







Council & Staff

HISTORICAL INFORMATION
1949 -2026

FORT ST. JOHN
The Energetic City

WHERE NATURE LIVES, BUSINESSES PROSPER, FAMILIES ARE ACTIVE, AND DIVERSITY IS CELEBRATED.

VILLAGE OF FORT ST. JOHN INCORPORATED DECEMBER 31, 1947

DATE	CHAIRMAN	COMMISSIONERS	CLERK
JANUARY 29, 1948	Pickell	Harold Roche, Pomeroy	H.A. Mason
JANUARY 5, 1949	R.C. Pomeroy	Cuthill, Bowes	H.A. Mason
Minutes from January 1950 to September 1952 are missing.			
SEPTEMBER 26, 1952	Lutz	R.E. Duncan, ThomasMitchell	Curiston
JANUARY 3, 1953	R.E. Duncan	Ross MacLean, Arthur Hosker, Thomas Mitchell, Harold Roche	Curiston
JANUARY 4, 1954	Thomas Mitchell	Ross MacLean, Arthur Hosker, Margaret Murray, Harold Roche, Marvin Batchelor, Kenneth Kirkwood ——————— *(Roche was elected for a one year term to complete R.E. Duncan's term of office)*	Curiston
JANUARY 3, 1955	Thomas Mitchell	Ross MacLean, Arthur Hosker, Margaret Murray, Frank E. Spicer	Curiston
JANUARY 3, 1956	Frank Ewart Spicer	Ross MacLean, Arthur Hosker, Bradin Herron, John W. Baker	Curiston
JANUARY 3, 1957	Frank Ewart Spicer	Arthur Hosker, George Yipp, Bradin Herron, John W. Baker	Curiston
JANUARY 6, 1958	Frank Ewart Spicer	John W. Baker, Bradin Herron, George Yipp, Arthur Hosker	Curiston

In 1958, Fort St. John incorporated as a town. On June 12, 1958 Chairman changed to Mayor. On June 26, 1958 the title of Commissioner changed to Alderman.

DATE	MAYOR	ALDERMEN	CLERK
DECEMBER 12, 1958	Frank Ewart Spicer *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** Bradin Herron, George Yipp **One Year Term:** David Chiulli, Leslie Hunter	R. V. Curiston
JANUARY 4, 1960	Frank E. Spicer	Bradin Herron, George Yipp, Dave Chiulli, John Quelle	R. V. Curiston
JANUARY 3, 1961	Frank E. Spicer	**Two Year Term:** D.E. Smith, D. Pomeroy **Returning:** Dave Chiulli, John Quelle	*R.V. Curiston resigned on August 28, 1961 and Laurence D. Pollock was appointed on September 26, 1961*
JANUARY 8, 1962	Frank E. Spicer	**Two Year Term:** Charles Hamilton, John Quelle **Returning:** D.E. Smith, D. Pomeroy	Laurence D. Pollock
JANUARY 7, 1963	R.C. Pomeroy *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** D.E. Smith, W.G Stark **Returning:** John Quelle, C.B. Hamilton	Laurence D. Pollock
JANUARY 9, 1964	R.C. Pomeroy	**Two Year Term:** Charles Hamilton, H.T. Galbreath **Returning:** D.E. Smith, W.G. Stark	Laurence D. Pollock
JANUARY 4, 1965	R.C. Pomeroy *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** D.E. Smith, W.G. Stark **Returning:** Charles Hamilton, H.T. Galbreath	*Laurence D. Pollock resigned as of June 10, 1965 and A.A. Wray was appointed on the same date*
JANUARY 3, 1966	R.C. Pomeroy	**Two Year Term:** H.T. Galbreath, Charles Hamilton **Returning:** D.E. Smith, W.G. Stark	*A.A. Wray resigned on March 31, 1966 and E.R. Crabbe was appointed on May 2, 1966*

