Town of Norman Wells Minutes

Special Council Meeting #21-24
Tuesday, August 31, 2021 7:00pm
Teleconference

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

Present:

Frank Pope

Trevor Smith

Mayor

Alexis Peachey Pascal Audet Jean-Paul Bernard Jim Boyle Deputy Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor

David Wever

Staff: Cathy Clarke

Senior Administrative Officer

Karen Boudreau Jaime Kearsey Gary Mickalyk

Finance Manager By Law Officer

Gary Mickalyk Public Works Manager
Alex Millette Recreation Manager
Hugo Pabke Utilities Manager

Governance and Community Engagement Manager

Guest:

Misty Rayner

Kayla Turner

Emergency Response Coordinator

1. Call to Order/Roll Call 7:00PM

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting, dated August 31st, 2021 is hereby adopted.'

Motion:

No. 21-24-01

Moved by:

Councillor Wever

Seconded by: Councillor Peachey Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Minutes

a) Special Meeting of Council #21-23

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Special Council Meeting, dated August 27th, 2021 are hereby adopted.'

Motion:

No. 21-24-02

Moved by:

Councillor Wever

Seconded by: Councillor Peachey

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Old Business

a) Requests for Proposals

Update

- The SAO thanked Council for respecting that some staff have been working 10-15 hour days.
- The document presented by the Finance Manager will also be brought forth with the draft budget for further discussion.
- The document indicates how the town can cover the 25% of projects plus cash flow all council asks.
- The RFP for the storm sewer and catch basins should be poste next week.
- The RFP for the pool has been posted and will close next week. The work on the pool should be complete by April 2022.

6. New Business

a) Council Term Report

Discussion/Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby approve the attached Council Term Report to be shared publicly.'

- Councillor Boyle abstained from the vote.
- The document has been prepared by the SAO with comments and input received from Council. This document is to inform the community of Council's successes during their term.
- Council has completed most of what was laid out in the Strategic Plan.

Motion: No. 21-24-03 Moved by: Councillor Wever Seconded by: Councillor Peachey

Councilors Wever, Peachey, Audet, Smith, Bernard, and Mayor Pope.

Motion Carried

b) Amended Emergency Measures By Law First Reading

Resolution

- Update from Dr. Kami Kandola: the covid-19 situation in Norman Wells has not gotten better, it has gotten significantly worse. Effluent tested from the utilidor peaked at 2200 copies per ml. We are now at 4400 copies per ml. Dr. Kandola will be extending the community's containment order.
- The main concern right now is the effluent as well as many individuals not following regulations, especially at night. Daytime does not seem to be an issue. The hours of 12am-6am are the problem and there are many repeat offenders.
- Quote from Dr. Kandola "do everything possible to keep people indoors and on their property". She stated that a curfew will help with this.
- Other communities have now flattened, Norman wells is now the worst in the territory.
- We have requested a reduce in the liquor purchase limit per day. Dr. Kandola has approved this and we are now waiting for approval from the Minister of Finance.
- The concern over the long weekend will be individuals coming in from out of town.
- Councillor Peachey suggested changes to the wording in the by law "Implement and enforce a curfew for all persons within the municipal boundaries of Norman Wells. No person, without reasonable excuse, shall be on a street or in a public place during the night-time hours set by the EMOC for the purpose of addressing safety, health, protection and welfare of people". Council agreed.
- Councillor Boyle asked how the by law will be enforced. The SAO responded that the RCMP are called upon to enforce all municipal by laws. He also asked when the end date will be. The SAO responded that the curfew will end when the local state of emergency ends.
- Councillor Audet suggested reaching out to GNWT infrastructure to use their digital sign board to help with messaging to the community.

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives first reading to the amended Emergency Measures By Law #21-14.'

Motion:

No. 21-24-04

Moved by:

Councillor Wever

Seconded by: Councillor Bernard

c) Amended Emergency Measures By Law Second Reading

Resolution

Motion Carried Unanimously

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives second reading to the amended Emergency Measures By Law #21-14.'

Motion:

No. 21-24-05

Moved by:

Councillor Wever

Seconded by: Councillor Boyle

Motion Carried Unanimously

d) Amended Emergency Measures By Law Third Reading

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby gives third reading to the amended Emergency Measures By Law #21-14.'

Motion:

No. 21-24-06

Moved by:

Councillor Wever

Seconded by: Councillor Audet

Motion Carried Unanimously

7:44 PM Moved by Councillor Boyle. Seconded by Councillor Smith. Adjourn

Frank Pope, Mayor

athy Clarke, SAO