

**Town of Norman Wells  
Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting #21-05  
Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, 7:00pm  
Council Chambers  
Call in 1-866-969-8429 ID: 5040455**

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<b>Present:</b>	Frank Pope Alexis Peachey Pascal Audet Jean-Paul Bernard Trevor Smith David Wever	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
<b>Staff:</b>	Cathy Clarke Karen Boudreau Johannie Lapierre Gary Micalyck Alex Millette Hugo Pabke Randy Sinasac Kayla Turner	Senior Administrative Officer Finance Manager Development Officer Public Works Manager Recreation Director Utilities Manager- telephone Fire Chief Governance and Community Engagement Manager
<b>Guests:</b>	Chris Chivers	Telephone
<b>Regrets:</b>	Jim Boyle	Councillor

**1. Call to Order 7:00PM**

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Councilors Audet and Smith declared conflict of interest on items 7a and 7b.

**3. Review and Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution

It was discovered after the meeting that there was a numbering error on the agenda.

**'Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 is hereby adopted.'**

**Motion:** No. 21-05-01  
**Moved by:** Councillor Peachey  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Wever

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**4. Delegation**

None

**5. Committee Reports**

a) Recreation Committee  
a. Draft Minutes

- No discussion.

b) Economic Development Committee  
a. Draft Minutes

- Error in minutes in section 8 Open Forum. The meeting date referenced was December 15, 2020 not December 25.
- Mayor Pope suggested reaching out to Susan Wright to discuss tourism as she was the chair of the Arctic Tourism Board. She would be a useful tool to the Committee.

c) Town Planning Committee  
a. Draft Minutes

- The Committee will soon be receiving the final drafts of the Zoning By-Law and Community Plan.

**6. Minutes**

a) Regular Meeting of Council #21-04 Draft Minutes

Resolution

**'Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, dated February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 are hereby adopted.'**

**Motion: No. 21-05-02**  
**Moved by: Councillor Smith**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Peachey**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**7. Old Business**

Councilors Smith and Audet left the room at 7:04PM.

a) Disposal By-Law #21-04 First Reading

Resolution

- i. Lot Six Hundred Forty-Eight (648) Plan Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty (4780), Lot Six Hundred Forty-Nine (649) Plan Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty (4780) and Lot Six Hundred Fifty (650) Plan Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty (4780) for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives First Reading to Disposal By-Law #21-04.'**

**Motion: No. 21-05-03**  
**Moved by: Councillor Wever**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Bernard**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

b) Disposal By-Law #21-04 Second Reading

Resolution

- i. Lot Six Hundred Forty-Eight (648) Plan Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty (4780), Lot Six Hundred Forty-Nine (649) Plan Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty (4780) and Lot Six Hundred Fifty (650) Plan Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty (4780) for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

- Mayor Pope asked as what the next part of the process is. Johannie responded that the agreement for sale can be signed before the third reading of the Disposal By-Law which will happen March 16, 2021.

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives Second Reading to Disposal By-Law #21-04.'**

**Motion: No. 21-05-04**  
**Moved by: Councillor Wever**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Bernard**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Councilors Smith and Audet joined Council in Chambers at 7:07PM.

c) Tax Auction

Resolution

- i. Eligible Properties- confidential
- ii. Process
- iii. Regulation Summary

- Councillor Peachey verified that the properties available for tax auction are not GNWT Lease properties. Johannie responded that some of the properties are GNWT Leases, the process is almost the same, but stops at certificate of arrears being sent to the courts.
- Councillor Wever asked if the Town is in any position to bid on any properties. The SAO responded, yes.
- Councillor Audet thanked Johannie for the flow chart indicating the tax auction process.
- Mayor Pope mentioned that there is a property on the list that the owners are deceased.

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby approves the Development Officer to move forward with a Tax Auction as outlined in the attached process.'**

**Motion: No. 21-05-05**  
**Moved by: Councillor Bernard**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Smith**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 8. New Business

### a) Board of Revisions Appointment

Resolution

- Councillor Wever noted that Council has to be the minority, one Councillor may have to leave the room if needed.

**'Be it resolved that Councillor David Wever, Councillor Jean-Paul Bernard, Dee Opperman, Carol Lorentz, and Cindy Collier are hereby appointed to sit on the 2021 Board of Revision.'**

**Motion:** No. 21-05-06  
**Moved by:** Councillor Peachey  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Weaver

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### b) New Proposed Quarry Pricing

Discussion/Resolution

- The SAO noted that if Council is happy with the new pricing, the corresponding by-law will be amended.
- Councillor Audet suggested a further reduction to resident rates to promote the use of quarry materials. Staff will adjust rates in by law and bring forward to next meeting for readings.

**'Be it resolved that the New Proposed Quarry Pricing is hereby approved by the Council of the Town of Norman Wells.'**

**Motion:** No. 21-05-07  
**Moved by:** Councillor Bernard  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Peachey

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 9. Council Forum

- Councillor Bernard:
  - Participated in a meeting held by the Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC) and Arctic Energy Alliance. A reminder to staff that the Northern Reach Program and Greenhouse Gas Grants is extended to 2024.
- Councillor Audet: none.
- Councillor Smith:
  - Asked about the lighting upgrade at the curling club. Alex responded that most of the funding for the project was used up for the arena lighting. The department receives yearly grants that will help fund future projects as well as incoming federal grants that the department is looking into.
- Councillor Peachey:
  - Councilors Peachey, Wever, and Bernard attended the virtual NWTAC AGM. Councillor Peachey is currently preparing a report to share with Council.
- Councillor Wever:
  - Informed Council that the Marten Avenue Housing Contracts have opened. One home has a bid that is close to \$900,000. He advised Council as it is tax payer money being used to develop these homes.
  - At the NWTAC meeting, Senator Anderson mentioned that she is currently working in the Northwest Territories. She expressed interest in open invitation to communities to discuss federal concerns.
- Mayor Pope:
  - Suggested writing a letter of invitation to Senator Anderson to meet with Council.
  - He thanked Councilors Peachey, Wever, and Bernard for attending the NWTAC AGM.
  - Mayor Pope attended a Waterboard meeting with Gary and Hugo. The Town's water license is in good compliance.
  - There is a ceremony on the Arctic Circle that will unveil a logo in the form of a drum. The Town has been invited to participate if anyone is interested.
  - He has agreed to an interview with Sirius XM radio regarding businesses and covid-19. Frank will share the channel information with Council.

## 10. Correspondence to Council

### a) Draft Fire Apparatus Proposal 2021

Information/Discussion

- For information purposes only as Council passed the purchase of a new fire apparatus in the 2021 budget.

b) Digital Message Board

Information/Discussion

- i. Administrative Report
- ii. Digital Display for Municipalities
- iii. The Digital Connection
- iv. Quote
- v. EMC Options

- Staff wanted to present an alternate idea to Council as a digital message board was approved in the 2021 budget. The type of screen proposed will allow for better communication with the community.
- Councillor Wever likes this idea better than a three-line digital message board as this will get far more information out to residents.
- Councillor Audet suggested looking for more money as this item costs more than what was budgeted.
- Staff has looking into additional funding and grants that they will share with Council.

11. Correspondence from Council

None

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 7:36PM

12. In Camera

a) Legal Update

Information/Discussion

**'Be it resolved the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby go in camera the time being 7:44PM.'**

**Motion: No. 21-05-08**  
**Moved by: Councillor Peachey**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Wever**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Be it resolved the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby leave in camera the time being 8:32PM.'**

**Motion: No. 21-05-09**  
**Moved by: Councillor Smith**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Wever**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

14. Adjourn 8:35PM Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Audet



Frank Pope, Mayor



Cathy Clarke, SAO