

Minutes
Committee of the Whole #21-11
Wednesday, November 24th, 2021
To follow the Special Council Meeting
Council Chambers and Microsoft Teams

Present:	Frank Pope	Mayor
	Kacee Hunter	Councillor- Microsoft teams
	Kelly McCoy	Councillor- Microsoft teams
	Alexis Peachey	Councillor
	Trevor Smith	Councillor
	David Wever	Councillor
Staff:	Cathy Clarke	Senior Administrative Officer
	Karen Boudreau	Finance Manager
	Mkhabela Masuku	Development Officer
	Gary Mickalyk	Public Works Manager
	Lucas Nadeau	Public Works Foreman
	Hugo Pabke	Utilities Manager
	Kayla Turner	Governance and Community Engagement Manager
Regrets:	Pascal Audet	Councillor (Medical Travel)
Guests:	Chris Chivers- Microsoft teams	

1. Call to Order 12:23PM

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Review and Adoption of Agenda

- Addition of 2022 operational and capital budget discussions.

4. Delegation

None.

5. Topics

1. Housing:
 - 11.26 Negotiated contracts policy clause 6.2
 - Council was requested to give input/support as per GNWT Policy
 - Input ignored, we were not informed of how or why after lengthy discussion between staff and by Council
 - **No action**
2. AITPP:
 - Council information which was held by GNWT made available to individual we are in litigation with without our knowledge
 - This issue is still ongoing
 - **No action**
3. Health care:
 - Ambulance service support
 - We believe we qualify for financial support as we do have winter road and Mackenzie River access
 - A lot of talk no solutions provided
 - **No action**
4. COVID-19 fund reimbursement:
 - Promised reimbursement by GNWT/MACA at front end of emergency management
 - GNWT brokers federal funds for communities and has not followed through on this duty
 - Have repeatedly received mixed messages from GNWT officials regarding “debt owing” and budgeting going forward
 - Budgets are limited GNWT showing no understanding of our financial situations when directing us to budget for emergencies
 - **No action**
5. Infrastructure funding from territorial and federal levels of government:
 - The requirement to provide the requisite 25% on most federal infrastructure funding is unduly cumbersome for municipalities
 - GNWT is misleading the public etc. when it is falsely claimed that territorial level of government is providing the 25%
 - Town is competing with GNWT for some of the available federal infrastructure grants i.e.: ICIP
 - **No action** on GNWT ICIP grant for landfill metals clean-up, 2 years
6. GNWT lease tax arrears:
 - Unable to write off bad debt on our books
 - Ongoing debt owing from signed GNWT lease taxes
 - Have been willing to work with GNWT for 2.5 years on this and there has been no ongoing commitment of any sort from GNWT
 - Town is still accruing tax debt on properties of individuals who have been deceased for over 10 years.
 - **No action**
7. Hazardous waste/clean-up of GNWT leased property:
 - Signed lease agreements state that said leases will be returned remediated

- None of these properties has been cleaned up
- Concern voiced to GNWT re: the waste left in our community as per its potential toxicity and its impact on our landfill
- **No action**

8. Indigenous consultation on Community Plan:

6. **Adjourn 12:59PM**

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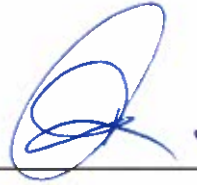
Budget Discussions

- There will be a special council meeting on Tuesday, November 30 @ 12pm for first reading of the operational and capital budgets for 2022.
- Second reading will happen at the regular council meeting on Tuesday, December 7 @ 7pm.
- Third reading will take place at a special council meeting on Tuesday, December 14 @ 12pm.
- Proposed changes to draft budget:
 - Increase hydrocarbon mill rate.
 - 3.5% cost of living increase to salary grid.
 - 3.5% increase to water rates (average of \$5/month per household).
 - \$10 increase to residential and commercial garbage fees on utility bills (no tipping fees).
 - Replacement of some town vehicles:
 - One van for youth and elder centre for the purpose of transporting children safely.
 - A one ton and trailer for public works.
 - Administration does not require a pick up truck. Another department could utilize the truck administration currently uses and could be replaced with a smaller SUV.
 - More vehicles will be purchased over the next three years.
 - Utilities Collections:

- Staff to bring back three options for Council to debated. Council recognized clearing up outstanding utilities arrears is a priority (\$260,000).
- Public works is proposing the purchase of an excavator as 80% of excavator work is done by public works employees.
- A request for quote will also be going out again in the new year.
- After first reading the Draft Budgets will be posted for public review.



Frank Pope, Mayor



Cathy Clarke, SAO