



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

held in the Council Chambers
French River Municipal Complex
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 6pm

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
Michael Campbell, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

Guests:

20 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: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 86

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

1. Item 7.2 Approval of Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC)
Logo

2. Item 7.8.2 By-law to enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement with Northec Construction for an exemption to the half load posting on Dokis Reserve Rd

Carried

2. Prayer

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Closed Session

5. Resolution to resolve into Committee

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2015- 87

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 Presentation of the Accessibility Plan

Brennan Kenny, the Economic Development Manager presented the plan.

6.1.1 Approval of 2015 Municipal Accessibility Plan

Moved By: Tammy Mitchell
Seconded By: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2015- 88

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the 2015 Municipal Accessibility Plan dated March 11, 2015.

Carried

6.2 Municipal Budget Input Session (presentations limited to five (5) minutes each)

6.2.1 Public Delegations to Council

There were three Delegation Requests received from the Public:

1. Mr. Bill Bacon made a presentation on behalf of the French River Citizens Association. The following items were brought up:

- concerns with the current financial situation of the municipality and the preliminary numbers for the 2015 budget
- reminded Council that they should not increase the tax rate over the rate of inflation
- consideration of the tax burden on fixed incomes and waterfront property owners
- the issue of higher assessments of waterfront properties should be addressed
- agree and support the initiative of the independent operational review

process and the Request for Proposal, should not look into the least expensive, hire the firm that can deliver a complete and thorough analysis, a rigorous review is warranted and necessary considering the financial situation of the municipality, careful considerations before making a final decision

- importance of replenishing reserves and developing a clear plan and objectives

2. Frank Mueck, taxpayer

The following items were brought up:

- asked Staff to investigate the creation of a local police force for the possibility of long term savings (cost sharing with other municipalities)
- other firms than KPMG should be investigate for the operational review, there are other firms that could possibly be lower in cost
- requested the current legal fees of the municipality, should go out to tender for possible cost savings

3. Marianne Schwendener, taxpayer

The Delegation Form was submitted to Council but was not presented at the meeting. The following items were listed:

- questions relating to borrowing
- suggestion to look into market resale value of bins/equipment if the municipality chooses to go to curbside service
- questioned if there would be user fees/levy system relating to the film industry proposal
- suggestion of selling of unused assets for revenue and reduced reserve fund requirements
- hopes that Council continues to support the Economic Development Department as they are the driving force of long-term economic strength and growth in terms of industry attraction and family attraction and retention

6.2.2 Feedback from Communication Efforts (Public booths & Council Presentations)

The Treasurer informed that over 200 budget timetable sheets were handed out at the public booths at the foodland in Noelville and the Caisse Populaire in Alban. The Council Presentation sessions were very well attended in Alban, Noëlville and in Monetville. The sessions proved to be very good education exercises for the ratepayers.

6.2.3 Input from Council Members

Councillor Ron Garbutt

The Mayor informed that a Special Council Meeting will be scheduled for March 26th at 6pm for the Budget Deliberations to discuss the inclusions of operating and capital items and to propose changes and efficiencies.

7. Management, Committee and Board Reports

7.1 Mayor

7.1.1 Sudbury East Municipal Association (SEMA) ad hoc committee to explore shared services opportunities

Moved By: Claude Bouffard
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

Resol. 2015- 89

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Julie Bouthillette, Treasurer or the CAO and Mayor Claude Bouffard to a subcommittee of Sudbury East Municipal Association to study the concept of shared services for potential cost sharing.

Carried

7.2 Ontario Provincial Police / Community Policing Advisory Committee

7.2.1 Approval of Community Policing Advisory Committee Logo

Moved By: Claude Bouffard
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 90

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Option No. 3 of the Logo Design for the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) as per the attached design.

Carried

7.3 CAO/Clerk Department

7.3.1 Acting CAO/Clerk Report

CAO/Clerk summarized the written report found in the agenda package and further reported that an Insurance Claim was received for a slip and fall accident at the arena.

It was also reported that the municipality is dealing with a crossing matter with Canadian Pacific (CP Rail). The ownership of the subject road and crossing has been under debate going back to the Dry Pine Local Roads Board. Transport Canada has inspected the crossing and they require the installation of signals at a very high cost. A meeting will be scheduled with representatives of CP, the Mayor and Councillor Dean Wenborne since he was the Chair of the Local Roads board for many years. A full report will be presented to Council once available.

The revision period for the temporary meeting structure was scheduled for March 31st; Council will consider extending the review period to June 30th at the Regular Meeting of March 25st. There have been too many ongoing matters that would not allow Council to accurately reflect on the experience or to consider other methods. The public will also be consulted on their opinions.

7.4 Finance Department

Mayor Claude Bouffard Chaired this portion of the Council in Committee meeting.

7.4.1 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer summarized the report and reported that the total disbursements for the months of January 2015 were in the amount of \$583,084.68.

It was determined that the Cheque Disbursement Reports will still be placed in the Info Binder in the Mayor's office but will also be distributed at the meeting to be returned to the Treasurer after the meeting.

7.4.2 Information Report - Procurement Policy

The Procurement Policy was presented in draft form; the adoption date was postponed until a CAO is hired.

7.4.3 Request for Proposal for Operational Review and Long Term

The Treasurer presented the report and explained that the document was in draft form and that Council still had the chance to make any amendments. The document was reviewed and the following items were removed:

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- 7. To demonstrate strong leadership
- 9. To minimise pressure on taxes

-Page 11

replace 2015 budget by 2016 budget

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 91

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Request for Proposal for an Operational Review and Long Term Financial Plan dated March 11, 2015 with a closing date of April 2, 2015.

Carried

Councillor Michel Bigras resumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the Council in Committee meeting.

7.5 Building Controls / Municipal Law Enforcement Department

7.5.1 Chief Building Officer's Report

7.5.2 Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Report

The Municipal Law Enforcement Officer presented the report found in the agenda package.

7.6 Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department

7.6.1 Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager's Report

The Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager presented the report found in the agenda package.

7.6.2 Economic Expansion, Junior A Hockey Team Proposal

The Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager and the Treasurer presented the report found in the agenda package and answered questions from Council. Allan Donnan from TPA Sports was also available to answer questions from Council.

Moved By: Tammy Mitchell

Seconded By: Claude Bouffard

Resol. 2015- 92

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to move forward with bringing a Junior A Hockey program in French River by partnering with TPA Sports;

AND THAT COUNCIL agrees to:

- approve capital expenditures of up to \$185,000
- support the team in the form of a refundable grant of \$50,000
- allow for use of reserves of up to \$101,000
- agree to use existing healthy community's grant for \$5,000
- agree to a long term debenture in the amount of up to \$129,000 repayable over 5 years
- have an annual impact on the budget of up to \$6,800 per year.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to proceed with negotiations with TPA Sports by:

- drafting a contract between the Not for Profit Junior A team and the Municipality of French River (as attached in draft form)
- drafting a second agreement for the Refundable Grant (as attached in draft form)
- having the agreements reviewed by the Municipality's legal counsel to bring for Council's consideration

AND FURTHER THAT Council commits to providing the team use and unrestricted access to the arena addition previously known as the youth centre.

Carried

7.7 Economic Development Department

7.7.1 Economic Development Manager's Report

The Economic Development Manager presented the report found in the agenda package and announced the March Madness program that is being advertised on social media.

7.7.2 Community Improvement Planning and suspension of the Commercial and Industrial Business Incentives Policy

The Economic Development Manager presented the report found in the agenda package.

Moved By: Claude Bouffard
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 93

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council temporarily suspends the Commercial and Industrial Tax Incentives Policy in order to engage in Community Improvement Planning (CIP) initiatives, and that this policy be re-introduced once the CIP exercise is complete.

