

**Town of Norman Wells
Minutes
Regular Council Meeting #22-10
Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022, 7:00pm
Council Chambers and Microsoft Teams**

Present: Frank Pope Mayor
Pascal Audet Deputy Mayor- Microsoft Teams
Kacee Hunter Councillor- Microsoft Teams
Kelly McCoy 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
Hugo Pabke Utilities Manager
Kayla Turner Governance and Community Engagement Manager

Guests: Cindy Collier

1. Call to Order/Roll Call 7:00PM

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- None.

3. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Resolution

- Addition: Meet and Tidy (spring clean up 2022): resolution

'Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated May 3rd, 2022 is hereby adopted.'

Motion: No. 22-10-01

Moved by: Councillor Peachey

Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Delegation

- None.

5. Committee Reports

a) Advancement of Equity and Inclusion Committee Draft Minutes

- See minutes posted on Town website.

6. Minutes

a) Regular Council Meeting #22-09 Draft Minutes

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, dated April 19th, 2022 are hereby adopted.'

Motion: No. 22-10-02

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Peachey

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) Committee of the Whole #22-06 Draft Minutes

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, dated April 27th, 2022 are hereby adopted.'

Motion: No. 22-10-03

Moved by: Councillor Wever

Seconded by: Councillor Peachey

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Old Business

- None.

8. New Business

a) Board of Appeals Discussion/Resolution

- Resolution postponed to next meeting.
- Minimum 3 members needed.
- Councillor Wever suggested a committee other than Town Planning take this on.
- Councillor Peachey will bring up to Advancement of Equity and Inclusion Committee.
- Appointment of members to be made at next regular meeting.

Motion: No. 22-10-04

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Motion Carried/Motion Defeated

b) Pride Month & Indigenous History Month Report to Council Information/Discussion
Resolution

a. Sahtu Day Civic Holiday

- The Committee has been in contact with the Norman Wells Land Corporation and there will be events planned for Sahtu Day (June 23rd).
- Councillor Wever noted that June 21st is already a stat holiday and a STIP holiday for the school.
- Councillor Peachey noted employers will determine if employees will get the day off.

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby declares the afternoon of June 23rd a Civic Holiday to celebrate the signing of the Sahtu Dene, and Metis Land Claims Agreement.'

Motion: No. 22-10-05

Moved by: Councillor Peachey

Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Motion Carried with 5 in favor and 2 against

c) Proposed Responsible Pet Ownership By Law Discussion/Information

- Council directed staff to pursue public engagement and present back with findings.
- Councillor Peachey suggested adding definition of "unaltered".
- Councillor Hunter feels the by law is too restrictive and poses more control over pet ownership. He is in favor of keeping the current animal control by law.
- Councillor Audet suggested an incentive for registering pets.
- The Proposed Responsible Pet Ownership By Law (currently known as Companion Animal Control 10-23) aims to keep both pets and the community safe.
- Staff is proposing to update the existing by-law to ensure that pets are properly cared for and not placed in at-risk scenarios.
- Some issues the bylaw updates intend to address include Dangerous Dog designations, trapping within the town of Norman Wells, incident reporting, and harbouring.
- Proposed by law is more in depth. Gives protective services more enforcement ability.
- Less "grey areas" as compared to the current by law.
- Staff will be reaching out to stakeholder organizations to get feedback on the proposed updates to the by-law. The objectives are to:
 - o Inform stakeholders about current pet ownership issues
 - o Explain the need to update the current by law
 - o Share proposed ideas
 - o Gather feedback from stakeholders
- Suggested public engagement will include:
 - o Flyer/Pamphlet Education Campaign
 - o Social Media Campaign
 - o Encourage delegation to speak to council
 - o Speaking directly with pet owners
 - o Potential open house discussion
 - o Online survey and stakeholder working group meeting
 - o Public feedback will help protective services/governance develop further recommendations to update the Responsible Pet Ownership by-law.

d) NWTAC Resolutions Discussion/Resolution

Resolution #1: 'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby approves the resolution regarding Accountability and oversight of GNWT as attached and directs the SAO to submit the resolution to the NWTAC for consideration.'

Motion: No. 22-10-06

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Resolution #2: **'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby approves the resolution regarding Funding to Communities as attached and directs the SAO to submit the resolution to the NWTAC for consideration.'**

Motion: No. 22-10-07

Moved by: Councillor Peachey

Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Motion Carried with 6 votes in favor and 1 against

Councillor Smith declared conflict of interest discussing resolution regarding housing.

Resolution #3: **'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby approves the resolution regarding Public Housing Units Constructed to Licensed Day Home Standards as attached and directs the SAO to submit the resolution to the NWTAC for consideration.'**

Motion: No. 22-10-08

Moved by: Councillor Peachey

Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Motion Carried with 4 votes in favor, 2 against, 1 abstained

e) Recommendation from Economic Development and Tourism Committee Discussion/Resolution
a. Council Donation

- Councillor Hunter informed Council that Tourism Week in the NWT is celebrated during the last week of May.
- As staff are usually looking for content for the Town Website and social media pages, the EDTC would like to run a photo contest. The winners will receive prizes as determined by the committee.
- Mayor Pope suggested a monetary donation of \$1,000. Council agreed.

'Be it resolved the council of the town of Norman wells hereby donates \$1000 to the Economic Development and Tourism Committee to be used for prizes for the Tourism Week Photo Contest.'

Motion: No. 22-10-09

Moved by: Councillor Peachey

Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Motion Carried Unanimously

f) Lands Update to Council Discussion/Information

- The Town received an official request from the NWT Housing Corporation (NWT HC) requesting that their development permit for the duplex slated for Lot 139 Franklin be transferred to Lot 161 Sahcho.
- Marten Ave Housing:
 - NWT HC has complied to two out of three items. The access matter has not yet been resolved.
 - The town spoke to Northridge for their input on the proposed access solution as presented by the Housing Corporation.
 - Northridge stated that the solution being erected does not seem to solve the access problem. The town is waiting for the written letter from Northridge so that we can take up the matter with NWT HC.
- Mackenzie Valley Hotel Update:
 - This matter has reached a dead end. The current options are:
 - Leave the tax arrears active for another year and try to dispose the property during the next Property Tax auction.
 - The Town can add a lien on the property
 - The Town may take possession of the taxable property and sell it. This is the option that we propose to be the best cause of action.
 - Council suggested bringing back more information regarding taking possession of hotel.

g) Public Works & Utilities Committee By Law #03-04- to Rescind Resolution/Discussion

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby rescinds the Public Works and Utilities Committee By Law #03-04.'

Motion: No. 22-10-10

Moved by: Councillor Wever

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Motion Carried Unanimously

h) Dash Camera in Protective Services Vehicles Policy Discussion

- Policy for administration to bring forward for consideration.
- Policy will include information such as how long to keep footage for etc.

- Staff are consistently treated with disrespect and or abuse.
- Councillor Hunter does not see the need for dashboard cameras or a policy.
- Mayor Pope suggested staff prepare a draft policy for Council to discuss further.

i) Addition: Meet and Tidy (spring cleanup 2022)

Resolution

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby authorizes the Meet and Tidy Spring-Cleaning event to take place on Friday, May 20, 2022. This date shall be wholly dependent on fair weather. Should the clean-up be required to be postponed due to inclement weather it shall occur on a later date as set out by resolution of Council.'

Motion: No. 22-10-11

Moved by: Councillor McCoy

Seconded by: Councillor Wever

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. Council Forum

Councillor Hunter: Thanked staff for changing the flags at the town office. He also asked if there is anything being done to drain the standing water in between the houses on Franklin and Tulita. The SAO noted that Lucas has been having discussions to rectify this issue.

Councillor Audet: None.

Councillor McCoy: None.

Councillor Peachey: None.

Councillor Wever: Asked if Public Works staff are trained in traffic safety (Coning, reflective vests etc.)

The SAO responded that all supervisors will be undergoing formal training by June as per WSCC.

Councillor Smith: asked when street sweeping will take place. The SAO responded once the scraping and snow removal process is complete. Mackenzie Drive to DOT will be graded as well.

Mayor Pope: requested more information regarding the NWT Power Corp. rate increases.

10. Correspondence to Council

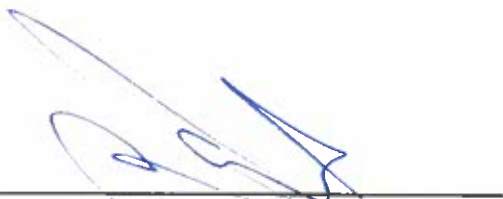
11. Correspondence from Council

a) Letter to Premier Caroline Cochrane


Information

- Councillor Hunter still does not agree with the tone of the letter.
- Council directed the SAO to have the letter signed and sent out.

12. Adjourn 8:00PM Councillor Smith.



Frank Pope, Mayor



Cathy Clarke, SAO

