

**Town of Norman Wells
Council Minutes
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday May 30, 2017 – 7:00 pm
Council Chambers, Town of Norman Wells**

Present:	Nathan Watson Tim Melnyk Sherry Hodgson Lise Dolen Pam Gray Harold McGregor	Mayor (Chairperson) Deputy Mayor Councilor Councilor Councilor Councilor
Regrets:	Heidi Deschene	Councilor
Staff:	Catherine Mallon Misty Rayner	Senior Administrative Officer Finance Clerk
Guests:	Karel Meulenbroek Barry Harley	

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1. **Call to Order – 7:04pm.**
 2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
 - None
 3. **Review and Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by: Councilor McGregor
Seconded by: Councilor Dolen

‘Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole, dated May 30, 2017, is hereby adopted as amended.’

Motion Carried

Discussion: Council added an in Camera discussion.

4. **Presentation**
 - a) None
5. **Old Business**

- a) Town Budget and Audit Statements

Discussion: Capital Budget was tabled until the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Council discussed individual line items in the latest budget presented and gave a list of questions to Administration for review and follow up.

- b) Utility Increases

Discussion: Council discussed latest utility increases proposal. Deputy Mayor Melnyk stated confusion over the updated numbers. Only thing that changed was residential, not Commercial/Industrial. Those should be raised as well, perhaps 10% increase. Bulk water should be the economic rate. Mayor Watson stated that Council needs to look at revising rates as a whole. Deputy Mayor Melnyk stated to go forward with increases in residential and increase camps/commercial. Councilor Dolen stated whatever increase to residential should be applied to rest; change percentage for residential to other rates.

- c) Garbage Fee Increase

Discussion: Deputy Mayor Melnyk stated it is the same as the water/sewer. Historically, council decided commercial users were going to have same rate as residential users. Councilor Gray stated recommendation sounded good to her. Deputy Mayor Melnyk stated what is proposed really won't net a large increase in funds. Might want to look at a \$10 increase. Residential is being dump maintenance and collection. Commercial is just dump maintenance and they provide a lot of work for the dump. Councilor Dolen stated look at it as housing. Bulk packaging is main material, supposed to manage waste. Councilor Hodgson stated that Administration should make changes on numbers to see different per year to see.

Councilor McGregor stated Town doesn't control access to the dump. Mayor Watson stated it is a question of balancing on at least 1 line. Tipping fees are a separate issue from this. Recommends going \$20 for residential and \$30 for commercial. They will have a year and will take it before they have to face the environmental review. Councilor Hodgson stated that it will be tough on residents and users. Need to find a balance that is going to help us here without causing a problem there. Deputy Mayor Melnyk stated that previous councils have been reluctant to put in tiny percentage increases every year and now we have to make the tough choice.

8. Council Forum:

Deputy Mayor Melnyk

Nothing

Councilor Dolen

Preventative maintenance schedule for all buildings. Needs to be in place ASAP. Mayor Watson: assessments will give us an overall picture.

Councilor Hodgson

Was on Tulita today, no white bags there. Town should ban plastic bags. Councilor McGregor: Council tried 3 years ago – didn't go through. Should talk about it at next Council. Councilor Hodgson: in the grave yard: people buried since the early 40's with no tags. Update on Pool? Mayor Watson: Mold was found in the ceiling. Opening will be delayed to fix. It will be \$50,000 to clean mold. Isn't a 1 year thing. Mold accumulated over several years. Hoping to be sending info as it comes to Council. Leak in roof found the mold infestation. Councilor Hodgson: can you give an estimated time of completion and staff for pool in town? Mayor Watson: yes, staff are coming in June 1. Mayor Watson: information is just coming in. Tomorrow all information will get out to everyone.

Councilor McGregor

Nothing.

Councilor Gray

Wondering if sealant is happening this year. Mayor Watson: significant money to put to roads this year. Hoping in June.

Mayor Watson

Won't be able to attend FCM.

11. In Camera

'Be it resolved that we hereby move to go in camera the time being 8:18 pm.'

Motion Carried

a) Personnel

'Be it resolved that we hereby adjourn in-camera being 8:59pm'

Motion Carried

14. Adjourn

'Be it resolved that we hereby adjourn, the time being 9:00 p.m.'

MOVED BY: Councilor Gray



Nathan Watson
Mayor



Catherine Mallon
Town Manager