club. Resulting from the finding, a resolution will be presented at the October 18th Regular Council Meeting.

6.7.2 Response Letter from Ministry of Education relating to the Rural Education Strategy - Copy of letter to the Ministry of Education dated June 15, 2017

Following discussion, Council generally agreed that the Ministry did not address the issues raised in the letter sent by Council and that the CAO follow-up with the Rainbow District School Board to obtain additional information, and to contact other agencies involved with the issue and to seek a delegation with the Ministry if deemed necessary. An update will be shared at the October 18th Regular Council Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

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

7. Verbal Motion to return into the Regular Meeting

Moved by: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2017- 252

THAT the Committee rise and report.

8. Consideration of the adoption of recommendations from Committee of the Whole

Resol. 2017- 253

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

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

Carried

9. Consent Agenda

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

Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2017- 254

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Items of the Consent Agenda under Sections 9.1, 9.3, 9.4 and receives the Items under Sections 9.2.

Carried

9.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2017- 255

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

Regular Council Meeting held September 13, 2017

Carried

9.2 Minutes Received (NIL)

9.3 Items for Consideration or Information

9.3.1 Monthly Disbursements Report

The total disbursements reported for the months of July 2017 was in the amount of \$679,968.90.

9.4 By-laws

9.4.1 Zoning By-law Amendment (Luc & Jo-Anne Lalonde)

Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2017- 256

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-49, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2014-23, as amended (Luc & Jo-Anne Lalonde) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

10. Notices of Motion (NIL)

11. Announcement and Inquiries

12. Closed Session (NIL)

13. Adjournment

Moved By Gisele Pageau n and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2017- 257

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-50, 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 October 4, 2017 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2017- 258

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK