



FORT FRANCES

Friday, November 15, 2024

# FORT FRANCES INSIDER

WELCOME BIENVENUE BOOZHOO TAANISHI

## The Town is Hiring:

- Economic Development Officer
- Head Senior Lifeguard
- Full-Time Lifeguard/Receptionist/Instructor
- Volunteer Firefighters

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

## Water/Sewer/Taxes E-Billing

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



## Emergency Sirens

**Monday, November 18th at 2pm the Emergency Sirens will be tested off-schedule.** Please do not take alarm.



**Interested in local politics?** Council has an open seat. Help make decisions about the future of Fort Frances.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

Meetings are held at 5:30pm Central

- Join:
- In-person at 320 Portage Ave
  - On Microsoft Teams (links in agendas)

Wish to bring a matter forward to Council? Check out

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

Submit your request no later than 12:00pm the Wednesday before that Council meeting to the Clerk's Office

- November 18, 2024
- November 25, 2024
- December 2, 2024
- December 9, 2024
- December 17, 2024
- January 13, 2025
- January 27, 2025

# NOVEMBER 12TH COUNCIL

## Regular Session

- People Corporation presented on their broker business for benefits coverage.
- Resignation received from the Senior Centre Advisory Committee.
- Council to support resolution campaign for the Province to recognize the physician shortage in Ontario.
- Received financial statements for general fund, capital fund, and water and sewer fund.
- To agree to enter agreement with NOHFC to receive funds for roof repairs of various Town of Fort Frances buildings.
- To agree to apply to NOHFC for funds for 52 Canadians Ice Plant project upgrades.
- To agree to enter agreement with NOHFC to receive funds for Fort Frances Firehall renovations.
- Recreation and Culture provided a quarterly report.
- Council calls for applications for Councillor vacancy.

- BDO Canada LLP appointed as auditors for 1 year term. Tender to go out calling for auditors for next term.
- Administration to bring forth a by-law entering into partnership with People Corporation to market and provide benefits to the Town. By-law 21/14 amendment to regulate traffic on the highways.
- By-law 72-24 to adopt a Municipal Significant Event policy.

## Closed Session

- Received report entitled "Brief Follow-Up - Kircher Judicial Review Application" as information.
- Provided direction to Administration in regards to an item called "Interest in purchasing Municipal Lot for industrial development".
- Council agreed with the recommendation of Administration to approve the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement in relation to Fire Union Negotiations.

## APPLY FOR COUNCIL

**Interested in having a bigger voice in the future of the Town of Fort Frances?**

**Council has chosen an Open Call for Appointment and invites eligible community members to apply for the position of Councillor. This will be for the remainder of the current term to November 14, 2026.**

**Read more about this on the next page.**



# THE COUNCILLOR VACANCY

## ELIGIBILITY

- A resident of the Town of Fort Frances, or an owner or tenant of land in the Town of Fort Frances, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant;
- A Canadian citizen;
- At least 18 years old;
- Not prohibited from voting under Section 17(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, or otherwise by law.

## TIME COMMITMENT

### What is the time commitment?

The time commitment varies from individual to individual. A Member can expect to devote time for a minimum of two (2) meetings per month along with various duties on outside Committees as appointed by Council. This would include:

- Council Meetings (usually the 2nd and 4th meeting of each month at 5:30pm)
- Attendance at extra meetings and appointed committees (including Budget, Public Meetings, advisory committees, etc). Some committees occur during daytime.
- Telephone calls and contact with constituents.
- Reading material i.e. lengthy agenda packages and emails.
- Special community events (i.e. ceremonies, proclamations and flag raisings, parades, etc.)

## HOW TO APPLY

You must file a Council Vacancy Application Form, Declaration of Qualification, and a Freedom of Information Release Form. The deadline to file or withdraw your application to the Clerk's Office is 2:00pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

Please make an appointment to file your application with the Clerk's Office. Packages are also available with the Clerk's Office.

Applicants will share statements and answer questions in interview-style at a Special Council Meeting of December 17, 2024 at 5:30pm where Council will vote in their preferred councillor.

