

**Town of Norman Wells
Minutes
Regular Council Meeting #19-20
Tuesday September 17rd, 2019, 7:00pm
Council Chambers, Town of Norman Wells**

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

Regrets: Pascal Audet Councillor (personal)

Staff: Cathy Clarke Senior Administrative Officer
Johannie Lapierre Secretary/Development Officer
Misty Rayner Finance Manager
Hugo Pabke Utility Manager
Randy Sinasac Fire Chief

Delegation:

Guests:

1. Call to Order– 7:00PM

Council members wishes to send their sympathies to Councillor Audet, his mother Carmen, his sister Michelle and their family. Rejean was a long time resident of this community and businessman.

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 September 17th, 2019 is hereby adopted.’

Motion: No. 19-20-01
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Peachey
Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Motion Carried

4. Delegation

None

5. Minutes

a) Regular Meeting of Council #19-19 draft minutes

‘Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, dated September 3rd, 2019 are hereby adopted.’

Motion: No. 19-20-02
Moved by: Councillor Boyle
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Motion Carried

b) Recreation Committee Minutes for 20/08/19.

‘Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Recreation Committee Meeting, dated August 20th, 2019 are hereby adopted.’

Motion: No. 19-20-03
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Peachey
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

c) Recreation Committee Minutes for 11/09/19.

'Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Recreation Committee Meeting, dated September 11th, 2019 are hereby adopted.'

Motion: No. 19-20-04
Moved by: Councillor Boyle
Seconded by: Councillor Bernard

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

a) Public Works Purchase of Equipment

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby authorizes the Public Works Manager and Senior Administrative Officer to purchase a John Deere 310SL at a maximum cost of \$163,275.00 funded from the CPI funding on the Equipment Reserve, not to be funded from Operational Funds.'

Motion: No. 19-20-05
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Peachey
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Councillor Wever: Is it coming on the barge?

SAO: Yes. It will be here by Monday.

Motion Carried

b) Santa's Anonymous support for Christmas Hampers

Mayor: Have we funded for this in the past and if so, for how much?

SAO: We have not been able to find what we have funded before. We did fund some Christmas initiatives. It is up to 200 hampers for the whole week and is about \$200 per hamper. Every business/organization in the community is being asked for support.

Finance Manager: We do have a playgroup style fund for Recreation from MACA that we could use.

Councillor Smith: Did they ask for any amount?

SAO: No. She has to pre-order and so pre-payment, which explains why the request comes at this point.

Councillor Boyle: Suggests a \$2000 donation.

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby authorizes the donation of \$2000 to Santa's Anonymous for the purchase of Christmas Hampers.'

Motion: No. 19-20-06
Moved by: Councillor Boyle
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Motion Carried

8. Committee Reports

a) Recreation Committee: Councillor Smith adds that he still doesn't have a final number for the Black Bear Jamboree's budget but knows that the event cost \$23,191 and that they did receive a grant of \$13,000 from ITI. A full report for Council will be worked on with the Finance Manager.

b) Economic Development : None

c) Town Planning and Land Use Committee: None

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

a) Town Manager

Alex, Cody and Ethan on an ice making course in Hay River in order to get the best ice in NWT. It is the Finance Manager's first day back from vacation. With the Management team, we will do a one day budget retreat in 2 weeks.

Mayor: Will Council be invited to spend one day during a weekend for the budget?

SAO: Strongly recommends it. Even maybe 1.5 day because the budget is Council's major planning document and we have a number of large issues such as ambulance, landfill, fire services.

Mayor: Do we have a date for the next court appearance?

SAO: The proposed date for the cross examination is October 4th at Edmonton. The former mayor has 2 lawyers, the former SAO has 1 and the Town has 1 so a lot of people have to be coordinated. The cross examination will be both from the former mayor and the former SAO legal counsel.

b) Finance

The Finance Manager notes that the reorganization of the department implemented in August is going very well. Staff is fitting well in their new roles and training is moving quickly.

Councillor Bernard: Correction of the report: August instead of June.

