

**Town of Norman Wells
Minutes
Committee of the Whole #21-01
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 12:00PM
Council Chambers and Teleconference
Call in 1-866-969-8429 ID: 5040455**

Present:	Frank Pope	Mayor
	Alexis Peachey	Deputy Mayor
	Jean-Paul Bernard	Councillor
	Trevor Smith	Councillor
	David Wever	Councillor
Regrets:	Pascal Audet	Councillor
	Jim Boyle	Councillor
Staff:	Cathy Clarke	Senior Administrative Officer
	Alex Millette	Public Works Manager
	Randy Sinasac	Fire Chief
	Kayla Turner	Governance & Community Engagement Manager

1. Call to Order 12:00PM

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Approved by all.

4. Delegation

None.

5. Topics

a) Community Plan Roll-out: January 15, 2020 - Completed

b) Gas Tax Allocation: January 29, 2020 - Completed

c) Advocacy Efforts: February 19, 2020 - Completed

d) Landfill and Solid Waste Management: March 4, 2020 - Completed

e) MD& A Review and Spring/Summer 2020 Work Plan Prioritization: April 28, 2020 – Completed

f) Landfill & Forecasting: May 12, 2020 - Completed

g) Emerging Wisely Plan: May 27, 2020 - Completed

h) Water & Sewer By-Law & Gas Tax Allocations: June 10, 2020 – carried over

i) Gas Tax Allocations: Continued June 17th, 2020 – carried over

j) Gas Tax Allocations: Continued/Water & Sewer By-Law June 24th, 2020 – Completed

- k) Reserve Fund Dedications: July 8th, 2020 – Completed**
- l) Water & Sewer By-Law: August 26, 2020 – Part 1 Completed**
- m) By-Law Review – September 8, 2020 – Ongoing**
- n) Water & Sewer By-Law/Financial Report Framework/Milestone Report Presentation- Completed**
 - **Payment Plan- Completed**
 - Access Fees
 - **Presentation of new monthly financial report framework- Completed**
 - **Milestone Report – Next steps on Landfill- Completed**
- o) Town Clean-up/Beautification with Town as Example:**
 - Clean-up of Courtier lot
 - Green spaces
 - Roads maintenance standards
 - Thorough ditching
 - Utilidor brushing
- p) Economic Development:**
 - Business incubation
 - Culture
 - Marketing
 - Tourism
- q) Recreation and Green Spaces:**
 - Jackfish expansion
 - New recreation facilities i.e.: soccer pitch, basketball court, skateboard park
 - Park and green space development
 - Playground development
- r) Community Programming:**
 - Evaluation of existing programming, costs, capacity, effectiveness
 - What role does Council feel the Town should play in community needs?
 - Direct provision
 - Facilitation
 - Fund broker
 - Grants support and/or application
 - Networking
 - Subsidy
- s) Water:**
 - Public education campaign
 - Water conservation options/audits/education
- t) Bylaw/Policy Updates: Ongoing**
 - Ongoing
- u) Ambulatory Care**
 - Administrative Report

6. Adjourn 1:03PM

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1. Administrative Report- Ambulatory Care attached

- The Fire Chief is frustrated with the lack of progress relating to proper ambulatory care. He has had multiple meetings with key partners with no progress made. The consensus of all parties is that there needs to be a change in the standard of care that is available in Norman Wells for emergency transport services.
- Health and Social Services, the RCMP and the Fire Department are all in agreement that an ambulance or transport vehicle is needed. Patients have been transferred to the medical centre in the back of a pickup truck. This is not only a liability for the patient's safety but also for the safety of the first responders.
- Designated transport nurses have access to a Ford Flex- this is not for emergency transport. Designated transport nurses are liable in the same degree as fire fighters.
- Fire fighters may assist the nurse getting the patient to the Ford Flex.
- There is funding available for municipalities for up to \$50,000 per year for emergency transport services depending on the community.
- The municipality gets called on for winter road emergencies. In other communities, no department would attend outside of the municipality.
- The Department of Transportation plays an active roll in ambulatory care- the Town could enter into an agreement to attend certain accidents on the winter road with certain equipment.
- Councillor Bernard expressed frustration regarding medical transport and training. He noted the Town is not any closer to getting something done by having these conversations. He would like to be able to safely transport a patient in emergency situations. He noted that it could be any one of us or our loved ones in the back of a pickup truck receiving life saving care.
- Council agreed to send an emergency resolution to NWTAC.
- Councillor Wever asked if the Town has inquired about using industry medical services to get us by. The Fire Chief responded that yes, recently there have been preliminary discussions. The conversations involved contracting a separate company for emergency transport. There are logistical problems when entering into agreement for a shared ambulance as there could be emergencies at the same time for each party.
- The SAO noted there is a risk involved- and maybe Council would like to take it. The SAO will get ahold of insurers for more information regarding insurance and liability for ambulatory care.
- The SAO also noted that it is important that the community know that Council and the Fire Department are having conversation that will lead to having best practices and minimum standards for emergency transport services.

2. Covid Expenses

- See Report.
- Council is in support of getting as much recovery funding as possible.
- Staff to submit for expenses.



Frank Pope, Mayor



Cathy Clarke, SAO