## COMPENSATION

The remuneration by-law does provide for per diems and travel expenses. You do have the option to join the OMERS pension and you may opt in to dental and health benefits at a cost.

The current annual salary is \$15,773.94.

## LEARN MORE

Learn more about the Council Vacancy here: [\*\*fortfrances.ca/town/mayor-council/council-vacancy\*\*](https://fortfrances.ca/town/mayor-council/council-vacancy)



# Are We On the Right Track?

**Share Your Thoughts on the Direction for the Culture Plan and Museum Strategic Plan**

The Town of Fort Frances is developing its first-ever Culture Plan to guide the Town's cultural services as well as a Museum & Cultural Centre Strategic Plan to set priorities for the future.

**Take our online survey** to review the draft priorities and enter to **win a \$50 gift basket!**



**<https://bit.ly/CultureMuseumPlan>**

**Survey closes November 30**





# MEMORIAL SPORTS CENTRE

is changing their social media name to better capture what the Recreation and Culture team is doing!

In the meantime, make sure to follow the following social media channels as we'll be archiving our Rainy Lake Square Facebook page:

- [facebook.com/MemorialSportsCentre](https://facebook.com/MemorialSportsCentre)
- [facebook.com/FortFrancesMuseum](https://facebook.com/FortFrancesMuseum)







# MEMORIAL SPORTS CENTRE

## IMPORTANT UPDATE TO POOL & GYM SCHEDULE

**Due to staff scheduling challenges, we'll be making some adjustments to our schedule:**

### **Pool Schedule Update**

Starting next week, the pool schedule will be modified. Please check our website for the latest updates.

### **Members-Only Gym Access**

On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 AM - 8 AM, gym access will be reserved for members only.

Thank you for your patience as the team works through challenges!

# ASK AWAY!

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We want residents to feel comfortable coming to us to ask us the questions they want the answers to, so we're piloting a new section of the newsletter!

Have a question? Use our anonymous, 1-question form:

**[FortFrances.ca/ASK-AWAY](https://fortfrances.ca/ASK-AWAY)**

Watch for the next newsletter edition, released the Friday after each Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council where we'll share the questions and answers.

## QUESTIONS

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***This was a two-part question received:***

**(1) How many women are employed in your Public Works department?**

Only four (4) women work in all of Operations and Facilities, zero (0) women in our Fire and Rescue Services department, and zero (0) men in our Treasury department. We strongly encourage people of all genders to apply for positions with us at the Town no matter what department.

**(2) Why does the town not have a DEI Committee?**

At the moment the Town does not have a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Committee and it may be one to consider. The Town is also always bringing new policies forward, in addition to actively renewing and updating current policies. We can recommend the creation of a DEI policy. We are always looking for ways to improve and thank you for your question.



# PROCLAMATION

Mayor Hallikas proclaims November 16, 2024 as Louis Riel Day in the Town of Fort Frances.

Find the full proclamation here:  
[fortfrances.ca/louis-riel-day-november-16th](https://fortfrances.ca/louis-riel-day-november-16th)

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS:

New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Review  
November 28, 2024 at 5:30pm, Council Chambers or Teams  
[fortfrances.ca/new-official-plan-and-comprehensive-zoning-law-review](https://fortfrances.ca/new-official-plan-and-comprehensive-zoning-law-review)

Zoning By-Law Amendment  
December 2, 2024 at 5:30pm, Council Chambers or Teams  
[fortfrances.ca/notice-public-meeting-zoning-law-amendment](https://fortfrances.ca/notice-public-meeting-zoning-law-amendment)

## REGULAR HOURS

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### AIRPORT

Sunday to Friday	Saturday
7am to 10pm	7am to 6pm

### CIVIC CENTRE

Monday to Friday  
8:00am to 4:00pm

### LANDFILL

Monday to Friday	Saturday
9am to 5pm	10am to 5pm

### MEMORIAL SPORTS CENTRE

Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6am to 10pm	8am to 10pm	8am to 8pm

### MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE

Monday to Friday  
11am to 4pm

### PUBLIC WORKS

Monday to Friday  
7:30am to 4pm  
(After Hours On Call 807-274-9516)

### SENIOR CENTRE

Monday to Friday  
8am to 4pm

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