Mayor: Requests from the SAO a briefing on the federal funding for Mackenzie Drive which is conditional on regarding indigenous consultation.

SAO: Explains that the ICIP application for drainage on Mackenzie Drive and CCPN application for coastal erosion both need geotechnical work and boreholes. We are allowed to use CCPN funds without indigenous consultation. We require lead time in order to book the Geotechnical company. We were assured in discussions with the DM, the Department of Infrastructure and Public Works that this process would be facilitated by GNWT, to date there has been no movement. Not allowed to spend the funds until the consultation portion has been approved. Geo tech. are booked and the money will be taken from our CPI funds.

Mayor: We don't know what the requirements of an indigenous consultation are. In the past, it happened that Council called a community meeting with the aboriginal membership of the Norman Wells Land Corporation with a signing sheet to prove who showed up. The meeting would be a presentation of the project. He might go ahead and take the initiative to do something like that to avoid waiting any longer.

Councillor Wever: Is this going to be an issue for other grants?

SAO: The condition has been added to a number of grants across Canada but not all ICIP grants have it.

Mayor: Advises that the issue will be brought to the meeting with the MP with every other issue.

c) Fire Department

Mayor: asks if there is an alternative to the 10 members' minimum required for MACA's training.

Fire Chief: Their vision is territorial. It doesn't mean we are restricted from training at any other direction while we still work to get the number.

Mayor: Can MACA training be held here or do we need to send people out?

Fire Chief: Asked MACA to get a training facilitator to come here but needed the 10 people for that. Active recruitment and retention efforts. The request for training is documented. It is an ongoing discussion and we continue the personal development of the firefighters.

Councillor Bernard: Adds that the frustration comes from the fact that we have people that are so closed to have the certification so the potential is there.

Fire Chief: We have a number of personal that a very passionate and involved. The approach is to accommodate the firefighters in every avenue that can be found. It is tough in all areas when the number is not there so the efforts are really oriented to recruitment and retention. He is documenting the level of training that we do have in order to do in house training. The important is to have the knowledge and the expertise to serve the community.

Councillor Wever: Is there anything that Council can do to help in the recruitment?

Fire Chief: Come to training session on Thursday nights. So far, we have had some interest and a number of people coming to the station so it is just a matter of time if the word gets out. It is going to be good for the community.

Councillor Smith: Is it possible to check with the communities to get their firefighters here to reach the number for the training?

Fire Chief: Certainly if another community is in the same situation, they would coordinate.

Councillor Boyle: Can we send our people out?

Fire Chief: If and when a course is available again, they will be sent. There are also some online and some other possibilities to look at.

Finance Manager: Explains that the College of the Rockies is unavailable because they are in partnership with MACA and therefore cannot work in the NWT unless it is through the School of Community Government. There are other schools. The only thing is that we have to fund it by Operations funds while in the past, the training was funded by MACA.

d) Lands

Mayor: Inquires on the Mackenzie House demolition project?

Development Officer: The Town is ready. The contractor was waiting for the owner's order to start.

SAO: Adds that some minor work has been done. The landfill is ready for the project.

e) Recreation

SAO: Informs that the lifeguards were all extremely happy of the experience and would like to come back. Ava and Cody would like to get training during the winter season.

f) Utilities

Utility Manager: Noticed abnormally large unmetered water lost starting this winter.

Approached the SAO in August about purchasing electro-acoustic leak detection equipment to find water leaks before they come up to the surface and she approved. With it, we found a large leak just after the service at 16 Franklin. It got fixed this morning. The town was losing 115 liters per minute which is a lot for us. If we use the residential water rate of \$9 per 1000 liters, it means we were losing the equivalent of \$1500 a day of water. Also, during the fire at 6 Franklin, we noticed that the service valves controlling water from the main to 2, 4 and 6 Franklin were broken, so we are going to replace them.

Mayor: Could the leak be caused by the contractor?

Utility Manager: Its possible but can't prove it.

Mayor: Can we cut and lower service boxes to avoid them being hit?

