Minutes Committee of the Whole #22-05 Wednesday, March 23, 2022 12:00PM Council Chambers and Microsoft Teams

Present:

Frank Pope

Mayor

Pascal Audet

Deputy Mayor

Kacee Hunter

Councillor

Alexis Peachey

Councillor

Trevor Smith

Councillor

David Wever

Councillor

Staff:

Cathy Clarke

Senior Administrative Officer

Carl Ceder

Economic Development Tourism Officer

Myles Erb

Recreation Manager

Mkhabela Masuku

Development Officer

Gary Micalyk

Public Works Manager

Hugo Pabke

Utilities Manager

Kayla Turner

Governance and Community Engagement Manager

Regrets:

Kelly McCoy

Councillor

1. Call to Order 12:00PM

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None noted.

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. Committee Updates
 - a. Reports from each committee chair highlighting the ongoing work of each committee and their supporting staff members.
- 15. Tire Chain and Chip Seal By Law #16-04
- 16. Community Gathering Area
 - a. Lot 345 Plan 1623
- 17. Adjourn 12:47pm

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16. Community Gathering Area a. Lot 345 Plan 1623

- Council would like to develop the area between the log bridge and the Arctic Energy Alliance building.
- There are some things that can be done immediately and there are also some restrictions which would impact the design of the lot.
- There are four sewer main clean outs and a fire hydrant that utilities staff must have access to with heavy equipment/water/sewer trucks.
- There is also drainage that runs along the utilidor that must be accessible.
- There will need to be easement around the entire perimeter of the lot.
- An Engineer is arriving in town on Monday and he will walk the lot with public works and utilities managers and provide recommendations.
- Recreation Manger mentioned immediate wins include:
 - Fire pit
 - o Sand box
 - Relocation of skate park
 - Improved walking trails
- Community engagement could include a bonfire/community event at the site to gather information on what the community would like to see the space used for.
- The Senior Management team will bring back further research and information to the next regular council meeting.
- Staff to follow up on progress of Rick Muyers memorial plaque.

Frank Pope, Mayor

Cathy Clarke, SAO