

Minutes
Committee of the Whole #22-01
Wednesday, January 26th, 2022 12:00PM
Council Chambers and Microsoft Teams

Present:	Frank Pope	Mayor
	Kacee Hunter	Councillor
	Kelly McCoy	Councillor- Microsoft Teams
	Alexis Peachey	Councillor
	Trevor Smith	Councillor
	David Wever	Councillor
Staff:	Cathy Clarke	Senior Administrative Officer
	Kayla Turner	Governance and Community Engagement Manager
Regrets:	Pascal Audet	Deputy Mayor

1. Call to Order 12:06PM

Call to order was delayed due to technical difficulties with Microsoft Teams.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Noted.

3. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Approved by all.

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 be 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:
9. Quarry
10. Utilities Arrears

11. Council Donations Policy
12. Ongoing research for alternative service delivery models in all areas
 - Daycare provision models
 - Food security models
 - Municipal best practices
 - Sustainable business models
 - Climate change impacts on municipalities
13. NWTAC call for Resolutions
14. Adjourn 12:56pm

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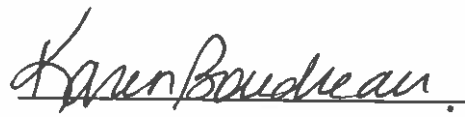
1. NWTAC call for Resolutions

- The NWTAC AGM has been postponed to June 2022.
- Councillor Wever explained that standing resolutions are futuristic ideologies and reaffirmed resolutions are short term goals and items to work on with Ministers.
- Reaffirmed resolutions expire after 4 years.
- Council agreed to propose a resolution which will hold the NWTAC accountable to follow through with resolutions, especially those that are repeat or similar resolutions.
- Council also noted that they would like to partner with other like-minded communities, communities in the region, and other tax based communities to create stronger resolutions in hopes for more follow through.
- Councillor Hunter stated that there is strength in numbers, and helping other communities craft similar resolutions will help hold NWTAC accountable.
- Mayor Pope suggested inviting Sahtu regional leaders to Norman Wells sometime in February to discuss where we can work better together with other municipal governments.
- Councillor Hunter moved that Councillor Wever be a candidate for the NWTAC board of directors. Council agreed to move this forward.
- The working group (Councilors Peachey and Wever, and the SAO) will bring back a prioritized list of resolutions to the next committee of the whole meeting.

- The working group will also email the NWTAC to see which resolutions are about to expire.
- Suggested resolutions:
 - Covid-19 fund reimbursement
 - Plan for aging infrastructure
 - Daycare
 - GNWT travel restrictions
 - NWTAC/GNWT accountability
 - GNWT oversight (financial)
 - Highway (regional resolution)
 - Housing
 - Resolution to ask for help creating a community housing plan
- The SAO asked all Councilors to email other suggested resolutions to the working group should there be any.
- Council agreed to further discuss resolutions at the next committee of the whole meeting. The working group will bring forth the initial framework for resolutions.



Frank Pope, Mayor



Karen Boudreau, Acting SAO