Utility Manager: We could try in some places, but it is hard to do and we need to dig around them to properly lower them.

Councillor Wever: Is there a meter measuring flow going out from the plant?

Utility Manager: Yes. It was higher than normal.

Mayor: Does the work done in the past few years by the contractor such as deficiencies at the lift station have been caught up as required?

Utility Manager: They have been taken care of.

Councillor Wever: Are you looking at hiring a new operator?

Utility Manager: Yes.

g) Public Works

SAO: Informs that immediate fixes will occur at the landfill post-fire and directional signage. We will soon be talking about gates and opening hours as we already had 2 fires there. Fires cost over 10k each. We want to talk about the feasibility to put a gate and how to make that work with the community.

Councillor Wever: What kind of fence? Would it be electric and automatic open-close gate?

SAO: It wouldn't be automatic. We have to start looking at volume of what is brought in in terms of industrial, commercial and residential waste. We will start looking at remediation, diversion and a new landfill. We need to collect this type of data as well as the input from the community. Safety, fire, environmental and costs are all issues. We want to get to immediate actions and get everybody on the same page for what we need in the future.

Mayor: We will have to educate the public and get a by-law to support our actions.

Councillor Wever: Suggests a presentation for the community.

SAO: Adds that there are ways to make it easier on people, a transfer station for example.

h) Action Item List

10. Council Forum

Mayor: Inquires on the 911.

SAO: There will be a presentation on the topic by Christina Gaudet and a guest from Yellowknife.

Councillor Boyle: Suggests that the Town provides a substantial wreath for Rejean Audet in respect and appreciation to his contribution to the community.

Mayor: Staff will make the arrangement.

Councillor Wever: Suggests starting weighing the garbage brought by the contractor right now to collect data. Maybe we could ask some other contractors to start weighting too as the volume of construction waste is hard to estimate. Made research about an incinerator for domestic garbage. Would cost 0.5 to a million dollars and could handle pretty much every domestic waste and maybe even recover hot water to heat buildings. It might be a solution. They need more data to get an estimate. Will forward the information received by email. Also suggests getting an Honor system for the scale to free the operator. We would need to put a camera and adopt a by-law which includes a heavy penalty for delinquents. The Public Works Manager will be informed of the idea.

Mayor: Inquires if Council has any objection for him to go to the court cross examination with the SAO as support? No objection from the Council members.

Mayor: Didn't receive much response for the upcoming conferences. If someone is interested by the NWTAC event in Inuvik in February, he suggests booking the hotel rooms fast.

Mayor: Recommends organizing a committee of the whole meeting and prepare some resolutions to run through NWTAC for FCM in order to get support from other communities on our issues.

Mayor: Only one person for the Vancouver session on mining, so requests Council members to send their interest to the SAO by Friday at noon.

11. Correspondence to Council

a) None

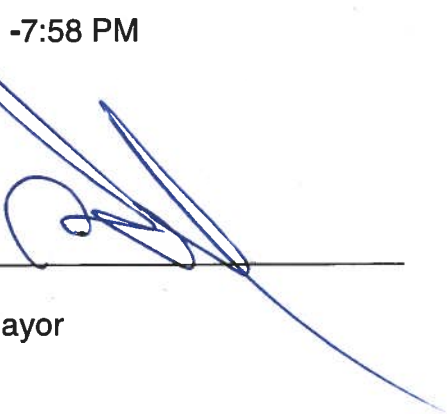
12. Correspondence from Council

a) None

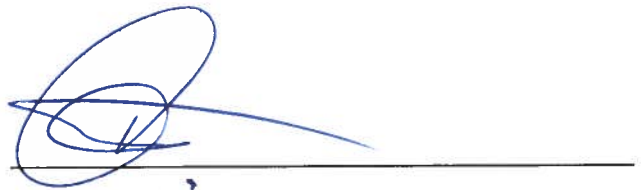
13. In Camera

a) None

14. Adjourn -7:58 PM



Frank Pope –Mayor



Cathy Clarke – Senior Administrative Officer