

JUNE 14, 2024  
BOUNDLESS UPDATES



WELCOME  
BIENVENUE  
BOOZHOO

## KALEB FIRTH APPOINTED

With the recent opening of a councillor seat due to a resignation, Council was given options to fill the vacancy. They motioned to first offer the seat to the 2022 Councillor runner-up. June 10th, 2024 **Kaleb Firth** was sworn in and appointed as **Councillor**. Congratulations and Welcome to Councillor Kaleb Firth!



Left to Right: Mayor Hallikas, Councillor Kaleb Firth

## JUNE IS RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

**Recreation and Parks Month** is a movement that promotes the benefits of recreation and parks for physical, social, and environmental health.

Enjoying recreation or any of our parks in Fort Frances? Make sure to **tag us in your photos** you share on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

## SPEAKING OF PARKS...

June 22nd is the **Grand Opening of the Splash Park!** Go to page 2 for details!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

*Held at the Civic Centre & Teams*

**Regular Council Meetings:**

June 24, 2024 at 5:30pm

July 8, 2024 at 5:30pm

## BUSINESS LICENCES

Hey **Business Owners!** Do you have your 2024 Business Licence? Make sure to get yours right away as By-Law will be conducting checks. Avoid fines and further penalties by going to [FortFrances.ca/BusinessLicence](https://FortFrances.ca/BusinessLicence)



## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS,

Come work for us! Parks and Public Works are looking for high school students for the months of July & August. Paid at \$18.21 for 40 hours/week. Don't hesitate to apply!

[FortFrances.ca/Employment](https://FortFrances.ca/Employment)

## WATER, SEWER, TAX E-BILLING

Sign up by emailing [ebilling@FortFrances.ca](mailto:ebilling@FortFrances.ca) with your account #, name & address

## FORTFRANCES.CA/EMPLOYMENT

- Human Resources Manager
- High School Student Jobs (Parks, Public Works)
- Mechanic
- Lifeguard/Reception/Instructor (Casual)
- Volunteer Firefighter

# SPLASH PARK

## GRAND OPENING

**June 22**

**Fort Frances Splash Park  
Lillie Avenue**

**1-3pm**

Grand Opening Event hosted by  
the Town of Fort Frances Make A  
Big Splash Committee

Thank you to Kiwanis Club for  
your support

# SPLASH PARK





# Hey Folks! We want to discuss property ownership and standards!

## DID YOU KNOW...



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...**properties are regulated by provincial and municipal laws** and these are enforceable, with actions made depending on the circumstance and severity.

...the **Town must abide by procedures and legislation.**

...despite appearances, **much work is done behind the scenes** to address housing that violates property standards. We work closely with property owners to ensure compliance, continuously monitor the situation, and offer the same opportunities to all residents in similar circumstances.

...actions the Town can take ranges from friendly reminders up to demolition of property or placing homes up for public auction. The more **drastic measures are a last resort**, and we cannot move to these without first following all other steps.

...depending on the circumstance, and the steps to be taken, **timelines can range from immediate action to months.**

...that some required **remedial action can be costly**? Rest assured, we do what we can to try and avoid putting these costs on the taxpayers.

...when properties in violation are under enforcement orders, a **copy of the order may be displayed on site** for public information.

...if you have genuine **concerns about a property**, use [fortfrances.ca/customer-complaint-form](https://fortfrances.ca/customer-complaint-form) to **submit a complaint** so the Town can proceed with an investigation.

...with over 3000 homes, and only 3 staff in Planning and Development whose portfolios go beyond property standards, **we may not be aware of all property violations** without being properly notified.

...**housing is a human right.** We wish for all residents to have a roof over their heads.

...**we cannot publicly answer questions on privately owned property.** It intrudes on privacy, and could impede our efforts, or subject our residents to widespread criticism.

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

June 10, 2024  
Regular Council Meeting

## OATH OF OFFICE

- Kaleb Firth took Oath of Office, appointed as Councillor

## BY-LAWS

- 44-24 - Fill a vacancy in the Office of a Member of Council
- 45-24 - Tender to Miller Group re: Hazardous Waste Day

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Adjustment of Taxes for identified properties (owners were contacted and provided opportunity for delegation)
- To bring forward a motion to the June 24th meeting to declare Fort Frances Summer Event series as municipally significant, allowing alcohol sales
- Museum Advisory Committee member resignation

## DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Fort Frances Public Library and Technology Centre, Annual Report presentation
- Adjustment of Taxes application delegation opportunities for identified properties

## DECISIONS MADE FROM MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- Council declares June 27 and July 13 Recreation and Culture events as Municipally Significant events, allowing alcohol sales
- Council endorses key principals and action items from NOMA's Regional Economic Development Plan, as well as directs administration to integrate them into local development strategies
- Council approves the unbudgeted capital expense of a new complete compressor skid for the area replacing the 1952 equipment
- Council approves awarding Tender 2024-OF-05 to Mookii Architecture LP for Firehall Renovations and deferring Memorial Sports Centre front desk renovations to another budget year

## IN CAMERA

- Notice of Application for Judicial Review
- Council proceeded into In-Camera at 6:33pm and reported to the public session at 6:58pm. No motion was made. Council received a report from administration as information regarding the Notice of Application for Judicial Review.

# FROM THE FIRE DEPT SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Ever considered being a firefighter? Are you looking to give back to your community? Interested in the comradery and teamwork with a group of passionate, likeminded people? Looking for something challenging, mentally and physically exerting, incredibly rewarding, and overall lifechanging?

Our Interim Fire Chief would love to hear from you! Give Chief Dave Robertson an email at [drobertson@fortfrances.ca](mailto:drobertson@fortfrances.ca) or call at (807) 274-5323 x1250.

The **Volunteer Firefighter** role requires coursework and training (provided), and are paid positions. [FortFrances.ca/Employment](https://FortFrances.ca/Employment)

## SPOTLIGHT

THIS SECTION IS CHANGING!  
STAY TUNED ON OUR SOCIALS!

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### MARINA HOURS CHANGING

Hours of the Marina starting June 24, 2024

Monday to Friday  
8:00am to 8:00pm

Saturday to Sunday  
9:00am to 9:00pm

### SUMMER MUSEUM HOURS

Wednesday to Sunday  
11:00am to 5:00pm

[FortFrances.ca/Newsletter](https://FortFrances.ca/Newsletter)

