

BOUNDLESS UPDATES

FORT FRANCES

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#CleanTheFort

In recognition of the Provincial Day of Action Against Litter, the Town held a Clean the Fort event, inviting groups and individuals to register to help clean the litter throughout town.

A very big Thank You / Merci / Miigwech to all who participated! We had 86 participants and at minimum 60 bags of garbage collected (with some numbers not reported).

Of the 13 locations cleaned, 11 of those were chosen by the public identified through survey or request; the other 2 were well used parks which would be safe options for our volunteers.

Huge thank you to the following area groups and businesses that helped make this event an even bigger success:

- Centra Pipelines
- Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 29
- Dairy Queen
- Northwestern Health Unit

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at the Civic Centre & Microsoft Teams

Regular Council Meetings:

May 27, 2024 at 5:30pm | June 10, 2024 at 5:30pm

WATER, SEWER, TAX E-BILLING

Email ebilling@FortFrances.ca with your account #, name & address

CHECK OUT [FORTFRANCES.CA/EMPLOYMENT](https://www.fortfrances.ca/employment)

- Museum Curator
- Mechanic
- Volunteer Firefighter
- Post-Secondary Student jobs
- Casual Lifeguard/Reception/Instructor



Westland Insurance at #CleanTheFort

Find the May Long hours of operation for departments on page 4 of the newsletter!

AWARENESS DAYS

International Firefighters' Day
May 4th

Municipal Clerks Week
May 5th to May 11th

Local Government Awareness Week
May 12th - May 18th

International Museum Day
May 18th

National Public Works Week
May 19th to May 25th

COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

May 13, 2024
Regular Council Meeting

BY-LAWS

- 89-23 C - Impose User Fees for Sorting Gap Marina and Storage Space
- 34-24 - Authorize the levying and collection of special charge of taxes for the BIA
- 35-24 - Adopt a Public Notice Policy
- 36-24 - Adopt a Facility Rental Policy

CONSENT AGENDA

- Sunny Cove Conditional Contribution Agreement
- Intersection Traffic Control Signals - asset summary
- Asset Retirement Obligations Memo
- Monthly Reports: Wastewater, Drinking Water, Financial Statements
- Annual Review of Town Emergency Management Plan

DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Recreation Master Plan - RJ Burnside

OTHER ITEMS

- Integrity Commissioner, Report on Complaint
- Proposal for new Records Retention By-Law
- Reserve Funds contributed to Capital Reserves and Corporate Vehicles Reserves
- MOU to be drafted and negotiated with 8th Street Trails
- 2 Pool Table request from Seniors Centre
- Student pedestrian traffic on Keating Avenue: 4-way stop to be removed and new signage and painted crosswalks to be installed
- Approve maintaining speed limit of 50km/hr on Scott Street
- Motion made regarding American Guides & American Anglers on Canadian boundaries

IN CAMERA

- Expression of Interest - Industrial Park Land Disposition

Motioned in public: Approved 5th St corner surplus land to Tec Truck Services in two phases

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Expanding on agenda items

Recreation Master Plan

HT Lam and Cole Roddick of RJ Burnside have completed the Recreation Master Plan and presented at the May 13, 2024 meeting.

This plan was developed with public consultation in the form of surveys and open houses, and is based on a ten-year projection with recommendations to move forward.

The final Town of Fort Frances Recreation Master Plan 2024-2034 was adopted at the May 13, 2024 meeting and will be made available to the public.

Councillor Kircher Resigns

Councillor David Kircher gave verbal notice of plans to resign from Council at the May 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

The official resignation was received by the Clerk's Office May 14, 2024.

The Municipal Clerk will be providing a report to Council May 27, 2024 at the next Regular Council Meeting with options of filling the vacancy.

Senior Centre Pool Tables

The Senior Centre had fundraised \$4900 to go towards new pool tables, and requested the remainder be covered by the Town amounting to approximately \$3800. This was an unbudgeted capital expense. In summary, the following motions proceeded as such:

- Council defeated the motion to defer the purchase to 2025
- Council defeated the motion to pay the remainder
- Council motioned to reconsider a capital expense
- Council motioned that Councillors Maki and McTaggart spearhead a fundraising campaign to cover the remaining cost of the pool tables

Since the motion was passed on Monday, May 13, where two Councillors committed to spearhead fundraising, the Town has been notified the Senior Centre was successful in receiving the remaining funds through community effort.

MORE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Expanding on agenda items

Intersection Traffic Control Signals - Asset Summary

For informational purposes, a report was brought forward on intersection traffic control signals. The Town operates 13 traffic-controlled intersections: 7 of these have modern controls, 6 use obsolete equipment with unavailable replacement parts. In the future, for maintenance and risk mitigation, decisions will need to be made on these traffic controls.

Options available include:

1. Remove signals at 2nd St. E and Armit Ave., converting to a 2-way stop.
2. Remove signals at Scott St. and Central Ave., relying on stop signs or other traffic control measures.
3. Upgrade the traffic controllers at 2nd St. E and Crowe Ave., King's Hwy and McIrvine Rd., and Scott St. at Armit Ave.
4. Convert the King's Hwy and Central Ave. intersection to a roundabout.

The options discussed further expand on associated costs, benefits, risks, and asset management. Full report available on the May 13th Council Agenda, Item 8.10.

Student Pedestrian Traffic on Keating Avenue

The Keating Avenue and First Street West intersection was brought forward to Council's attention by a concerned citizen in regards to student safety. A temporary 4-way stop was installed, and a traffic study was completed. The study can be found in the full report on the May 13th Council Agenda, Item 12.1. Operations and Facilities brought forth a recommendation to Council based on the study as well as the Ontario Traffic Manual. The recommendation was to restore the original 2-way stop, paint crosswalks, and install rapid flashing beacon pedestrian signs. Council motioned through the proposed recommendation.

BOUNDLESS CAPTURES



Sorting Gap Marina opens May 17th



Mayor volunteers for McHappy Day



Sol Mamakwa speaks at NOMA



May is Community Living Month

SPOTLIGHT STAFF RECOGNITION

FORT FRANCES FIRE AND RESCUE

We want to acknowledge the extraordinary work by the Fort Frances Fire Rescue team for managing the recent recruit academy. This involved over 1000 hours of commitment, including curriculum development, training, and coordination. Special thanks to everyone who contributed, showcasing exceptional dedication and teamwork in enhancing the fire service.

STAFF THAT ASSISTED FOR CLEAN THE FORT

We want to acknowledge the efforts from Town of Fort Frances staff who helped with the Clean the Fort event. This included the Clerk's Office who organized the event, Public Works who created mapping and did garbage pickups, By-Law who assisted with errands, and the Museum who donated the use of their tent and tables. We also want to give a special shoutout to the staff that volunteered their own time to #CleanTheFort.

VICTORIA DAY

MONDAY, MAY 20TH
HOURS OF OPERATION

Civic Centre - Closed

Sorting Gap Marina - Closed

Senior Centre - Closed

Public Works - Closed, with On-Call 807 274-9516

Landfill - Closed

Memorial Sports Centre - Open 8am - 5pm

Airport - Hours not affected

MEMORIAL SPORTS

Slo-Pitch Registration open until May 21st
Teams of 10 can register online or in person.

Summer Ice now allowing 1 hour bookings - contact Melissa at the Centre.
807 274 4561.

POLICE SERVICES BOARD

We are still actively recruiting for a Rainy River District OPP Detachment Board member of the public to join us! Learn more at FortFrances.ca/rrdOPP



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