



1. Newsletter

- 1.1 Volume 1 of the Town of Fort Frances Boundless Updates is out!
PDF version can be found on our website: www.fortfrances.ca/newsletters

BOUNDLESS UPDATES

Through partnerships we provide a safe, inclusive, sustainable and welcoming community that enhances quality of life and promotes growth and prosperity for all



FORT FRANCES
BOUNDLESS

COUNCIL BRIEF

January 22, 2024
Regular Council Meeting

By-Laws

- 09-24 - Appoint an Interim Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Consent Agenda

- Integrity Commissioner annual report
- Governance Project Tracker with draft 2024 Council Annual Plan,
- Recreation Master Plan project update
- Media release concerning Bearskin Airlines discontinuation of service

Other Items

- To form Negotiating Committee with Councillors McTaggart and Maki (Mayor Hallikas ex-officio) in bargaining with Fort Frances Professional Firefighters Association
- Tender awarded for supply and delivery of four new vehicles
- By-laws to come forward next meeting for consideration which would decrease Civil Marriage fees

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Council - February 12 at 5:30pm
Budget Meeting - February 20 at 5:30pm

VISION STATEMENT

The Town will be a leader in growing a thriving community with boundless opportunities.

CORE VALUES

- Service excellence
- Engagement, communication, and transparency
- Safety, Inclusivity and Prosperity
- Fiscal responsibility and sustainability

REMINDERS

January 31 - Water & Sewer bills due

February 29th & March 28th - Taxes due

It's Snowplow Season - Pay attention to calendar parking and Parking Prohibited signs. Snowplow priority routes are posted online on our website.

PUBLIC EVENTS

RECREATION MASTER PLAN
To get feedback on Town of Fort Frances recreation
February 8th - 11:30am - 12:30pm
Fort Frances High School Atrium
Open to High School students

February 8th - 5pm - 7pm
Memorial Sports Centre Auditorium
Open to the public

TIED TOGETHER EXHIBIT
Museum exhibit exploring the traditional and modern styles of beading by Anishinaabe and Metis artists.
January 12th to March 21st, Mon-Fri, 11am - 4pm
Admission by donation
Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre

COUNCIL LOBBIES AT ROMA

Interim CAO Travis Rob, Mayor Hallikas, & Councillor McTaggart attend the Rural Ontario Municipal Association this week meeting with the Solicitor General, the Honorable Michael Kerzner, Minister Vic Fedeli, and Parliamentary Assistant Rick Byers to ask for the following:

- A tax incentive zone in Fort Frances in partnership with municipal financial incentive programs be developed;
- To provide answers on why the OPP costs per household in Fort Frances are so high;
- To consider a railway ton/mile taxation model for more fair compensation to the community;
- To receive stable funding without decreases from the Ontario Municipal Partnership fund.

NEWS & UPDATES**MOFFAT FAMILY FUND**

We invite registered charitable organizations within Fort Frances to apply for the Moffat Family Fund. Applications due before Friday, March 1, 2024. For recipients of 2023, final reports are due no later than January 31, 2024 to be eligible again for this year. Find out more at www.FortFrances.ca

YOUR FEEDBACK NEEDED

We have two active surveys to complete at www.FortFrances.ca

Bearskin Airlines - Stakeholder Impact Assessment Survey

Due end-of-day January 26, 2024
www.fortfrances.ca/forms/stakeholder-impact

Public Communications Survey

Due end-of-day February 9, 2024
www.fortfrances.ca/public-communications-survey

For more information:

- visit www.FortFrances.ca
- email Town@FortFrances.ca
- find us on Facebook @FortFrancesOfficial

PROJECT UPDATES**WASTE TREATMENT PLANT**

A new standby generator is being commissioned this week; this will prevent the plant from bypassing the process during a power outage ensuring wastewater is always treated prior to discharging.

Annual maintenance of clarifiers is also underway.

POOL UPDATE

Renovations are ongoing and anticipate a pool reopening date of March 2024. Repairing the columns is nearing completion with the exception of one column that needs to be replaced in entirety. Demolition of the pool deck is underway to replace the plumbing.

Check out the Memorial Sports Centre Facebook page to stay on top of updates.

MENS SAUNA

The Men's Sauna at Memorial Sports will be closed for an extended period of time for refurbishments and upgrades. The replacement of the overhead air ducting is already complete.

SENIORS CENTRE

The Seniors Centre renovation/expansion project is complete! Come visit at 401 Nelson Street. The Centre is for ages 55+. It offers lunches, programs, and has a boardroom, fitness studio, pool room, & card room. Check out their Facebook page!

RECRUITING**JOBS WITH THE TOWN**

- Chief Administrative Officer
- Student Arena Attendant
- Lifeguard/Receptionist/Instructor
- Facilities Attendant
- Volunteer Firefighter
- Casual Lifeguard/Receptionist/Instructor

2. Next Council Meetings

- 2.1 Regular Council: February 12, 2024 at 5:30pm
Budget Meeting: February 20, 2024 at 5:30pm

