

# BOUNDLESS UPDATES



## COUNCIL BRIEFS

February 26, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

### BY-LAWS

- 13-24, 14-24, & 15-24 - To purchase vehicles from three local dealers
- 02-03 D - Amend the Community Improvement Plan By-Law
- 89-23-A - Amend the User Fees By-Law (Water and Wastewater rates)

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Year End MFIPPA Summary report
- Motion aligned with other municipalities that the Province commit to undertaking with AMO a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review
- Motion supporting Town of Newmarket to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication for notice requirements

### OTHER ITEMS

- Rainy River Future Development Corp did a presentation on their work
- HTFC Planning & Design presented a design concept for expanding La Verendrye Parkway
- Letter received from the Ministry saying they're committed to looking into our railway taxation issue
- Council moved to dissolve the 8th Street Trails Committee and will look at other ways to support the group, so as to not hinder them with governance regulations and in funding efforts
- Council supported an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for Fort Frances facilities roof repairs project.

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### BIDS & TENDERS

Open bid for the reconstruction of First Street East between Central Avenue and Mowat Avenue: **Tender 2024-OF-02.**

Bids accepted until **March 5, 2024 at 2:00pm.**

Find more details at [FortFrances.BidsAndTenders.ca](https://FortFrances.BidsAndTenders.ca)

### REMINDERS

**March 1st** - Due date for 2024 Moffat Fund applications

**March 28th** - Taxes due

**Water, Sewer & Tax e-Billing** - Sign up for e-Billing by:

- Emailing [ebilling@FortFrances.ca](mailto:ebilling@FortFrances.ca)
- Advising of your account number, name & address

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at the Civic Centre & Microsoft Teams:

#### **SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET**

March 4 at 5:30pm

#### **REGULAR COUNCIL**

March 11 at 5:30pm

#### **PUBLIC HEARING (Re-Zoning 301 & 325 Nelson St):**

March 26 at 5:30pm

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# PROJECT UPDATES

**Summer Ice** - Memorial Sports Centre is piloting a Summer Ice program! Call Melissa at (807) 274-4561 x1701 to purchase your ice time. Don't hesitate, because if we sell enough hours by April 15th we'll have a rink for both July and August! Big thank you to Council for greenlighting this project.

**Pool** - Renovations are still underway at the pool. We know this is an area of interest to many of our residents and hope to share information soon with an updated timeline.

# RECRUITING

## POST-SECONDARY SUMMER JOBS

Don't hesitate to apply for a position with us this summer! Vacancy fillings are ongoing. Find out more and how to apply at **FortFrances.ca**

- Engineering Summer Student - \$18.21/hour
- Student Parks Labourer - \$18.21/hour
- Student Public Works Labourer - \$18.21/hour
- Student Labourer - Waterworks - \$18.21/hour
- Summer Program Supervisor - \$23.88/hour
- Student Marina Attendant Supervisor - \$23.88/hour
- Lead Museum Interpreter - \$18.49/hour
- Program and Events Assistant - \$18.49/hour

# NEWS, UPDATES & EVENTS

## MARCH BREAK CAMP

Games, crafts, and activities are planned for a full week of fun **March 11th to 15th**. Camp runs Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm, for ages 5-12.

**Register now!** Cost is **\$153** and can be completed in person at the Memorial Sports Centre or online at **FortFrances.ca/SportsCentre**

## MUSEUM EVENTS:

- Call for Submissions: *Community Ties & Tapestries: Fibre Artists of the Rainy River Valley*. Submit by March 15, 2024.
- For more info: [facebook.com/FortFrancesMuseum](https://facebook.com/FortFrancesMuseum)

# SIGNIFICANT WEATHER EVENT

Following the recent blizzard on February 27th, we extend our thanks for your cooperation. In declaring Significant Weather Events, we aim to ensure everyone's safety. We understand not all residents may be familiar with such conditions, necessitating clear instructions to avoid misunderstandings. Your support enables effective responses to weather challenges, ensuring our town's well-being. We commend our dedicated crew for their tireless work around the clock in taking care of our community.

## MORE ABOUT THESE EVENTS:

**Clearing Standards:** The Town of Fort Frances follows a Winter Control Operations Policy to maintain safe road and sidewalk conditions, as outlined by Ontario Regulation 239/02.

**Significant Weather:** A "significant weather event" is when hazardous weather poses a danger to highway users.

**Alert Threshold:** We declare a significant weather event when Environment Canada issues alerts for hazardous winter conditions.

## Snow Clearing Timelines:

- **Class 3 Roadways:** Crews have 12 hours to clear snow exceeding 8cm.
- **Class 4 Roadways:** Crews have 16 hours for the same.
- **Class 5 Roadways:** Crews have 24 hours for snow exceeding 10cm.
- **Sidewalks:** Crews have 48 hours for snow exceeding 8cm.

## Adjustments During Significant Events:

Timelines are suspended during significant weather events until their conclusion, allowing flexibility based on ongoing monitoring and resource deployment.

# BY-LAWS

In this section, we'll spotlight by-laws that residents may find noteworthy, focusing on those most relevant at the current time.

Residents are also able to find our By-Laws and search the catalogue anytime at: [FortFrances.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/131/](https://FortFrances.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/131/)

## PET REGISTRATION

Referenced from By-Law 50-14

### Section 3.2 REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER

**3.2.2** Every person who becomes the owner of a dog or cat after January 1st in any year, shall register the dog or cat with the Registrar within 14 days of becoming the owner of the dog or cat and on or before January 1st in each year thereafter.

### Section 4.1 DOG AND CAT TO WEAR TAG

**4.1.1** Every owner of a dog and every owner of a cat shall keep the tag securely fixed on the dog or cat while the tag was issued, at all times during the year of issue.

*Please refer to the By-Law for exclusions to these and other laws for having animals.*

## PARKING

Referenced from By-Law 21-14

### Section 4.5 CALENDAR PARKING

**4.5.1** When properly worded signs have been erected and are on display, no person shall park a vehicle on the highways or portion of highways... except as follows:

**4.5.1.1** On that side of the highway bearing even numbered street addresses on the even numbered days of the month;

**4.5.1.2** On that side of the highway bearing odd numbered street addresses on the odd numbered days of the month.

*Please refer to the By-Law for exclusions to these and other traffic laws.*

For information on the Municipal Law (By-Law) Enforcement Department, please refer to: [FortFrances.ca/town/planning-development/law-enforcement](https://FortFrances.ca/town/planning-development/law-enforcement)

Residents are recommended to test their smoke alarms every month!

For more tips:

[FortFrances.ca/residents/emergency-services/fire-rescue-service/fire-safety-education-prevention](https://FortFrances.ca/residents/emergency-services/fire-rescue-service/fire-safety-education-prevention)

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FIRE DEATHS DOWN,  
FATAL FIRES UP IN 2023

# 121

2023 saw 121 fire-related deaths across Ontario as a result of 109 fatal fires.

Source: The Office of the Fire Marshal



[www.ontario.ca/firemarshal](https://www.ontario.ca/firemarshal)