Clerk/Administrator title started being used on June 9, 1967.			
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JANUARY 3, 1967	R.C. Pomeroy *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** W.G. Stark, P. Odermatt **Returning:** Charles Hamilton, H.T. Galbreath	E.R. Crabbe
JANUARY 9, 1968	R.C. Pomeroy	**Two Year Term:** H.T. Galbreath, Peter Frankiw **Returning:** W.G. Stark, P. Odermatt	E.R. Crabbe
APRIL 30, 1968 *(Amalgamation with Village of Aennofield) both Councils governed until* **JANUARY 1969**	R.C. Pomeroy (Mayor) ——— M.C. Clarke (Deputy Mayor)	Peter Frankiw, H.T. Galbreath, P. Odermatt, W.G. Stark, W. Smith, G. Fox, W.L. Horst	E.R. Crabbe (FSJ Clerk/Administrator) ——— W.C. Allan (Aennofield Clerk)
JANUARY 6, 1969	W.G. Stark *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** M.C. Clarke, K.W. Dixon **Returning:** H.T. Galbreath, Peter Frankiw, G. Fox, W.L. Horst	E.R. Crabbe
JANUARY 5, 1970	W.G. Stark	**Two Year Term:** H.T. Galbreath, Peter Frankiw, S. Fedoruk, J.A. Bartell **Returning:** M.C. Clarke, K.W. Dixon	E.R. Crabbe
JANUARY 4, 1971	Peter Frankiw *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** M.C. Clarke, K.W. Dixon, L.F. Thomas **Returning:** S. Fedoruk, H.T. Galbreath, J.A. Bartell	*E.R. Crabbe resigned on June 30, 1971 and W.C. Allan was appointed Acting Clerk/ Administrator on September 7, 1971*
JANUARY 3, 1972	Peter Frankiw	**Two Year Term:** R.J. Davidson, L.A. Welsh, S. Fedoruk, H.T. Galbreath **Returning:** M.C. Clarke, L.F. Thomas	W.C. Allan

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JANUARY 7, 1974	Peter Frankiw	**Two Year Term:** H.T. Galbreath, Charles Hamilton, R.J. Howe **Returning:** M.W. Spicer, A.E. Knight, R.J. Davidson	*W.C. Allan retired on January 7, 1974 and D.P. Ormond was appointed on the same date*
Municipal Manager Bylaw presented at October 20, 1975 meeting & Electors voted to add a Municipal Manager position at the November 15, 1975 election. On July 1, 1975 Fort St. John was incorporated as a city.			
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JANUARY 6, 1975	Peter Frankiw *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** Annette F. Pearson, Brian E. Palmer, John Wallace Gentles **Returning:** H.T. Galbreath, Charles Hamilton, R.J. Howe	*D.P. Ormond resigned on June 15, 1975 and J.A. Hardy was appointed on August 18, 1975* ——— *Barry C. Willis was appointed City Clerk on December 8, 1975*	*J.A. Hardy was appointed Muncipal Manager on December 8, 1975*
JANUARY 5, 1976	Peter Frankiw	**Two Year Term:** H.T. Galbreath, Charles Hamilton, R.J. Howe **Returning:** Annette F. Pearson, Brian E. Palmer, John Wallace Gentles	Barry C. Willis	J.A. Hardy
JANUARY 3, 1977	Patrick D. Walsh *(Two Year Term)*	*H.T. Galbreath retired?* ——— **Two Year Term:** John Wallace Gentles, Joanne Elizabeth Mucci, Brian Eugene Archie Palmer, Gerald A. Tucker **Returning:** Charles Hamilton, R.J. Howe	Barry C. Willis resigned on September 6, 1977	J.A. Hardy

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DECEMBER 4, 1978 *Inaugural Meeting for 1979 Council*	Patrick D. Walsh *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** Brian Eugene Archie Palmer, Joanne Mucci, John Bradin Herron **Returning:** Charles Hamilton, John Wallace Gentles, Leslie Edward Hunter	*Roy Blackwood filled clerk position until Stan E. Kary was appointed on October 4, 1979*	Roy Blackwood
DECEMBER 3, 1979 *Inaugural Meeting for the 1980 Council*	Patrick D. Walsh	**Two Year Term:** Leslie Edward Hunter, Benjamin Klassen, David Edward Bodnar **Returning:** Joanne Mucci, John Bradin Herron	Stan E. Kary	Roy Blackwood
DECEMBER 8, 1980 *Inaugural Meeting for 1981 Council*	Brian Eugene Archie Palmer *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** Wayne Richard Gretzinger, John Bradin Herron, Jack J. Temple **Returning:** Benjamin Klassen, Ella Doreen Fraser, David Edward Bodnar	Stan E. Kary	Roy Blackwood
DECEMBER 7, 1981 *Inaugural Meeting for 1982 Council*	Brian Eugene Archie Palmer	**Two Year Term:** David Edward Bodnar, Ella Doreen Fraser, Joanne Elizabeth Mucci **Returning:** Wayne Richard Gretzinger, John Bradin Herron, Jack J. Temple	Stan E. Kary	Roy Blackwood
DECEMBER 6, 1982 *Inaugural Meeting for 1983 Council*	Brian Eugene Archie Palmer *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** Margaret Elizabeth (Beth) Todrick, Wayne Richard Gretzinger, Jack J. Temple **Returning:** Joanne Elizabeth Mucci, David Edward Bodnar, John Bradin Herron	Stan E. Kary	Roy Blackwood

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DECEMBER 5, 1983 *Inaugural Meeting for 1984 Council*	Brian Eugene Archie Palmer	**Two Year Term:** David Edward Bodnar, Eric I. Graham, Earl E. Little **Returning:** Wayne Richard Gretzinger, Jack J. Temple, Margaret Elizabeth (Beth) Todrick	Stan E. Kary	Roy Blackwood
DECEMBER 4, 1984 *Inaugural Meeting for 1985 Council*	Brian Eugene Archie Palmer *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** Wayne Richard Gretzinger, Jack J. Temple, Ella Doreen Fraser **Returning:** David Edward Bodnar, Eric I. Graham, Earl E. Little	Stan E. Kary	Roy Blackwood
DECEMBER 2, 1985 *Inaugural Meeting for 1986 Council*	Brian Eugene Archie Palmer	**Two Year Term:** David Edward Bodnar, Earl E. Little, Eric I. Graham **Returning:** Jack J. Temple, Wayne Richard Gretzinger, Ella Doreen Fraser	Stan E. Kary	Roy Blackwood
DECEMBER 6, 1986 *Inaugural Meeting for 1987 Council*	Patrick D. Walsh *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** Wayne Richard Gretzinger, Stephen H. Thorlakson, Peter Vandergugten **Returning:** David Edward Bodnar, Earl E. Little, Eric I. Graham	Stan E. Kary	Roy Blackwood
DECEMBER 7, 1987 *Inaugural Meeting for 1988 Council*	Patrick D. Walsh	**Two Year Term:** David Edward Bodnar, Earl E. Little, Jack Keough **Returning:** Wayne Richard Gretzinger, Stephen H. Thorlakson, Peter Vandergugten	*Stan E. Kary was appointed Municipal Manager October 1, 1987 and Barbara Jackman was appointed Deputy Clerk on the same date*	*Roy Blackwood retired on October 1, 1987 and Stan E. Kary was appointed on the same date*
DECEMBER 5, 1988 *Inaugural Meeting for 1989 Council*	Patrick D. Walsh *(Two Year Term)*	**Two Year Term:** Stephen H. Thorlakson, Peter Vandergugten, Norman G. Dartnel **Returning:** David Edward Bodnar, Earl E. Little, Jack Keough	Barbara Jackman (Deputy Clerk)	Stan E. Kary

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DECEMBER 4, 1989 *Inaugural Meeting for 1990 Council*	Patrick D. Walsh	**Two Year Term:** Stephen H. Thorlakson, Peter Vandergugten, Norman G. Dartnell **Returning:** David Edward Bodnar, Earl E. Little, Jack Keough, Pat Pimm	Barbara Jackman (Deputy Clerk)	Stan E. Kary
MAY 28, 1990 — DECEMBER 1, 1990	Patrick D. Walsh	*Councillor Dartnell resigned effective April 16, 1990 and Jean Pryndik was elected in by-election* **Returning:** Stephen H. Thorlakson, Peter Vandergugten, David Edward Bodnar, Earl E. Little, Jack Keough	Barbara Jackman (Deputy Clerk)	Stan E. Kary
In 1990 the Province eliminated the annual election process and initiated three year terms.				
DECEMBER 3, 1990 *Inaugural Meeting for 1991 to 1993 Council*	Stephen H. Thorlakson	Peter Vandergugten, Jack Keough, Jean Pryndik, Audrey Bartell, Frank Koop, David Edward Bodnar	*Doug Ruttan was appointed Municipal Clerk on May 1, 1991 and Director of Administration on September 28, 1992* Barbara Jackman (Deputy Clerk)	*Stan E. Kary retired on June 30, 1992 and Doug Ruttan was Acting City Manager until Colin Griffith's appointment on September 14, 1992*
July 20, 1992 Alderman changed to Councillor & September 14, 1992 Municipal Manager changed to City Manager.				
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DECEMBER 1993 — DECEMBER 1996	Stephen H. Thorlakson	Peter Vandergugten, Jeanne Pryndik, Audrey Bartell, Frank Koop, Joseph Kirschner, Pat Pimm	*Doug Ruttan resigned as of November 29, 1995 and Barbara Jackman was appointed Acting City Clerk on the same date*	Colin Griffith
DECEMBER 1996 — DECEMBER 1998	Stephen H. Thorlakson	Audrey Bartell, Peter Vandergugten, Pat Pimm, Jeanne Pryndik, Brian Churchill, Ian Forsyth	*Carol Susak was promoted to Director of Administration & Development on May 12, 1997 and Barbara Jackman retained Acting City Clerk position*	Colin Griffith

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OCTOBER 13, 1998 — DECEMBER 1999	Stephen H. Thorlakson	*Councillor Forsyth resigned effective August 17, 1998 Don Stewart elected in by-election and sworn in on October 13, 1998* ——— Peter Vandergugten, Jeanne Pryndik, Audrey Bartell, Brian Churchill, Pat Pimm	*Robert Kelly was appointed City Clerk on July 27, 1998 and Carol Susak retained Director of Corporate Services position*	Colin Griffith
DECEMBER 1999 — DECEMBER 2002	Stephen H. Thorlakson	Pat Pimm, Jeanne Pryndik, Karen Simpson, Don Stewart, Peter Vandergugten, Brian Churchill	*Robert Kelly (City Clerk) left the organization on May 8, 2000 and Barbara Jackman was appointed City Clerk on May 16, 2000, then retired on June 30, 2001* ——— *Carol Susak was appointed to Director of Corporate Administration on February 12, 2001 and City Clerk responsibilities were added to this role*	*Colin Griffith retired November 30, 2002 and John Locher was appointed on December 1, 2002*
DECEMBER 2002 — DECEMBER 2005	Stephen H. Thorlakson	Jim Eglinski, Pat Pimm, Karen Simpson, Don Stewart, Peter Vandergugten, Julie Vander Linden	Carol Susak (Director of Corporate Administration)	John Locher

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DECEMBER 2005 — JUNE 2006	Jim Eglinski	Dan Davies, Karen Simpson, Don Irwin, Don Stewart, Larry Evans, Lori Ackerman	Carol Susak (Director of Corporate Administration)	John Locher
OCTOBER 30, 2006 — NOVEMBER 2008	Jim Eglinski	*Councillor Don Stewart passed away in June 2006 and Bruce Christensen was elected in a by-election and sworn in on October 30, 2006* ——— Dan Davies, Karen Simpson, Don Irwin, Don Stewart, Larry Evans, Lori Ackerman	*Carol Susak (Director of Corporate Administration) left the organization on June 13, 2007* ——— *Janet Prestley was appointed Acting Director of Corporate Administration effective June 25, 2007 and appointed Director of Legislative & Administrative Services on October 12, 2007*	*John Locher left the organization on June 13, 2007 and Jim Rogers was appointed Acting City Manager until Dianne Hunter was appointed on October 9, 2007*
DECEMBER 2008 — DECEMBER 2011	Bruce Lantz	Lori Ackerman, Trevor Bolin, Bruce Christensen, Dan Davies, Larry Evans, Don Irwin	Janet Prestley (Director of Legislative & Administrative Services)	Dianne Hunter
DECEMBER 2011 — DECEMBER 2014	Lori Ackerman	Trevor Bolin, Bruce Christensen, Dan Davies, Larry Evans, Gord Klassen, Byron Stewart	Janet Prestley (Director of Legislative & Administrative Services)	Dianne Hunter
November, 2014 Mayor and Councillor terms went from 3 to 4 years.				
DECEMBER 2014 — SEPTEMBER 2017	Lori Ackerman	Trevor Bolin, Bruce Christensen, Dan Davies, Larry Evans, Gord Klassen, Byron Stewart	Janet Prestley (Director of Legislative & Administrative Services)	Dianne Hunter

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SEPTEMBER 2017 — OCTOBER 2018	Lori Ackerman	*Councillor Dan Davies resigned in July, 2017 and Lilia Hansen was elected in by-election and sworn into office on September 22, 2017* ——— Trevor Bolin, Bruce Christensen, Gord Klassen, Larry Evans, Byron Stewart	Janet Prestley (Director of Legislative & Administrative Services)	Dianne Hunter
NOVEMBER 2018 — OCTOBER 2022	Lori Ackerman	Trevor Bolin, Becky Grimsrud, Lilia Hansen, Gord Klassen, Byron Stewart, Tony Zabinsky	Janet Prestley (Director of Legislative & Administrative Services)	*Dianne Hunter Retires on August 14, 2020 and Milo MacDonald was appointed the new CAO*
NOVEMBER 2022 — OCTOBER 2026	Lilia Hansen	*Councillor Becky Grimsrud resigned on January 1, 2021 and Jim Lequiere was elected in by-election and sworn into office on May 15, 2021* ——— Trevor Bolin, Gord Klassen, Jim Lequiere Byron Stewart, Tony Zabinsky, Sarah McDougall	Janet Prestley (Director of Legislative & Administrative Services) retires and Bonnie McCue is appointed Corporate Officer	Milo MacDonald (CAO)
NOVEMBER 2026 — OCTOBER 2030	Trevor Bolin	Gord Klassen, Sarah MacDougall, Jim Lequiere, Tony Zabinsky, Lucas Wuthrich, Kevin Stigners	Bonnie McCue (Corporate Officer)	Milo MacDonald (CAO)