



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE COMBINED COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Council Chambers
Wednesday, December 6, 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
Tom Ng, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Robert Martin, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager
Carlie Zwiers, Executive Assistant

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- 315

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Mike Bigras

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

Add Item 9.3.1 Appointment of Library Board Member

Motion to Amend

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

To add an additional amendment:

6.7.2 Discussion for new provision to allow electronic participation at meetings

Councillor Mike Bigras requested a Recorded Vote for the second amendment.

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

Amendment Defeated

Main Amendment Defeated

Main Motion Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Mike Bigras declared a pecuniary interest at Item 6.5.1; his son is the Interim Fire Chief.

4. Delegations (NIL)

5. Resolution to resolve into Committee

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2017- 316

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 Chief Administrative Officer's Verbal Report

The CAO provided a brief update in relation to the following items:

- Christmas hours at the municipal office and the upcoming events
- reminder of the upcoming budget meetings
- Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocation

6.1.2 Report - Asset Management Planning

The CAO presented the report included in the agenda package.

6.1.3 Resolution to authorize the Engineer to proceed with a new Assessment Schedule Report under Section 76 of the Drainage Act for Timony Drain

The Clerk presented the report included in the agenda package.

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 317

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Engineer to proceed with a new Assessment Schedule Report under Section 76 of the Drainage Act for Timony Drain.

Carried

6.1.4 Resolution to authorize the execution of an agreement with MTO for the right to use land relating to the reconstructing of the Wolf River culvert on Hwy 64 in the Town of Noëlville

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2017- 318

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation is reconstructing the Wolf River culvert on Hwy 64 in the Town of Noëlville, also known as St. David Street North;

AND WHEREAS temporary limited access is needed on municipal land described as being in the Township of Martland, Lot 12, concession 2, shown as Parts 4 & 5 on Ministry Plan P-2370-54 deposited in the Land Registry Office as 53R-18718.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the agreement dated December 6, 2017 with the Ministry of Transportation for the right to use the subject land from February 1, 2018 until December 31, 2022 for or in connection with the removal and new construction of the Wolf River culvert and all works related thereto.

Carried

6.2 Finance

6.2.1 Resolution to appoint Collins Barrow as the Auditors

Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Claude Bouffard

Resol. 2017- 319

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Collins Barrow as the Auditors for an additional two years (audit of years 2017 and 2018) as per the extension options of the original Audit Services Agreement.

Carried

6.3 Public Works & Environment Services

6.3.1 Resolution to adopt a By-law to authorize a Winter Road Maintenance Service Agreement with Amateewakea River Road Association for Amateewakea River Road (private road)

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Claude Bouffard

Resol. 2017- 320

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-62, being a by-law to authorize a Winter Road Maintenance Service Agreement with Amateewakea River Road Association for Amateewakea River Road (private road) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

Council generally agreed that the development of a policy to deal with winter maintenance of private and seasonal roads would be a priority.

6.3.2 Report - Current status of backhoe and options for consideration

The Public Works Manager presented the report provided under separate cover.

6.4 Community Services

6.4.1 Report - Results of Quotes for a Columbarium at the St. David Cemetery (Noëlville)

The Clerk presented the report included in the agenda package.

Following discussion, Council generally agreed that the pricing for the project of the purchase of a 48 niche wall unit (prepare foundation for an additional unit) be brought forward for consideration during the 2018 Budget Deliberation.

6.5 Emergency Services and Public Safety

6.5.1 Report - Update on Shared Services, Fire Department & Emergency Management Services

The CAO presented the report included in the agenda package.

Councillor Mike Bigras had declared a pecuniary interest and he did not participate in the discussion.

6.5.2 Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Report

Councillor Wenborne presented the report included in the agenda package.

6.6 Development & Planning (NIL)

6.7 Correspondence

6.7.1 Request for year round maintenance of Monette Road that is currently designated as a seasonal road

The letter dated October 27, 2017 from the residents of Monette Road was included in the agenda package.

Following discussion, Council generally agreed that staff provide the residents with the options outlined in the Municipal Policies relating to the upgrade of a seasonal road in order to have it recognized as a year round maintained road and an estimated cost of upgrading the road and that if the residents be open to the winter maintenance agreement (at their cost) that it be brought forward to Council for consideration.

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- 321

THAT the Committee rise and report.

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

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2017- 322

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

A Point of Order was raised by Councillor Lamothe that Council was not following procedure; stated that the resolutions being considered in the committee of the whole section of the agenda were not identified as being urgent.

The Chair did not accept the point of order and ruled that procedure was being followed and further explained that the practice being taken to reflect the procedure outlined in the Procedure By-law has been that when an item is recommended by staff as being urgent it is placed in the committee of the whole section of the agenda and identified as 'Resolution' to be considered by Council, Council further deems it urgent as adopting it by 2/3 vote, which is then ratified once Council reconvenes in Regular Meeting.

The Chair's ruling was appealed by Councillor Lamothe.

The Chair put the question to the Members to vote on the Appeal, the Members rejected the Appeal. (by Recorded Vote as identified below) and the Chair's Ruling was sustained.

Councillor Mike Bigras requested a Recorded Vote.

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

Appeal Defeated

Main Motion Carried

9. Consent Agenda

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

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisele Pageau

Resol. 2017- 323

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 Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisele Pageau

Resol. 2017- 324

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

Regular Council Meeting held November 15, 2017
Special Council Meeting of held November 16, 2017

Carried

9.2 Minutes Received (NIL)

9.3 Items for Consideration or Information (NIL)

9.4 By-laws (NIL)

10. Notices of Motion (NIL)

11. Announcement and Inquiries

12. Closed Session (NIL)

13. Adjournment

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2017- 325

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-63, 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 December 6, 2017 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2017- 326

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK