



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE COMBINED COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Council Chambers
Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 6pm

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Councillors Ronald Garbutt, Malcolm Lamothe

Officials Present:

Marc Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer
Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk
Tom Ng, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Roch Bigras, Interim Fire Chief
Robert Martin, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager
Carlie Zwiers, Executive Assistant

Guests:

25 Members of public (approximately)

1. Call to order and roll call

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

2. Adoption of Agenda (*and Additions if applicable*)

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Gisele Pageau

Resol. 2018- 33

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Michel Bigras declared a pecuniary interest at Item 6.1.2 (portions relating to Fire Department) and 6.5.1; his son is the Interim Fire Chief.

4. Delegations

The delegation was delayed to later during the meeting.

5. Resolution to resolve into Committee

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 34

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 Bill 68: Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Workshop

Report by Councillor Bigras

Councillor Bigras presented a verbal report of the Bill 68: Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Workshop attended at the ROMA Conference.

4. Delegations

4.1 Jill Pessot, Pet Save

Information session for responsible pet ownership

Pet Save's mission is to rescue abandoned, abused and neglected dogs and cats throughout Northern Ontario and ensure that every pet receives "A New Leash on Life". The association is committed to helping the homeless animals and educating people on proper animal care so they may reshape the next generation of pet owners.

Jill Pessot presented the association and informed Council that our area currently has a problem with stray and an overpopulation of cats as they have been called in for a large number of rescues.

Pet Save is ready to work with the Municipality to identify the need and discussing potential initiatives/program for a humane animal control of cats in our area. Such a program could take 6 months to a year to establish and would entail bringing cats into the Municipal Animal Control By-law, a mandatory spray/neuter, licencing and education about animal care and how funds would be used to be sustainable.

The Municipality will be in contact with Pet Save for further information; any development will be brought to Council for consideration.

6.1.2 Update - 2018 Draft Budget

* Councillor Michel Bigras declared a pecuniary interest and refrained from discussion and debate relating to the Fire Department Budget.

The CAO provided an update of the 2018 Draft Budget documents.

The amount of the OPP Levy will be determined once the Final Tax Levy is considered by Council.

The Public Meeting to present the 2018 Draft Budget was scheduled for February 22 at 6:30pm at the Alban Community Centre.

6.2 Finance

6.2.1 Report - Operational Review Opportunities Status - Business Process Mapping (Accounting Software Upgrades)

The Treasurer presented the report included in the agenda package.

6.3 Public Works & Environment Services (NIL)

6.4 Community Services (NIL)

6.5 Emergency Services and Public Safety

6.5.1 Discussion - Fire Marquee's Indemnification Technology Program

* Councillor Michel Bigras declared a pecuniary interest and refrained from discussion and debate relating to the Fire Department Budget.

Following discussion, Council generally agreed to direct Staff to proceed with the Fire Marquee's Indemnification Technology Program. The required actions will be considered at the February 21st Regular Council Meeting.

6.6 Development & Planning (NIL)

6.7 Correspondence

6.7.1 French River Nurse Practitioner-Led Request for a letter or support relating to an Application to Ontario Community Transportation Grant Program

A letter will be prepared to support the Sudbury East Community and Health Services Transportation Initiative - Application to Ontario Community Transportation Grant Program.

Council questioned if the service would only benefit their patients or all the residents of the Municipality.

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. 2018- 35

THAT the Committee rise and report.

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

Resol. 2018- 36

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Mike Bigras

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 Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2018- 37

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 Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2018- 38

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

Special Council Meeting of held January 13, 2018
Special Council Meeting of held January 17, 2018
Regular Council Meeting held January 17, 2018

Carried

9.2 Minutes Received (NIL)

9.3 Items for Consideration or Information

9.3.1 Resolution to authorize the Canteen Lease Agreement Renewal for a period of one year

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne Resol. 2018- 39

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Canteen Lease Extension Agreement commencing March 1, 2018 for an additional year.

Carried

9.4 By-laws (NIL)

10. Notices of Motion (NIL)

11. Announcement and Inquiries

12. Closed Session

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Gisele Pageau Resol. 2018- 40

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be closed as authorized in the Municipal Act pursuant to Section 239 (b) "personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees" and (d) "labour relations or employee negotiations" with respect to the CAO's employment contract.

Carried

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras Resol. 2018- 42

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the open session reconvenes at 7:45 p.m.

Carried

13. Adjournment

Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Dean Wenborne Resol. 2018- 43

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-09, 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 7, 2018 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 44

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK