

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF FRENCH RIVER

Meeting held in the Council Chambers French River Municipal Complex February 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Claude Bouffard(Chair), Councillors Michel Bigras, Larry Bouffard, Ronald Garbutt, Shawnda Martin-Cross, Denny Sharp

Members Excused:

Councillor Monique Hébert

Officials Present:

Brigitte Carrière, Deputy Clerk, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Mélanie Bouffard, Deputy Clerk, Recording Secretary

Guests:

Constable Daniel Tremblay, Ontario Provincial Police
5 guests

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moved By Larry Bouffard
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2012- 39

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as distributed.

Carried

2.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Bouffard declared a Pecuniary Interest at 5.1.1; for the approval of his expense report and at 5.3.1; he is the owner of Jeans Home Hardware Inc.

3.0 Ontario Provincial Police

Constable Daniel Tremblay gave the OPP report for the month of January 2012.

4.0 Minutes

Moved By Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2012- 40

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Regular Council Meeting held January 18, 2012
Committee of the whole meeting held February 1, 2012

Carried

5.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor gave a verbal report.

Moved By Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Larry Bouffard

Resol. 2012- 41

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves the Mayor's Expense Report as submitted January 13, 2012.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Name: Mayor Claude Bouffard

Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not participate on this Item.

Moved By Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Ronald Garbutt

Resol. 2012- 42

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves that the following members of Council attend the Northeastern Fire Education Conference March 29 to April 1, 2012 held at the Clarion Pinewood Park Resort in North Bay.

- 1) Claude Bouffard, one day
- 2) Larry Bouffard

Carried

Moved By Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2012- 43

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves that the following members of Council and staff attend the FONOM/MMAH Northeastern Municipal Conference May 9-11, 2012 held at the Clarion Pinewood Park Resort in North Bay.

- 1) Shawnda Martin-Cross
- 2) Michel Bigras
- 3) Ronald Garbutt
- 4) Claude Bouffard, as alternate

Carried

Moved By Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Ronald Garbutt

Resol. 2012- 44

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves that the following members of Council and staff attend the AFMO Annual Conference September 5-7, 2012 held in New Liskeard.

- 1) Claude Bouffard
- 2) Shawnda Martin-Cross

Carried

Moved By Larry Bouffard
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2012- 45

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby appoints the following member of Council to the Finance Committee:

1. Larry Bouffard

Carried

Moved By Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2012- 46

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby appoints the following member of Council to the Communications Committee:

- 1)

Defeated

Moved By Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Denny Sharp

Resol. 2012- 47

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby appoints the following member of Council to the Sudbury East Board of Trade:

1) Ronald Garbutt

Carried

Moved By: Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2012- 48

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves that the following member of Council attend the ROMA/OGRA Combined Conference February 26-29, 2012 held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto:

1) Councillor Shawnda Martin-Cross

Carried

5.2 CAO/Clerk's Report

5.3 Treasurer's Report

Moved By: Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Larry Bouffard

Resol. 2012- 49

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby ratifies the total disbursement for the month of January 2012 in the amount of \$ 420,492.86.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Name: Mayor Claude Bouffard

Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not participate on this Item.

Moved By Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2012- 50

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby authorizes staff to apply for the Healthy Communities Fund Grant Program on behalf of the Sudbury East Partnership Advisory Committee for the purpose of promoting and facilitating healthy life styles in the community.

Carried

5.4 Economic Development Officer's Report

Moved By Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Ronald Garbutt

Resol. 2012- 51

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of French River had previously passed resolution 2011-603 in October 2011 which stated that the Municipality would aid the Alliance Culturelle de l'Ontario (ACO) by funding the costs of transporting students to the Cultural Day; and

WHEREAS the need for funding the cost of transportation no longer exists due to the event being held at the Noëlville Arena; and

WHEREAS a need for financial support still exists from the ACO to develop this cultural day for the youth of French River;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby agrees to fund the cost of the Noëlville Arena for the day at a cost of \$300.00.

Carried

6.0 Correspondence/Action

6.1 Town of Gravenhurst, Private Members Bill to pave highway shoulders

Moved By Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2012- 52

WHEREAS MPP Norm Miller has re-introduced his private member's bill which would require a minimum one metre paved shoulder on certain provincially owned highways to improve public safety for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists alike and promote active transportation in Ontario by; and

WHEREAS studies in other jurisdictions confirm that accidents are drastically reduced where paved shoulders exist;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby supports MPP Norm Miller's Private Members Bill to pave highway shoulders;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to MPP Norm Miller.

Carried

6.2 French River Quilters, Request for renovations in their studio (Noëlville Arena Addition)

Moved By Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2012- 53

WHEREAS the French River Quilters have requested that improvements be made in their studio located in the Arena Addition such as more lighting and changes to the office to convert it into a kitchen space;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves the requested improvements in the Arena Addition as long as there are no costs to the municipality, that the proper permits are obtained and that the work is done by qualified professionals.

AND THAT Council authorizes the Chief Building Official to waive the fee for the building permit since the proposed work is being done in a municipal building.

Carried

6.3 Sudbury East Planning Board, 2012 Municipal Apportionment

Moved By Larry Bouffard
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2012- 54

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby agrees to pay the 2012 Sudbury East Planning Board Municipal Apportionment in the amount of \$46,712.50.

Carried

7.0 Committee Recommendations

7.1 Economic Development Committee Report

Moved By Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2012- 55

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby agrees to direct the Economic Development Officer to release a request for quotes for a new Municipal website design.

Carried

7.2 Environmental Advisory Committee Report

7.3 Roads Committee Report

Moved By Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2012- 56

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves the purchase of a Sander Attachment from Tracks & Wheels for the application of winter sand on sidewalks for an amount of \$3,112.00 + applicable taxes and freight.

Carried

7.4 Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Meeting Report

8.0 By-laws

Moved By Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2012- 57

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2012-07, 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 February 15, 2012 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

9.0 Addendum (if required and by resolution)

10.0 Notice of Motion

11.0 Announcements and Inquiries

12.0 Closed Session

Moved By Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2012- 58

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) (b) "personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees" with respect to the deliberation on the recommendations relative to an Independent Investigation into a Workplace Harassment Complaint.

Carried

Moved By Larry Bouffard
Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2012- 60

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the open session reconvenes at 8:21 p.m.

Carried

12.1 Resolutions emanating from Closed Session

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Larry Bouffard

Resol. 2012- 61

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby accepts the recommendation relative to the Independent Investigation into a Workplace Harassment Complaint against Mayor and Council members prepared by Mason Poratto-Mason LLP which was determined to be unfounded.

Carried

13.0 Adjournment

Moved By Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Larry Bouffard

Resol. 2012- 62

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK