# **Town of Norman Wells** Minutes

# Regular Council Meeting #20-26 Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7:00pm **Council Chambers**

Call in 1-866-969-8429 ID: 5040455

Present:

Frank Pope

Mayor

Alexis Peachey Pascal Audet Jean-Paul Bernard Jim Boyle- telephone Trevor Smith

**Deputy Mayor** Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor

Staff:

Cathy Clarke- telephone

Senior Administrative Officer **Development Officer** 

Johannie Lapierre

Alex Millette

David Wever

Randy Sinasac- telephone

Recreation Director/Acting Public Works Manager

Fire Chief

Councillor

Kayla Turner

Governance and Community Engagement Manager

**Guests:** 

**Chris Chivers** 

Telephone

Call to Order 1.

7:00PM

#### **Declaration of Conflict of Interest** 2.

Councillor Audet item 6B

## **Review and Adoption of Agenda** 3.

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 is hereby adopted.'

**Motion:** 

No. 20-26-01

Moved by:

**Councillor Peachey** 

Seconded by:

Councillor Smith

**Motion Carried** 

## 4. **Committee Reports**

- a) Economic Development Committee
  - a. Minutes
  - Update time error in Minutes from 11:59AM to 12:59PM
    - b. Introductory Portfolio
    - c. Detailed Project Methodology
  - The Committee agrees that a Lobbying Consultant would better suit what the Committee is trying to accomplish.
- b) Town Planning and Land Use Committee
  - a. Draft Minutes
  - The Committee has been working on the Property Standards By-Law.
  - The Committee has been assisting the Lands Department with budgetary ideas.
  - Would like to consider allowing Town to pre order ravens for residents to purchase for their house numbers.
  - Mayor Pope questioned item F on the report. One of the members requested heavy equipment not drive through the Town Core. There is a special permit required to drive on the chip seal. The member's main concern was unnecessary heavy equipment driving through town.
- c) Recreation Committee
  - a. Draft Minutes
  - The Recreating Master Plan will roll out this month. Ice is being started in the Curling Club and at the arena. The Curling Club is working on their Covid-19 safety plan with the GNWT

### 5. **Minutes**

a) Regular Meeting of Council #20-25

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, dated October 20th, 2020 are hereby adopted.'

**Motion:** 

No. 20-26-02

Moved by: Councillor Bernar Councillor Smith Councillor Bernard

**Motion Carried** 

b) Committee of the Whole #20-15

Resolution

Remove comma between Sahtu Dene.

'Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, dated October 28th, 2020 are hereby adopted.'

**Motion:** 

No. 20-26-03

Moved by:

Councillor Peachey

Seconded by:

Councillor Wever

**Motion Carried** 

#### 6. **New Business**

a) Economic Development Committee-Recommendation of New Members

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby appoints Members Feliz Candia and Kylie Frank to the Economic Development Committee.'

**Motion:** 

No. 20-26-04

Moved by:

**Councillor Peachey** 

Seconded by:

**Councillor Wever** 

**Motion Carried** 

Councillor Audet left the room at 7:12PM

b) Request for Proposal- Elders Driveway Snow Removal

Resolution

- As we are now in the budget process, Public Works is looking at snow removal costs to the Town. Snow removal of Elder's Driveways is important for the Town to maintain. The Town would like to focus on helping a small business in the community, or an individual with the ability to move snow. The current contracting company has agreed to the RFP if small businesses or individuals are considered first.
- Councillor Boyle noted that the backhoe was purchased for the use of snow removal from elders' driveways.
- The SAO commented that the backhoe is being used for residential streets.
- By subcontracting this work out, the town will save \$85,000. This will also promote economic development in small businesses, while creating a higher level of service.
- Councillor Smith raised concern of small businesses that do not have heavy equipment to use in the event of a large amount of snowfall.
- Alex noted that provisions can be added to the RFP.

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby approves the Request for Proposal for the removal of snow from Elders driveways.'

**Motion:** 

No. 20-26-05

Moved by:

**Councillor Peachey** 

Seconded by:

**Councillor Wever** 

**Motion Carried** 

Councillor Audet returned at 7:19PM

c) Request for Donation- Northern Arts and Culture Centre

Resolution

• This is an annually budgeted item, the only difference this year is that the performance is virtual due to Covid-19.

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby grants the monetary donation of \$5,000 to the Northern Arts and Culture Centre.'

**Motion:** 

No. 20-26-06

Moved by: Seconded by:

Councillor Wever Councillor Smith

**Motion Carried** 

d) Sale of a Town Property

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby establishes the sale price of lot 2064 Plan 1520 (7 Willow Crescent) at \$20,500.'

**Motion:** 

No. 20-26-07

Moved by:

**Councillor Smith** 

Seconded by:

Councillor Wever

**Motion Carried** 

# 7. Council Forum

Councillor Peachey sat in on a workshop with the Covid-19 Secretariat. She noted that it was interesting to hear the other communities concerns regarding self-isolation.

Councillor Wever mentioned that Council should look further into the Community Housing Plan. He noted that the Regional Wellness Council was established to help bring up issues around healthcare. He informed Council that Dorathy Alberta is our representative, and he suggested we invite her to Council to build a relationship with her.

Councillor Boyle suggested raising the guardrails as he finds them low since the road was lifted and now that snow is piling up they are hard to see.

Councillor Bernard suggested the Town look into crosswalks that use solar panels and have a button on either side. Alex stated that there may be a Government Program to cover something like that. Alex will investigate Grants and see if it is feasible to add to the budget. Councillor Bernard also thanked his fellow Council Members and reminded them that it had been two years since they had been sworn in.

Mayor Pope will be providing a written report to Council summarizing the meetings he and Councillor Wever attended in Yellowknife with several Ministers. Mayor Pope advised Council they will be meeting with Administration and Staff on Saturday, November 14 to discuss the upcoming budget. He would also like permission to write a letter of invitation to Minister Thompson (lands/ENR) and Minister Green (healthcare). Council agreed to have letters sent out promptly.

10. Adjourn

7:33PM Councillor Smith

Frank Pope Mayor

Cathy Clarke

**Senior Administrative Officer**