

**Minutes**  
**Committee of the Whole #22-02**  
**Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 12:00PM**  
**Council Chambers and Microsoft Teams**

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

1. **Call to Order** 12:04PM

2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

- None.

3. **Review and Adoption of Agenda**

- All in favor.

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
  - initial framework for resolutions
14. Adjourn 1:00PM

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- 1. NWTAC call for Resolutions**
  - a. Initial Framework**

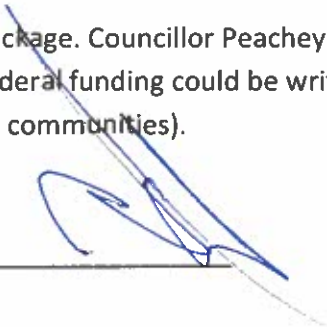
Housing: Councillor Wever noted that Council began looking at housing initiatives a few years ago during the development of the Community Plan. \$25,000 of funding was available and a half time staff member was needed to develop the plan. The Economic Development and Tourism and Town Planning and Land Use Committees will be sitting down with Housing in March for further discussions.

Daycare: Federal funding will not be available for another three years. Council agreed that further discussions are needed to determine what Council's role is in Daycare for Norman Wells. Council also agreed that discussions regarding Daycare are required with the Norman Wells Land Corporation to discuss potential fund development options. Councillor Peachey shared that she feels Council's role is one of support and facilitation; helping individuals navigate the red tape of funding sources and making sure people are reaching out to the right places. Councillor Hunter agreed that Council should support a start up business which includes getting a building ready and up to code for a potential Daycare. Mayor Pope reminded Council that quotes to get the old daycare building up to code are around \$250,000. Staff to bring forward potential daycare models, health and safety requirements, and GNWT requirements

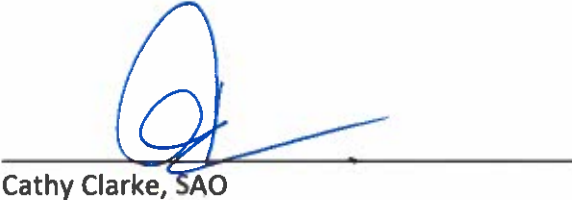
for opening a daycare. Mayor Pope suggested having an open house to assess what the community needs really are.

Travel Restrictions: there were previous resolutions brought forward regarding travel restrictions. Restrictions will begin to ease as of March 1, 2022. Council agreed to not proceed with this resolution.

See attached package. Councillor Peachey asked if 25% of funding required for communities to contribute to federal funding could be written into a resolution (remove or lower funding contribution for communities).



Frank Pope, Mayor



Cathy Clarke, SAO

