



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE COMBINED MEETING OF COUNCIL

held in the Council Chambers
French River Municipal Complex
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6pm

Members Present:

Mayor Claude Bouffard(Chair), Councillors Michel Bigras, Ronald Garbutt, Malcolm Lamothe, Gisèle Pageau, Dean Wenborne

Members Excused:

Councillor Denny Sharp

Officials Present:

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

Guests:

22 Members of public
Chas Anselmo MPA, Senior Manager, Advisory, KPMG LLP
Sharron Allen, CPA, CA, Senior Accountant, KPMG LLP

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 Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2016- 271

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

Carried

2. Moment of reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Resolution to resolve into Committee

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 272

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.

5. Delegations

5.1 Arthur Adams, Presentation of Petition

Arthur Adams presented the following Petition:

‘We the undersigned ELECTORS of the Municipality of FRENCH RIVER petition council to take the necessary and appropriate steps to make the changes required to reduce the council from its current Mayor and six (6) Councillors to a Mayor and four (4) Councillors, and further that the attached options be presented to the electorate by referendum mailed to each elector as per the most current electors list.’

**(petition was presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting)*

The petition contained 609 signatures of residents (businesses and residents) from throughout the French River from every sector, ward and demographic. Along with the petition, a list of comparable municipalities was presented to demonstrate composition of Councils in other municipalities. The sample referendum submitted was viewed as being an opportunity for the electors to choose how they wish to elect their representatives.

Mr. Adams respectfully requested that Council consider the petition and acknowledged that Council was not considering a decision that evening and further requested that he be notified of when Council will consider the matter to allow him to attend as a Delegate.

In response from questions from Council, the following information was added:

- the referendum is expected prior to the election to allow the electorate to vote for candidates in the new council composition in the regular election of 2018
- the options in the petition were the only choices presented to the petitioners
- the population data from Statistics Canada only contain residents and not seasonal residents

The Clerk will certify the petition for validity and a report to Council will be prepared to address the petition and for consideration.

5.2 KPMG

Chas Anselmo and Sharron Allen from KPMG made an Interim Presentation to Council of the Operations Review. The presentation included an outline of the review process, their perspective on the Municipality, key themes, an overview of opportunities and the next steps were highlighted.

The presentation was available in hard copy and on the website following the meeting.

Council took a break from 7:20pm till 7:25pm.

6. Management, Committee and Board Reports

6.1 Mayor

The Mayor gave a verbal report.

6.2 General Government

6.2.1 Report and Resolution to apply to the Ontario150 Community Capital Program and to commit 2017 funds

The CAO presented the report included in the agenda package.

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 273

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Funding Application to the Ontario 150 Capital Program for an amount up to \$80,000 as a “Top Up” for the total project costs of \$200,000 initially applied for through the 150 Community Infrastructure Program to improve the Community Recreational Centre;

AND FURTHER that the amount of up to \$20,000 which represents 10% of the total project be committed by the Municipality.

Carried

6.3 Finance Department

6.3.1 Monthly Disbursements Report

The Treasurer reported that the total disbursements for the month of May 2016 were in the amount of \$605,376.82, for June 2016 were in the amount of \$750,131.80 and for the month of July 2016 were in the amount of \$581,034.01.

6.3.2 Budget vs Actual Report

The internal report was submitted under separate cover for Council’s review.

6.4 French River Public Library Board

6.4.1 Library Board Report

Councillor Gisèle Pageau, Member of the Board, presented the report included in the agenda package.

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration

7.1 McIntosh Perry, Hwy 64 Rehabilitation - Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Study Commencement

Moved By Claude Bouffard and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2016- 274

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation has retained the services of McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers to carry out a detail design and Class Environmental (Class EA) for the rehabilitation of Highway 64; and

WHEREAS a Notice of Study Commencement dated August 23, 2016 was received seeking feedback.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council provides the following comments to McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers relating to the Hwy 64 Rehabilitation project:

- inclusion of paved shoulders for safer biking/walking paths
- center line rumbles

Carried

7.2 McIntosh Perry, Hwy 535 Rehabilitation - Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Study Commencement

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2016- 275

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation has retained the services of McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers to carry out a detail design and Class Environmental (Class EA) for the rehabilitation of Highway 535; and

WHEREAS a Notice of Study Commencement dated August 23, 2016 was received seeking feedback.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council provides the following comments to McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers relating to the Hwy 535 Rehabilitation project:

- inclusion of paved shoulders for safer biking/walking paths
- center line rumbles

Carried

8. Verbal Motion to return into the Regular Meeting

Moved by: Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 276

THAT the Committee rise and report.

REGULAR MEETING

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

9. Resolution adopting proceedings from Council in Committee

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

Resol. 2016- 277

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

Carried

10. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 278

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Items of the Consent Agenda under Sections 10.1, 10.4 and receives the Items under Sections 10.2, 10.3.

Carried

10.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 279

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

Regular Council Meeting held August 24, 2016

Carried

10.2 Minutes Received

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 280

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

French River Public Library Board held May 24 & June 15, 2016

Carried

10.3 Correspondence for Council's Information

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 281

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

Thank you Letter from Club Richelieu dated August 22, 2016

Carried

10.4 By-laws

10.4.1 Confirmation By-law

Moved By Michel Bigras and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2016- 282

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2016-40, 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 September 14, 2016 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

11. ADDENDUM

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Frank Mueck, Noëlville, expressed that he was impressed with the KPMG presentation, he questioned the population/seasonal data and shared the concerns raised relating to the need for continuity of senior positions within the organization.

14. Closed Session

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 283

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be closed as authorized in Section 239 of the *Municipal Act*, to discuss the following:

(b) personal matters that would identify an individual, including municipal employees, to inform Council on the status and to receive direction relating to a violation of the Clean Yard By-law

Carried

Moved By Gisèle Pageau and Seconded By Michel Bigras

Resol. 2016- 285

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the open session reconvenes at 8:17 p.m.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2016- 286

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK