



FORT FRANCES

Friday, October 18, 2024

FORT FRANCES INSIDER

WELCOME BIENVENUE BOOZHOO TAANISHI

The Town is Hiring:

- Lifeguard/Receptionist/Instructor
- Student Arena Attendant
- Seasonal Parks Labourer
- Tradesperson
- Casual Caretakers
- Mechanic
- Volunteer Firefighters

FortFrances.ca/employment



Water/Sewer/Taxes E-Billing

Sign up by emailing ebilling@fortfrances.ca your name, account #, & address

Local Government Week is October 20th to 26th! Keep an eye on our social media to learn more about our local government!

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

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

- October 28, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- November 13, 2024
- November 18, 2024
- November 25, 2024
- December 9, 2024
- January 13, 2025

OCT 15TH COUNCIL RECAP

Regular Session

- Received OPP 2025 annual billing statement.
- Received letter to partner on a Drug Safety initiative. Recommendation to come forward at October 28th Council.
- Approved to enter into agreement with Benka Electric for supply and installation of generator load bank at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Summer Ice pilot program evaluated and showed revenue. Approved for a second year of the pilot for July 8th to August 31st 2025.
- Application being made to Connecting Links funding for reconstruction of Scott Street between Mosher and Armit avenues.
- Financial statements for POA, General, Water and Sewer, and Capital funds.
- Water system monthly summary reports, and wastewater treatment facility monthly reports.
- 2025 User Fees increased by 2.1% to align with the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Move forward to renew insurance for 2024-2025 year with Intact Public Entities.
- Further review and acceptance of feedback and recommendations for Committee By-Law.
- Administration to develop a policy governing donations and in-kind support from staff.
- Administration to forgo a detailed traffic study on the First Street West corridor.
- Approval of emergency unbudgeted capital expenditure for the replacement of the 52 Canadians Ice Plant controller.
- Traffic Control By-Law to be amended formalizing the stop signs on Keating Avenue at First Street West as well as Erin Crescent at Kaitlyn Drive.
- Council to consider application for Connecting Links funding for redesign of Central Avenue intersection for a roundabout at October 28th Council. Citizens welcome to provide feedback to Council or Town prior to this meeting.
- Council motioned to make no changes to the parking on Victoria Avenue, but directed Administration to bring forward a cost estimate to the 2025 Capital Budget deliberations for the addition of a sidewalk along Nelson Street from Victoria Avenue to the municipal parking lot.
- By-law passed entering into an agreement with GFL Environmental for residential garbage and recycle curbside pickup and garbage bin supply.

No Closed Session was held

EMPLOYMENT



Volunteer Firefighters

We are always looking for more volunteer firefighters! These are paid, on-call positions. Training, pager, gear supplied. Comradery, public service, and fulfillment are just added bonuses! Apply on our website. If you have any questions, Contact the Fire Chief!

Dave Robertson

Fire Chief

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Aquatics

Memorial Sports Centre is not only hiring for a full-time Lifeguard/Receptionist/Instructor, but is also taking names of those who are certified to instruct Aquafit programs!

Always make sure to check out open opportunities at FortFrances.ca/Employment, but don't hesitate to reach out to the Memorial Sports Centre team for information and opportunities!



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RECREATION



EMERGENCY FIRST AID WITH CPR-B

This course is designed for those who are looking for general knowledge of first aid principles and emergency injury treatment. One will learn rescue breathing techniques, CPR, wound assessment, choking, and how to treat external bleeding, a heart attack or stroke, and how to properly use an AED. CPR-B covers only infant and child skill training with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Note: This is a prerequisite for Bronze Cross.

Date: Friday, November 1, 2024

Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm **Cost:** \$129.64

NATIONAL LIFEGUARD RE-CERTIFICATION

The National Lifeguard certification (NLS or NL) is both nationally, and internationally recognized. Those that hold this certification are qualified to legally work as a certified lifeguard. Candidates will learn the importance of lifeguarding principles, sound judgment and the responsibilities of this role.

Prerequisites: 15 Years of age, Bronze Cross, Standard First Aid & CPR-C.

Date: Thursday, November 28, 2024

Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm **Cost:** \$75.00

BRONZE MEDALLION

The Bronze Medallion course allows candidates to develop an understanding of the 4 components of water-rescue education in lifesaving principles. We recommend participants who are interested in moving onto their next step to combine this course with Emergency First Aid & CPR B.

Prerequisites: 13 Years of age (unless holding Bronze Star).

Date: Friday, January 3rd to Sunday, January 5th, 2025

Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm **Cost:** \$147.95

For more information: FortFrances.ca/SportsCentre

REMINDERS & MORE INFO

CEMETERY REMINDER

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

BASKETBALL NETS

October 31st, all basketball nets on roadways must be removed so they do not impede on snow removal.

FURTHER INFO ON THE 52s ICE PLANT

We want to provide more clarity regarding the situation at the 52 Canadians Arena and the events that led to its closure. The Town of Fort Frances has been actively working on upgrading aging equipment at the arena for the past three years in preparations for the replacement of the aging compressor and controller in the near future. In 2024, our Operations and Facilities team through routine maintenance activities found that one of the two compressors had suffered irreparable damage and immediately began upgrading the compressor; with aging plant controller scheduled for replacement in 2025.

After the installation and upgrade of the new compressor, the controller—slated for replacement in 2025, pending budget availability, unexpectedly failed. This issue was unforeseen.

We'd like to extend our appreciation to the staff at Memorial Sports Centre for being the first point of contact for ice users and for their continued support, as well as thank you to our ice users for your patience and understanding.

NEW TAGLINE SURVEY

The Town is removing “Boundless” as it’s tagline. Citizens have until October 31st to complete our survey which is Phase 1 of this low-cost project. Make sure to take the short survey if you haven’t yet! Provide your ideas, compare nearby municipality taglines and let us know if you have a favourite, let us know what you want captured in a tagline. Phase 2 we’ll be activating engagement sessions.

ASK AWAY!

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

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.

REGULAR HOURS

AIRPORT

Sunday to Friday
7am to 10pm

Saturday
7am to 6pm

CIVIC CENTRE

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

LANDFILL

Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm

Saturday
10am to 5pm

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

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