

**Town of Norman Wells  
Council Minutes  
Special Meeting of Council  
Monday June 27th 2017 – 12:00 pm  
Council Chambers, Town of Norman Wells**

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<b>Present:</b>	Nathan Watson Lise Dolen Harold McGregor Tim Melnyk	Mayor (Chairperson) Councillor Councillor Deputy Mayor
<b>Regrets:</b>	Heidi Deschene Pamela J Gray Sherry Hodgson	Councillor Councillor Councillor
<b>Staff:</b>	Catherine Mallon Misty Rayner Christine Ireland	Senior Administrative Officer Finance Clerk Town Clerk
<b>Guests:</b>	Enbridge – Anne Marie Tout & Mark Erlach RCMP – 2 members Daniel McNeely	

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**1. Call to Order – 12:11pm.**

**Mayor Watson:** “Due to recent social media postings, by Karel Meulenbroek; who is currently suing the town and SAO personally for a half million dollars, are slanted against the town, this relates to his previous employment with the town, these posting are being used as pressure tactics and litigation against the town, and the SAO personally; I am sorry, but at this time Mr Muelenbroek, you are being asked to leave the meeting, based on the defamatory statements and the disruption that it is causing to the town’s business.”

**Karel Muelenbroek:** “Am I required to leave?”

**Mayor Watson:** ‘Yes”

**Karel Muelenbroek:** “I am asking the RCMP or police officers”

**RCMP:** Yes, can we speak to you outside?

**Karel Meulenbroek:** “Yes”

RCMP escorted Karel Muelenbroek out of the chambers room - **12:15pm**

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

- None

**3. Review and Adoption of Agenda**

**‘Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Special Meeting of Council, dated June 27th, 2017, is hereby adopted as amended.’**

**Motion:** No. 17-75  
**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Melnyk  
**Seconded by:** Councilor Dolen

**Motion Carried**

**4. Delegation:**

- a) Enbridge- Project update

Discussion: Ann Marie Tout; I got a copy of the presentation that was done in Fort Simpson last week. You are all aware the NEB ordered a public hearing to take place August 8<sup>th</sup> in

Fort Simpson, as a result of that hearing our project is now being delayed a full year, so we are proposing the same project, same proposal, nothing has changed. But with the schedule, now it's looking like summer 2018. Obviously not the result we were looking for. So in addition to letting you know where we are, we are also reaching out to all of the organization who provided originally letters of support, and asking if you would provide expanded letters of support to the National Energy board, by July 19<sup>th</sup>, by doing that that becomes part of evidence for the representative on both sides and becomes a matter of public record. For Norman Wells Organizations, get some economic data from Imperial that we can provide for you guys to talk about the impact to the town in terms of employees, contractors, taxes all of that information to show how critical this is. Mayor Watson replied that we will hold off until the information provided about the economic impact has been reviewed by all council. We are obviously big supporters as we are an oil town and this affects our people and our town greatly. Ann Marie Tout replied that Enbridge is reaching out to Imperial Oil to get additional information regarding this matter. Mayor Watson replied that he had to delay an article for News North due to not having enough pertinent information to bring forward. It's important all stake holders have that information and the importance of this project. Ann Marie Tout added one more thing and that is she is officially done work July 13<sup>th</sup> and Mark will be taking over, not as manager but as the prime contact for the region. I will send Catherine the contact information for Mark as well as Brain Chambers from NEB as a part of his role is to assist the stakeholders on either side in submitting letters. MLA Daniel McNeely was asked to speak: Just wanted to add the public hearing is on August the 8<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to reach out to me for support. Mayor Watson stated that he wanted to thank Ann Marie personally for her dedicated service to the community during her employment with Enbridge. Mentioned her heart was always in the right place when it came to the community. We are sad to see you go as it's always sad to lose a long standing member of the community. We wish you luck but do hope something comes up for you so you don't have to move.

**RCMP interrupted the meeting at 12.21pm and stated that Karel Muelenbroek wanted back into the room. If you don't want him here or have been advised legally you can lock the door, but I can't physically stop him. Mayor Watson replied that what he read out at the beginning of the meeting came directly from the lawyers and we do have the right to control who enters the premises, and anything that is deemed to disrupt the council meeting. Councillor McGregor stated we should adjourn the meeting. RCMP left the room. Mayor Watson stated that we need to continue with the meeting as we have a responsibility to the community.**

**5. Minutes**

a) None

**6. Old business**

a) Municipal and Community Affairs, Government of the Northwest Territories, Contribution Agreement – CWWF Sewer Main Replacement Rehabilitation

Resolution

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement from the Government of the Northwest Territories, Municipal and Community Affairs, for CWWF Sewer Main Replacement Rehabilitation Funding in the amount of \$4,050,000.00 for Sept 6, 2016 to March 31, 2020.'**

**Motion: No. 17-76  
Moved by: Councillor McGregor  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Melnyk**

**Motion Carried**

b) Municipal and Community Affairs, Government of the Northwest Territories, Contribution Agreement – CWWF Infrastructure Assessment.

Resolution

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement from the Government of the Northwest Territories, Municipal and Community Affairs, for CWWF Infrastructure Engineering Analysis and Assessment in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Sept 6, 2016 to March 31, 2020.'**

**Motion: No. 17-77**  
**Moved by: Councilor McGregor**  
**Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Melnyk**

**Motion Carried**

- c) Municipal and Community Affairs, Government of the Northwest Territories,  
Contribution Agreement – CWWF Lagoon Upgrades and Improvements

Resolution

**Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement from the Government of the Northwest Territories, Municipal and Community Affairs, for CWWF Sewer Lagoon Upgrades and Improvements in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Sept 6, 2016 to March 31, 2020.'**

Discussion: None

**Motion: No. 17-78**  
**Moved By: Councilor McGregor**  
**Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Melnyk**

**Motion Carried**

- d) Rate increase water and sewer

Resolution

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby authorizes the Town Manager to change the rates in water and sewer bylaw appendices' A & B**

Discussion: Mayor Watson stated that we had anticipated full attendance to this special meeting other than Councillor Hodgson and seeing as though there are more unexpected absences Deputy Mayor Melnyk has stated that we can change the rates and appendices without repealing the bylaw and issuing a new bylaw. Councillor McGregor asked if that is true? Mayor Watson asked SAO to clarify. SAO Mallon stated that she assumed we were to create a new bylaw however Deputy Mayor Melnyk has stated that in fact no we don't. Councillor McGregor asked if there was a precedent and Deputy Mayor Melnyk said yes we have been doing this before and that's why there are schedule A & B in place as rates increase year after year so this is so we don't have to do three reading for a bylaw. I will say you are taking my word for it and I am 99% sure that I am, but having said that I could be mistaken. Mayor Watson stated that we can either do 2 readings of appeal and replacement or we can authorize the SAO to change appendices. Let's give council a moment to think about this.

Break called 12:30

Back in session: 12:35

Discussion continued: Mayor Watson asked council if they are ready to go ahead with repeal and it was unanimous

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives first reading to bylaw 17-02.'**

**Motion: No. 17-79**  
**Moved by: Councillor McGregor**  
**Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Melnyk**

**Motion Carried**

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives second reading to bylaw 17-02.'**

**Motion: No. 17-80**  
**Moved by: Councillor McGregor**  
**Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Melnyk**

**Motion Carried**

e) Garbage Rate Increases

Resolution

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives first reading to bylaw 17-06.'**

**Motion: No. 17-81  
Moved by: Councillor McGregor  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Melnyk**

**Motion Carried**

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives second reading to bylaw 17-06.'**

**Motion: No. 17-82  
Moved by: Councillor McGregor  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Melnyk**

**Motion Carried**

Discussion: Deputy Mayor Melnyk stated he does not feel we are capturing the entire business community. NTCP is going to be different than the Northern Store. There are going to be varying degrees of contributions to the dump, as far as for example the Norman Wells Transportation, HRN and Northridge and McCoy's contribute say 95% of tires and such to the dump, that we in turn have to send out at a cost, 2 grocery stores are a daily visitors to the dump, so we need to certainly increase the rates, we need to pass this. We need to be fair and firm to all contributors and after this process we need to bring this forth at the next Committee of the Whole to look into this further. We should also reach out to the business community via The Chambers of Commerce to discuss this subject. If we don't include them in these meetings and impose rates for heavy users over light users, we will then be imposing rates that they have no recourse over or discuss. Mayor Watson agreed to discuss further as we have to remember that there are territorial and federal regulations to consider. Councillor McGregor stated that we also need to consider policing it and or access control. Deputy Mayor Melnyk stated we have to get on this and get it done as this should have been done a long time ago as we are missing out on revenue. So I suggest we do this for the next regular meeting. Councillor Dolen stated no more special meetings. Let's get back on track and get business done at regular meetings. SAO Mallon replied to do this practically and professionally we have to pick up where we left off, it probably won't be on for the next COW meeting but could commit to end of August, what I need to concentrate on right now is the sewers, I need to be sure that I am doing things right and correctly following federal and territorial regulations, this is the first time we have had joint funds, I need to be focused on crossing the T's and dotting the I's so that come October or November s there is a lot of paperwork and legal aspects. It is a big big job, and I have to stop being distracted so I can focus and stop being overwhelmed at meetings and I have to focus to do this job right.

**7. New Business**

a) None

**8. Committee Reports**

a) None

**9. Departmental Reports**

- a) Town Manager None
- b) Finance None
- c) Fire Department None
- d) Lands None
- e) Public Works None
- f) Recreation None

10. Council Forum

Councillor McGregor

Are we going to respond to the latest email from Karel Muelenbroek? So do we dignify it with a reply? Mayor Watson stated that yes technical issues happen and the website is being worked on, many of the stuff referenced in that email to MACA from Karel, he is asking Barry Harley for things that are essentially internal information. He is questioning who gets a phon. He is asking for things that he shouldn't know about, I am not even sure where he is getting this information to ask about, it's really odd to me but we all know where this is coming from as Mr Muelenbroek is suing the Town, and by the way that statement addressing Mr Muelenbroek came straight from our lawyers and frankly I will be issuing something here officially as he is frankly suing the Town and the SAO for half a million dollars. That's the basis for this whole social media barrage as well as numerous letters to the ministers, the Premier, MACA you name it. I did check with lawyers that what he is doing is slander to benefit himself personally. I checked to make sure what I could and could not say. I have no idea where he is getting this inside information from as its odd, it's stirring up the populous and taking away the focus of conducting town business. This fact is the man is suing the Town and SAO personally...period. As for replying to the email we are not replying. As far as him not being able to attend these meetings that has been confirmed by our lawyers as he can't disrupt these meetings. Deputy Mayor Melnyk stated that he did not see him take pictures. But yes if he is taking pictures of people in these meetings then yes that is disruptive. Councillor McGregor replied we have spent how much time discussing this like today and other times how is that not disruptive? Councillor Dolen stated we are not commenting on the other people's posts so I don't think we should comment on anything he says. Because he has that right to say whatever he wants its Facebook. If he is questioning things and being disruptive then yes we can ask him to leave, but just him sitting here, I don't agree with what went on here today. Mayor Watson clarified he has been taking pictures of certain councilors, chairing these meetings if you have ever done it, it's sometimes difficult to concentrate. If he is disruptive to one it is disruptive to all. I find it very distracting to have him typing away with an open laptop as I can't be sure he is not taking pictures. I don't like it and I don't care what is posted on Facebook as long as it's not defamatory or slander towards an elected official. He is posting "minutes" that are his version. We are responsible for posting minutes; he has taken pictures of staff and posted them. This is not normal Facebook gripping, this is disruptive. If Mr Muelenbroek did not have a half million dollar lawsuit against this Town and SAO, then no problem but he does.

Councillor Dolen

Nothing

Deputy Mayor Melnyk

Nothing

11. Correspondence to Council  
a) None

a) None

**13. Adjourn**

**'Be it resolved that we hereby adjourn, the time being 1:04 p.m.'**

**MOVED BY: Councillor McGregor**



Nathan Watson  
Mayor



Catherine Mallon  
Town Manager