

Town of Norman Wells
PUBLIC HEARING
Minutes
Community Plan #21-07
April 20, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Call in 1-866-969-8429 ID: 5040455

Present:	Frank Pope	Mayor
	Alexis Peachey	Deputy Mayor
	Jean-Paul Bernard	Councillor
	Jim Boyle- phone	Councillor
	Trevor Smith	Councillor
	David Wever	Councillor
Staff:	Cathy Clarke	Senior Administrative Officer
	Johannie Lapierre	Development Officer
	Kayla Turner	Governance and Community Engagement Manager

Delegates: None

1. **Call to Order 6:00PM**
2. **Chair reviews the agenda for the hearing**

Council shall hear all persons, groups, or representatives of landowners who feel they may be positively or negatively affected by any of the proposed changes to the Community Plan. Representations may be made in writing or orally.

A council designee or the Town Manager may be called upon to explain the proposed by law. Council will hear everyone in favor of the application (5 minutes per person). Council will hear everyone opposed to the application (5 minutes per person). A council representative may speak once again to respond to any statements made opposing the application (3 minutes per person).

A Regular Council Meeting will follow the public hearings. Council will discuss the submissions and determine any necessary amendment to the documents prior to voting second reading. The documents are still draft versions and will remain until the third reading is voted.

3. Purpose - Town Manager/Development Officer

Senior Administrative Officer: one year ago, as per Council direction, staff began a comprehensive overview of the community plan to ensure future sustainability as the Town was entering a pivotal point of growth. She reminded Council that a public hearing is not meant for debate, it is meant for taking in information and asking questions if clarification is required.

Development Officer: The Community Plan and Development Act says that the documents require review after 5 to 8 years. The last review of the Community Plan was in 2014. Johannie wanted to incorporate more public engagement into the new plan to align with the reality of Norman Wells residents. To date, there has been extensive public input gathered:

1. Digital surveys sent out summer 2020.
2. Post cards sent out to elders 2020.
3. Emailed individuals who stated they would like to be informed.
4. Two pop up information sessions in early 2021 at the Yamouri Inn and the local Grocery Stores.
5. Public Hearing.

There was also great input and discussion contributed by the Town Planning Committee and through Council workshops.

4. **Council hears everyone in favor of the Community Plan – 5 minutes/person**
5. **Council hears everyone opposed to the Community Plan – 5 minutes/person**
6. **The Council representative may speak once again to respond to any statements made opposing any of the changes - 3 minutes/person**
7. **The public hearing is adjourned 6:15pm**



Alexis Peachey, Deputy Mayor



Cathy Clarke, SAO