



FORT FRANCES

Friday, September 27, 2024

# FORT FRANCES INSIDER

WELCOME BIENVENUE BOOZHOO TAANISHI

## The Town is Hiring:

- Student Arena Attendant
- Student/Assistant Lifeguard/Instructor
- Seasonal Parks Labourer
- Tradesperson
- Casual Caretaker
- Mechanic
- Volunteer Firefighter
- Casual: Lifeguard/Receptionist/Instructor

[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



**Monday, September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Remember to wear your orange shirt and take a moment to reflect on the significance of this day.**

## 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

- October 15, 2024
- October 28, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- November 13, 2024
- November 18, 2024
- November 25, 2024
- December 9, 2024

# SEPT 23RD COUNCIL RECAP

## Budget - Public Consultation

Members of the public were invited to submit by correspondence or by presentation input and comment into the 2025 Budget. The following was received:

- Presentation regarding concerns of high annual increases including questioning of accuracy, how new builds hasn't reduced or helped burden, and concerns with affordability for families and seniors.
- Presentation and correspondence requesting safety measures (traffic lights, crosswalks) for Scott Street to protect pedestrians, especially children, the elderly, etc. Also a crosswalk near the arena.
- Correspondence suggesting a sidewalk on Nelson Street beginning at Victoria Avenue, and signage at the Nelson Street parking lot indicating it's owned by the Town, to improve accessible parking spaces for the Fort Frances Senior Centre.

## Regular Session

- Councillor Behan reported on AMO, RDMA, the Library Board, Welcoming Week, the opening of HOPE, and congratulated two of our local 55+ citizens who won at the Canada 55+ Games.
- Awarded Tender 2024-OF-15: Residential Garbage and Recycle Curbside Pickup and Garbage Bin Supply
- Supported an application to the Housing Accelerator Fund 2.0
- Declared the Recreation and culture Division's Fall Event Series as municipally significant
- Received a report on the finalized sale of 833 Portage Avenue house

- Received the 2025 Budget Survey results, and committed to use these as a guiding tool for decision making for the budget, and endorsed the top 10 citizen priorities as their priorities for the budget process
- Lowered the Swim Team pool rental rates from \$86.15 to \$73.41/hour for the remainder of the 2024/25 swim season, and will reconsider user fees for all pool rentals for the 2025 Schedule of Fees
- Authorized the emergency capital expenditure of \$125,000 to fund repairs to the 5th Street Lift Station as a result of an unexpected failure
- Passed By-Laws: Agreements with Connecting Links for reconstruction of Scott Street between Reid and Mosher, and reconstruction of Third Street West between Central and York, and adopted a Use of Corporate Logo, Crest Policy.
- Motioned that the four-way stop on Keating Ave and First Street will stay in place permanently. Administration will also assess the next two intersections on First Street to see if other measures are required.

## In-Camera Session

### **Mr. Steve Clinker's Expression of Interest for Municipal Land Purchase**

*(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board*

Reported out that Mr. Clinker will be notified of the decision

### **Fire Union Negotiations (Addendum)**

*(d) labour relations or employee negotiations*

*(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial, or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board...*

Reported out that Administration will move forward with the direction given



# BUILDING THIS FALL?

As summer quickly approaches its end, you're probably trying to finish some of those big summer projects. If you're planning on building or renovating this fall, please feel free to **contact the Town's Planning Department to determine whether or not you need a building permit**. If you do, by making early contact with the Town, you'll get some helpful information that could save you time and effort. For more information contact:

## John Burrows

Chief Building Official

Town of Fort Frances

(807) 274-5323 ext. 1216

[jburrows@fortfrances.ca](mailto:jburrows@fortfrances.ca)

# FINALLY DONE THAT BIG PROJECT?

It can be very exciting to finally finish a big project and to start enjoying the space, but the work is not over yet. **Once projects are complete, you need to contact the Town's Planning Department to have the work inspected and have the building permit closed**. Leaving permits open past construction completion can cause difficulties in selling your house, insurance coverage, or can lead to a revocation of the permit.

# AN IMPORT REMINDER

## to Building Contractors and Construction Tradespeople!

If you are a building contractor or construction tradesperson doing contract work in Fort Frances, you are required to obtain a Town of Fort Frances Business License pursuant to By-Law 57/05.