Carried

7.8 Public Works & Environmental Department

7.8.1 Report from the Waste Management Collection and Disposal Services ad hoc committee

Moved By: Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2015- 94

WHEREAS an Ad hoc Committee was created to evaluate the Proposals for Waste Management Collection and Disposal Services;

AND WHEREAS a report was presented to Council at the March 11, 2015 Regular Council Meeting identifying an analysis of alternatives to collection services;

AND WHEREAS the Ad hoc Committee agrees that Curbside Collection is the proper course of action based on the review and considerations of the proposals and other factors such as the financial information and the waste diversion requirements and recommendations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees with the following public consultation initiatives and the communication plan as part of the Waste Management Collection and Disposal Services study to gather concerns, develop solutions, and educate the community on

proposed alternatives:

1. schedule a Town hall session on: Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Alban Community Centre
2. prepare a public survey for the community's input: May 16-June 1, 2015
3. presentation to Council on public consultation results on: June 10, 2015
4. Tentative Council Decision on: June 24, 2015

Carried

Moved By: Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Claude Bouffard

Resol. 2015- 95

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2015-12, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Northeac Construction Inc. for a Road Maintenance Agreement for an exemption to the half load posting on Dokis Reserve Rd be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

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 Sudbury East Municipal Association (SEMA), Request for support

Moved By: Claude Bouffard
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

Resol. 2015- 96

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Sudbury East Municipal Association (SEMA)'s resolution requesting the Manitoulin-Sudbury Services Board (MSDSB) and the Sudbury District Health Unit (SDHU) budgets increases be limited to cost of living;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care (MOHLTC), Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS), MSDSB, SDHU, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH).

Carried

8.2 Bell Canada Public Access

Moved By: Gisèle Pageau
Seconded By: Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2015- 97

WHEREAS Bell Canada Public Access gave notice that the payphone located at the Noëlville Community Centre may be removal within the next 90 days based on its declining use and increased operating costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has no objections with the removal of the Bell Canada payphone located at the Noëlville Community Centre.

Carried

8.3 Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Request for support

Moved By: Gisèle Pageau
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

Resol. 2015- 98

WHEREAS Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to long-treasured postal services -killing good jobs, eliminating door-to-door delivery, drastically increasing postage rates and closing, downsizing and reducing hours at post offices; and

WHEREAS Canada Post did not properly consult on these changes, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected; and

WHEREAS closing and downsizing post offices, reducing post office hours, and eliminating door-to-door delivery will reduce service and eliminate thousands of jobs in communities throughout our country; and

WHEREAS Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of French River writes a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of French River asks the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government consult with the public about what kind of postal service they need before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes to public postal service.

Carried

9. Verbal Motion to return into the Regular Meeting

Moved by: Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2015- 99

THAT the Committee rise and report.

REGULAR MEETING

10. Resolution adopting proceedings from Council in Committee

Moved By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2015- 100

Seconded By: Ron Garbutt

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

Resol. 2015- 101

Seconded By: Denny Sharp

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: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2015- 102

Seconded By: Denny Sharp

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

Special Meeting of Council held February 18, 2015

Regular Council Meeting held February 25, 2015

Carried

11.2 Minutes Received

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2015- 103

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

Public Works & Environmental Committee held February 18, 2015
Sudbury & District Board of Health held February 19, 2015

Carried

11.3 Correspondence for Council's Information

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2015- 104

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the following correspondence:

1. Newsletter from the French River Métis Tribe
2. Notice of Completion and Review Period: Design and Construction Report, Hwy 69 Four-Laning from 2.9 km North of Hwy 522 to 4.6 km North of Hwy 607
3. Notice of Review Period: DRAFT Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas

Carried

11.4 By-laws

The following By-laws were read and adopted:

11.4.1 Confirmation By-law

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2015- 105

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2015-11, 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, 2015 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

12. ADDENDUM (if required and by resolution)

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Frank Mueck reported a safety concern that the Noëlville Post Office's driveway is full of potholes which makes it difficult for the disabled. The Municipality will report the concern on the behalf of our community.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2015- 106

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK