

# NORMAN WELLS COUNCIL UPDATE

July, 2019

## Mayor's greetings...



### Did you know that:

- ◆ You can access Council Meeting Agendas on our Website
- ◆ You can get copies of any Town Bylaws and Policies at the Town Hall
- ◆ You can attend any Council meeting to observe or as a delegation

We are pleased after 6 months in office to bring you our 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter. It has been very gratifying serving our community. Some personal highlights include taking the salute at the wind up parade for the season of the 3043 Norman Wells Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. What a wonderful, mature group of young adults, our community should be proud of them.

I was very pleased to attend this year's Graduation Ceremony. Seven young adults of whom we should also be very proud. Each of them reached their goal of graduation with the support of a very dedicated teaching team led by Michael Duclos at MacKenzie Mountain School.

The Norman Wells Land Corporation gave us a terrific weekend of events in celebration of Indigenous People's Day. A huge thanks to Sherry Hodgson and her team!

Council, in partnership with local businesses such as the Yamouri, were happy to once again bring you an entertaining Canada Day celebration. We challenge every business in town to beat our float next year!

Thanks to Warren and Caroline Wright and family for bringing a wonderful Aviation Event to Norman Wells. We had visitors from the Sahtu communities and many parts of Canada come to our unique community to celebrate the reincarnation of the Bellanca CH300 Pacemaker, and aircraft which is famous in northern aviation history.

Council are working very hard on your behalf. Staffing is coming together and I am proud of the steps taken in our first 6 months in office. We thank each of you for trusting us to take our community through all of our challenges into a brighter future! Enjoy the rest of the summer, and in early fall Council hope to hold another meet and greet with you, our residents, giving you an opportunity to meet your Councillors one on one.

Mayor Frank Pope

## Grants

Much of what we are able to accomplish is funded with Federal or Territorial grants:

Investing in Community's Infrastructure Program-awaiting response on roadway/drainage for \$1,500,000 Million, arena improvements for \$1,800,000 Million, solid waste site improvements for \$2,200,000 Million

Small Community Funds-presently costing road work completion

CCPN- \$130,000.00 for a riverbank erosion study and remediation plan

Recreation Grants for a total of \$70,000.00/year

FCM -applying for green funds for landfill remediation and alternate energy sources (multi-year plan)

Gas Tax - looking to potential phased projects as per priority post asset management completion.

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## Advocacy

We have been working on an Advocacy Plan for development of an all season road. To date we have approached the Federal government representatives at FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities), sent letters of concern with back-up to each Federal Party leader. Our plan entails engaging partners in Norman Wells, the Sahtu region and territorial government.

Climate change is more than a catch phrase for those of us who live in the North. On a daily basis we feel the impacts of climate change on our communities and on the quality of life of each community member. We believe the provision of an all season road will support our quest for independence and community health, while helping other seriously affected parts of the North such as the Arctic Islands. The Federal Government averages a profit of \$93 Million/year from the Norman Wells oil field, more than enough to finance an all season road. We are counting on your support as we move forward with this important initiative.

You can pick up a copy of this plan at the office or view it on our website.

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## Strategic Plan

We made the development of a Strategic Plan a priority. Council and management spent an intense weekend and some evenings, working together to develop a Strategic Plan for our community. We are very pleased with the results and invite you to either view it on our website or pick up a copy at the Town Office. Municipal government is the closest, most personal level of government for a community. This is the beginning; the next step is implementation with community partnerships and community engagement playing a key role.

We will be setting up opportunities for community and community group input such as:

- Community open houses
- Council committee format
- Open sourcing of ideas on the website
- Suggestion boxes
- Bi-weekly Council meetings
- Surveys
- Call your Council members with any and all ideas!

Our Vision:

*The Town of Norman Wells has a diverse economy and is a place of equal access and opportunity which Values sustainable growth, safety, and community engagement...for all residents and visitors. We see our Community as being a welcoming regional hub which works with other Sahtu communities for the benefit of our Town and the Region.*

## Shout outs...

- Jillian Brown as this year's Citizen of the Year, for her many years of dedicated work and support to our students!
- Steve Scott for a Hero's Award for his rescue of several residents from a burning home
- To our volunteer Fire Department for always being there for our community when we need them most. We know the hours you put into training and team building, and we know that your dedication keeps us safe!
- To our volunteer committee members who give of their own time to help make Norman Wells all it can be!

We recognize that there are many volunteers and people who care and act as the glue for our community and they deserve a daily thank-you!



## New Staff

Carol Lorentz as our new Utilities trainee

Shawn Donahue comes to us from NB as our new Public Works Manager

Daniel Rayner as our new Public Works Foreman

Randy Sinasac comes to us from Ontario as our new Fire Chief/Bylaw Officer

Robert McPhie comes to us from the Yukon as our new Recreation Manager

We are excited about our new team members, welcome!!!

Did you know that these are the services we offer the community:

Direct service provision and contract service delivery facilitation

Program subsidy and support

Incubation

Facilitation

Networking

Information and support

Referral

Education and workshopping

Partnering

Advocacy

In kind support

Community advertising