

# BOUNDLESS UPDATES



## COUNCIL BRIEF

### February 16, 2024

### Regular Council Meeting

#### By-Laws

- 90-23-A - Amendment to establish the Fort Frances Professional Firefighters Association Negotiating Ad-Hoc Committee
- 11-24 - Adopt a Civil Marriage Solemnization Policy
- 89-23-A - Amendment to impose Civil Marriage fees

#### Other Items

- Wastewater and Water Systems monthly reports
- Library 2024 Budget proposed a 3.8% increase in 2024 with rationale. No concerns expressed by Council.
- OPP Detachment Board to be created in combination with RRD municipalities
- Consideration of giving 8th Street Trails Committee independence from the Town of Fort Frances
- Hallett and Owandem design concept
- Amendment to Diversification Grant and Multi-Residential/Commercial Grant programs
- Water Treatment Plant Lift Pump replacement
- Establishing 2024 Water and Wastewater Rates: Residential 2%, Institutional 3%, Commercial/Industrial 4.25% increases
- Appointment of Will Windigo of Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation to the Indigenous Relations Advisory Committee

#### TENDERS & BIDS

The Town of Fort Frances has an 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)

#### FINANCE REMINDERS

**February 29th & March 28th - Taxes due**  
**Water, Sewer & Tax e-Billing** - Residents can sign up for e-Billing if preferred 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:

**BUDGET MEETING**  
February 20 at 5:30pm

**POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
February 23 at 8:30am

**REGULAR COUNCIL**  
February 26 at 5:30pm

**PUBLIC HEARING:**  
**Re-Zoning of 301 and 325 Nelson St**  
March 26 at 5:30pm

#### FAMILY DAY - FEBRUARY 19

Please note the following hours for Monday, February 19:

<b>Civic Centre:</b> Closed	<b>Public Works:</b> Closed, On-Call
<b>Senior Centre:</b> Open	<b>Airport:</b> Open
<b>Museum:</b> Closed	
<b>Memorial Sports:</b> Open 6am to 10pm	

## NEWS, UPDATES & EVENTS

### LANDFILL SCALE

A new scale at the landfill has been installed and will be commissioned in April.

### MARKET THURSDAYS

**Vendors wanted** for Rainy Lake Square Market Thursdays! Applications open & approvals by March 15th. **New this year:** A fee of \$10/market or \$50/season +HST introduced to cover required business licensing and insurance costs for all vendors to ensure equitable participation, support, & vendor success.

### 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](https://FortFrances.ca/SportsCentre)

### MUSEUM EVENTS:

- Call for Submissions: *Community Ties & Tapestries: Fibre Artists of the Rainy River Valley*. Submit by March 15th, 2024.
- Tied Together: *BYOB: Bring Your Own Beadwork!* Beading Support Circle with Sarah Marusyk February 21st 5-7pm.

For more info: [facebook.com/FortFrancesMuseum](https://facebook.com/FortFrancesMuseum)

## DID YOU KNOW?

**When selecting roads for reconstruction**, many factors are considered, including condition of: the road surface; water and sewer mains; any sidewalks and curb and gutter present; and of any storm water management systems. The underground infrastructure often leads to a significant portion of the road reconstruction cost as some sewer mains are over 5 meters below the road surface.

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## MORE FROM COUNCIL

### COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Hallikas attended a meeting for **International Bridge** stakeholders. A committee is being formed to look into reducing the bridge pass cost, and another to look at the building of a new bridge with no tolls.

Councillor Brunetta reported the **Physician Recruitment Committee** is hopeful in recruiting new graduates, and the **NWHU and TBDHU** are investigating the possibility of a merger.

### COUNCIL CONCERNS

Expressed concerns on Bearskin Airlines' decision to withdraw services from the Fort Frances airport, especially in regards to the loss of eligibility for the Capital Assistance Program for runway restoration and extension.

## RECRUITING

### POST-SECONDARY SUMMER JOBS

- Operations and Facilities (Parks, Public Works, Water)
- Community Services (Memorial Sports, Marina)
- Community Services (Museum)

[FortFrances.ca/Town/Human-Resources/Employment-Opportunities](https://FortFrances.ca/Town/Human-Resources/Employment-Opportunities)

### BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

FFHS Youth representation needed for:

- Museum and Culture Advisory Committee (1)
- Indigenous Relations Advisory Committee (1)

[FortFrances.CivicWeb.net/Portal/BoardApplication](https://FortFrances.CivicWeb.net/Portal/BoardApplication)

## PROJECT UPDATES

**Women's Sauna** - The Women's Sauna is open!

**Men's Sauna** - Still undergoing refurbishment.

**Pool** - Construction on the pool is ongoing. An accessible lift has also been added! Looking forward to reopening for all our residents!

## YOUR VOICE

Have your say in the future of the Town of Fort Frances! We're developing a regional air service strategy and want your thoughts.

Go to our website for more info: [FortFrances.ca](https://FortFrances.ca)