

Minutes
Committee of the Whole #21-10
Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 @12pm
Council Chambers and Teleconference
Call in 1-866-969-8429 ID: 5040455

Present:	Frank Pope	Mayor
	Alexis Peachey	Deputy Mayor
	Pascal Audet	Councillor
	Jean-Paul Bernard	Councillor- telephone
	Trevor Smith	Councillor
	David Wever	Councillor
Staff:	Cathy Clarke	Senior Administrative Officer
	Karen Boudreau	Finance Manager
	Jaime Kearsey	By Law Officer
	Mkhabela Masuku	Development Officer
	Alex Millette	Recreation Manager
	Hugo Pabke	Utilities Manager
	Kayla Turner	Governance and Community Engagement Manager
Guests:	Chris Chivers- telephone	
	Jeff Walker	Public Health Officer
	Misty Rayner	Emergency Response Coordinator
Regrets:	Jim Boyle	Councillor (Work Commitment)

1. **Call to Order 12:00PM**
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
 - None.
3. **Review and Adoption of Agenda**
 - All in Favor.
4. **Delegation**

- Jeff Walker- Public Health Officer.

5. Topics

- a) Community Plan Roll-out: January 15, 2020 - Completed**
- b) Gas Tax Allocation: January 29, 2020 - Completed**
- c) Advocacy Efforts: February 19, 2020 - Completed**
- d) Landfill and Solid Waste Management: March 4, 2020 - Completed**
- e) MD& A Review and Spring/Summer 2020 Work Plan Prioritization: April 28, 2020 – Completed**
- f) Landfill & Forecasting: May 12, 2020 - Completed**
- g) Emerging Wisely Plan: May 27, 2020 - Completed**
- h) Water & Sewer By-Law & Gas Tax Allocations: June 10, 2020 – carried over**
- i) Gas Tax Allocations: Continued June 17th, 2020 – carried over**
- j) Gas Tax Allocations: Continued/Water & Sewer By-Law June 24th, 2020 – Completed**
- k) Reserve Fund Dedications: July 8th, 2020 – Completed**
- l) Water & Sewer By-Law: August 26, 2020 – Completed**
- m) By-Law Review – September 8, 2020 – Ongoing**

- n) Water & Sewer By-Law/Financial Report Framework/Milestone Report Presentation- Completed**
 - **Payment Plan- Completed**
 - **Access Fees- Completed**
 - **Presentation of new monthly financial report framework- Completed**
 - **Milestone Report – Next steps on Landfill- Completed**

- o) Town Clean-up/Beautification with Town as Example:**
 - Clean-up of Courtier lot
 - Green spaces
 - Roads maintenance standards
 - Thorough ditching
 - Utilidor brushing

- p) Economic Development:**
 - Business incubation
 - Culture

- Marketing
- Tourism
- **Strategic Plan**

q) Recreation and Green Spaces:

- **Jackfish expansion- completed.**
- New recreation facilities i.e.: soccer pitch, basketball court, skateboard park
- Park and green space development
- **Playground development- ongoing.**

r) Community Programming:

- Evaluation of existing programming, costs, capacity, effectiveness
- What role does Council feel the Town should play in community needs?
 - Direct provision
 - Facilitation
 - Fund broker
 - Grants support and/or application
 - Networking
 - Subsidy

s) Water:

- Public education campaign
- Water conservation options/audits/education

t) Bylaw/Policy Updates: Ongoing

- Ongoing

u) Ambulatory Care

- **Administrative Report- Completed February 10, 2021**

v) Gas Tax Allocations- Updated May 26, 2021

w) Reserve Funding- Updated May 26, 2021

x) Asset Management- completed July 2021.

y) Rampart Rentals- Cannabis Retailer

z) Post Covid-19 Report

6. Adjourn

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1. Post Covid-19 Report

- As per direct reports from Health and Social Services, there are no active cases of Covid-19 in Norman Wells despite what the GNWT Dashboard is reporting.

- Territorially there are major outbreaks currently which are compromising travel connection points to Norman Wells.
 - Norman Wells remains high risk as we are a fly through community.
 - Housing continues to be a challenge. Housing needs to be provided for both positive and negative individuals. There are many multifamily homes, transient workers, and the homeless population that need to be taken into consideration.
 - Out of 54 positive individuals, 12 cases seemed to be difficult to deal with.
 - Out of 54 people, 20 individuals did not follow the rules. Some individuals continued to party and leave their homes to go into stores.
 - 4 charges were laid. Each individual received a \$1725 fine for gathering and failing to isolate. 1 individual was charged twice.
 - Public Health Officers performed daily wellness checks on 25 individuals.
 - Drugs and alcohol were a problem as well as one serious assault. One individual was relocated due to assault.
 - The heritage hotel was designated a Covid negative isolation centre. 3 positive cases were detected at the Heritage Hotel due to individuals failing to tell officials of their positive result. Those individuals were relocated so that the hotel could remain negative. The Sahtu Dene Inn was designated a positive isolation centre. None of the rooms at the Yamouri were occupied as the officers did not want to compromise the kitchen services.
 - Out of 54 positive cases, approximately 20 people required housing.
 - Food services provided by the Town ensured that individuals remained home.
 - Cigarette supplies is something that needs to be considered when planning for the next wave.
 - Medical Plans are in place to have alcohol prescribed by a nurse for those who require it. This will allow individuals to manage their addiction.
 - Volunteers were the key to success, however, volunteers started to reduce as the state of local emergency and containment were extended. Volunteers provided information and direction- this will be difficult to maintain in colder weather.
 - Reduction of visits to the liquor store and reducing the purchasing limit of alcohol helped immensely.
 - Jeff suggested having a list of elders and other residents who require regular visits and checks. This will ensure a consistent flow of supplies.
 - Feedback from the territorial EMO: Norman Wells exceeded GNWT Expectations of response. This was due to leadership taking responsibility for residents.
 - Communications during the outbreak were excellent.
 - MACA can provide ICS and other emergency response training to Community Emergency Response Committee Members.
 - The town should also have a list of volunteers which is constantly being reviewed to ensure volunteers will be readily available.
2. Community Emergency Response Committee Minutes
 3. Covid-19 Reimbursement
 - a. Letter from Minister Thompson
 - b. Letter of response to Minister Thompson
 - c. NWT Emergency Management Act
 - Council agreed to send a follow up letter to the Minister as a response has not yet been received.

Adjourn 12:56PM

'Be it resolved the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby go in camera the time being 1:01PM.'

Moved by: Councillor Wever

Seconded by: Councillor Peachey

Motion Carried Unanimously

Be it resolved the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby leave in camera the time being 1:34 PM.'

Moved by: Councillor Audet


Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. In Camera
 - a. Legal
 - b. Negotiation



Frank Pope, Mayor



Karen Boudreau, Acting SAO