

**Town of Norman Wells
Minutes
Regular Council Meeting #19-13
Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 7:00pm
Council Chambers, Town of Norman Wells**

Present: Frank Pope Mayor
Alexis Peachey Deputy Mayor
Trevor Smith Councillor
Jean-Paul Bernard Councillor
Pascal Audet Councillor
David Wever Councillor

Regrets: Jim Boyle Councillor (Out of Town for business)

Staff: Cathy Clarke Senior Administrative Officer
Johannie Lapierre Secretary/Development Officer

Guests: Cindy Collier

1. **Call to Order – 7:00PM**

2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

3. **Review and Adoption of Agenda**

'Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated June 11, 2019, is hereby adopted.'

Motion: No. 19-13-01
Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Peachey

Motion Carried

4. **Delegation**

None

5. **Minutes**

a) Regular Meeting of Council #19-12

'Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Regular meeting of Council #19-12, dated May 21st, 2019, are hereby adopted with the correction on page 5 "we have received a message back from our member of parliament that mister Champagne was trying to organize a meeting with the Prime Minister Trudeau".'

Motion: No. 19-13-02
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Peachey
Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Motion Carried

6. **Old Business**

None

7. **New Business**

Prior to the approval of the millrate by-laws, the Mayor announces that Council received the requested variation of time order to the Property Assessment and Taxation Act from the Minister of Finance of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

- a) Millrate by-law No. 19-06 – First reading
‘Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives First reading to Millrate by-law 19-06.’

Motion: No. 19-13-03
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Peachey
Seconded by: Councillor Smith **Motion Carried**

Millrate by-law No 19-06 – Second reading
‘Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives Second reading to Millrate by-law 19-06 with the correction on page 2 “15-14”.’

Motion: No. 19-13-04
Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Wever **Motion Carried**

- b) Millrate by-law No. 19-07 – First reading
‘Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives First reading to Millrate by-law 19-07.’

Motion: No. 19-13-05
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Peachey
Seconded by: Councillor Smith **Motion Carried**

Millrate by-law No. 19-07 – Second reading
‘Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives Second reading to Millrate by-law 19-07.’

Motion: No. 19-13-06
Moved by: Councillor Wever
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Peachey **Motion Carried**

- c) Mill rate by-law No. 19-08 – First reading
‘Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives First reading to Millrate by-law 19-08.’

Motion: No. 19-13-07
Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Peachey

Councillor Audet: Wonders if the by-laws are in accordance with the years of the variation. The SAO and Secretary explain why the Town needs three by-laws even if the variation covers 2 years.

Councillor Smith: Asks if the 19-08 is for the year 2018. By-law 19-08 sets the rates for the 2019 taxation year (the upcoming bill). The rates increased between the 2017 and the 2018 taxation year.

Motion Carried

Mill rate by-law No. 19-08 – Second reading
‘Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives Second reading to Millrate by-law 19-08.’

Motion: No. 19-13-08
Moved by: Councillor Audet
Seconded by: Councillor Bernard **Motion Carried**

- d) Proclamation: National Drowning Prevention Week, July 21-27, 2019
'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells do hereby proclaims July 21- 27' 2019 National Drowning Prevention Week Norman Wells and do commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens of our community.'

Motion: No. 19-13-09
Moved by: Councillor Audet
Seconded by: Councillor Wever

The Mayor reads the proclamation.

Motion Carried

- e) Strategic Plan, Town of Norman Wells, 2019
'Be it resolved that the Strategic Plan, Town of Norman Wells, 2019 is hereby adopted with the correction on page 3 "wellness and safety" and on page 4 "unique".'

Motion: No. 19-13-10
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Peachey
Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Councillor Wever: Recommends keeping the strategic plan a live document. Suggests including once a month the 3 priorities to the Council meeting for discussion. Council agrees.

Deputy Mayor Peachey: Asks for correction of the spelling errors.

SAO: Wonders if the document will be presented to public. The Mayor answers it will be available at the open house event.

Motion carried

- f) FCM Annual Conference 2019, Report to the Community
'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby approves to send the FCM Annual Conference 2019 report to the Community and Party leaders'.

Deputy Mayor Peachey: Comments on the disconnection between the south and the north as most forums were based on the south municipalities. She found the remote and northern forum interesting with the key point being the concept of innovation helping the traditional, instead of motorizing it.

Mayor: Suggests that Council should concentrate on NWTAC to be held in Inuvik next year.

Councillor Wever: Recommends formally inviting the leaders at the same time. The Mayor replies that it will be done in a separate letter.

Motion: No. 19-13-11
Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Motion carried

8. Committee Reports

None

9. Departmental Reports (2nd meeting of each month)

- Town Manager:

Work on advocacy package is ongoing

Contact with climate change experts

Interview of candidates for Fire chief position, currently looking at references for 1 impressive candidate

3 candidates to interview tomorrow for the Public Works Manager position

Road work is one month early. The Town will create a work plan with HRN.

Coastal erosion project can move forward

Job description in writing for an administrative position

Administration is working on the Mackenzie house's demolition project and the landfill issue.

Work with MACA for the GNWT leased lots on the arrears list

Consultant Lee Sacrey will be in Town on Sunday. Planned conversation with the impact investor person.

A lot of positive comments for the Animal Control Officer. 12 dogs currently in prison overnight. She adds that most of the complaints are about the noise.

Mayor: Informs that he received an apology from HRN for not fixing a culvert.

10. Council Forum

Councillor Bernard: Reports on the meeting between the Internet society and the Mackenzie Valley Fiber link. Essentially just the opportunity to start the Internet company. Wonder if the community will have the opportunity to read tonight's by-laws. The Mayor replies affirmatively.

Councillor Audet: Inquires about the donation of quarry material for undeveloped lot purchase. The Development Officer explains that this opportunity can be found in Quarry by-law 15-20 that has been reviewed/repealed in 2017 (by-law 17-07) without the notion. The Mayor recommends amending the by-law to add the section again.

Councillor Wever: Recommends tearing down the gazebo by the ball park and to move the one at the corner of Mackenzie Drive and Riverview Street. The Mayor reports a discussion with Todd McCauley to relocate this gazebo to the new quarry area. Considers that the Town should brush ditches, signs and intersections. The Mayor answers that sometimes, the Town staff would clean the ones in DOT lake area. Suggests inviting the Power Corp. to get an update on their work.

Councillor Smith: Inquires about the dust control. The Mayor replies with the transportation issues and says that he tries to respect everybody's requests.

Mayor:

Notice for citizen of the year has been posted.

Mayor attended the Norman Wells army cadets' year end parade. They were a very smart looking group of young adults.

The Town of Norman Wells: Catherine Mallon has been served by the following former employees Suat Tin Lim, Myles Erb, and Chelsea MacLean for damages due to wrongful dismissal and the impacts of harassment and a toxic work environment, among other things. We are in touch with our lawyers on this and will do our best to protect the interests of our community.

The Mayor has recused himself from all staff hiring. Council members will form random committees to assist the SAO in the recruitment of staff.

The 2 gazebos (by the ball park and the NT dock) are dangerous and will be demolished.

Council will be meeting with outgoing RCMP Corporal Jon Cormier next Tuesday on June 18, 2019. The Mayor suggests a small gift in appreciation of his services in Norman Wells. He will be accompanied by the senior Officer in the NWT.

Mackenzie house: clean up has started. We will have to determine where the debris will be placed.

11. Correspondence to Council

- a) Letter to Department of Infrastructure from Hamlet of Tulita

Received as information

12. Correspondence from Council

- a) None

13. In Camera

- Staffing

'Be it resolved we hereby go in camera the time being 7:54PM'

Motion: No. 19-13-12
Moved by: Councillor Wever
Seconded by: Councillor Audet

Motion Carried

'Be it resolved we hereby leave in camera the time being 8:06PM'

Motion: No. 19-13-13
Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Motion Carried

'Be it resolved that the Senior Administrative Officer receives the interim increase of salary per contract retroactive to June 1st 2019. The probation period shall remain in effect until the 6 months review at the end of August, 2019.'

Motion: No. 19-13-14
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Peachey
Seconded by: Councillor Audet

Motion Carried

14. Adjourn

'Be it resolved that we hereby adjourn, the time being 8:17PM

Motion: No. 19-13-15
Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Peachey

Motion Carried



Frank Pope
Mayor



Cathy Clarke
Senior Administrative Officer