Questions regarding business licenses can be directed to: By-Law Department  
(807) 274-5323 ext. 1218



# SEPTEMBER 23RD TO 30TH PROCLAIMED AS NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK

September 23rd to 30th was proclaimed as National Truth and Reconciliation Week in the Town of Fort Frances. We were joined by Elders Nancy Jones, Mooki Morrison, a men's drumming group, the multi-agency National Day for Truth and Reconciliation planning committee, and many others. There was a ceremony for the flag raising, and we barbecued a lunch for attendees. Thank you / Merci / Miigwech to all that were involved in the event.

The Town of Fort Frances felt very fortunate to be involved in this year's committee. They have many great events planned! See the next page for the full poster.





National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

# Schedule of Events

SEPT  
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**11:30 AM FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**  
Town of Fort Frances

There will be a BBQ following the ceremony

SEPT  
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**4:30 PM INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS & ELDERS DINNER**  
Nanicoast  
By registration only.

**6:00 PM DRUM SOCIAL**  
Nanicoast  
Everyone Welcome

SEPT  
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**7:00 AM SUNRISE CEREMONY**  
St. Margaret's Residential School Monument, Agency One Lands

**11:00 AM HONOUR WALK**  
Point Park Baseball Diamond to St. Margaret's Residential School Monument  
Lunch will be provided following the walk

**1:00 PM GRAND COUNCIL TREATY 3 & AGENCY ONE POW WOW**



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# SEPTEMBER 25TH PROCLAIMED AS FRANCO-ONTARIAN DAY

Mayor Hallikas read the proclamation declaring September 25th as Franco-Ontarian Day in English, and our Franco-Ontarian Municipal Clerk read the proclamation on behalf of the mayor in French. We also raised the flag in honour of our Franco-Ontarians.

## Le 25 Septembre proclamé Jour des Franco-Ontariens

Le maire Hallikas a lu la proclamation déclarant le 25 septembre Jour des Franco-Ontariens en anglais, et notre Greffier Municipal Franco-Ontarien a lu la proclamation au nom du maire en français. Nous avons également hissé le drapeau en l'honneur de nos Franco-Ontariens.





# WATER AND SEWER

**PAYMENT** Deadline of September 30th has been extended to 4pm, October 1st as our office and some banks are closed on September 30th.

# CEMETERY REMINDER

If you have any plants or ornaments at the cemetery, this is a reminder to please remove them before the winter arrives.

# NEW TAGLINE SURVEY

The Town is removing "Boundless" as it's tagline. Citizens have until October 31st to submit their thoughts about what a new tagline should capture, including submitting their own ideas if they have them in a survey. Make sure to take the short survey if you haven't yet!

# VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

We are always looking for more volunteer firefighters! Firefighters are actually paid, on-call positions. Training, pager, gear supplied. Comraderie, public service, and fulfillment are just added bonuses! Apply on our website.

# CURIOUS ABOUT THE 2025 PUBLIC BUDGET

**survey results?** We shared the full preliminary report in our September 23rd meeting of Mayor and Council. [Click here to find the report.](#)

# BASKETBALL NET

**reminder:** The winter months are coming, which means basketball nets on/near roadways need to soon be dismantled/removed for the season.

# VOTED YET FOR YOUR

**choice of Scare in the Square movie?** Go on the [Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre Facebook](#) before October 4th to place your vote!

# STUDENT JOBS

**are available at Memorial Sports Centre!** Make sure to check them out and submit your application. [Details can be found on our website.](#)

# ASK AWAY!

Come to us for answers and facts!

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.

## **What to know about the section:**

- Questions must be respectful and appropriate for all ages.
- We won't include questions that target individuals, use offensive language, or express hate or discrimination against any group.
- If your question relates to an item that falls under the In-Camera rules (**Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act**) we may not be able to provide a full answer.
- Should this pilot be successful and we receive a large volume of questions, we may need to limit the number of questions published in each newsletter.





# MUSEUM



The Art of Peter Spuzak will be on display at the Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre from October 4 to December 13. The exhibit will feature drawings, paintings, prints and cards in various media such as charcoal pencil, acrylics, oils and watercolours. Peter was born and raised on a family farm in Alberton Township. He is inspired by the natural beauty that he sees in Alberton Township and the surrounding areas. Peter's art has been displayed in Canada, the United States and Europe. Opening night is October 4th. Hope to see you there!

## REGULAR HOURS

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### AIRPORT

Sunday to Friday  
7am to 10pm

Saturday  
7am to 6pm

### CIVIC CENTRE

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

### MEMORIAL SPORTS CENTRE

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

### MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE

Thursdays to Saturdays  
10am 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

### SPLASH PARK

Sunday to Saturday  
10am to 8pm

Last day of the season is September 30th, 2024! Make sure to bring your families before it's closed until 2025.

**FOLLOW US ON:**

