Minutes

Committee of the Whole #22-06 Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 @ 12:00PM Council Chambers and Microsoft Teams

Present:	Frank Pope Pascal Audet Kacee Hunter	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillor
	Kelly McCoy	Councillor
	Alexis Peachey	Councillor
	Trevor Smith	Councillor
	David Wever	Councillor
Staff:	Cathy Clarke	Senior Administrative Officer

1. Call to Order 12:05PM

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Kayla Turner

None noted.

3. Review and Adoption of Agenda

All in favor.

4. Delegation

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

Governance and Community Engagement Manager

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
- 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
- -further discussion
- 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. Community Housing Plan
- 18. Adjourn

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1. NWTAC Resolutions- Further Discussion

- As per Council direction, the SAO worked with Councilors Peachey and Wever to further discuss the ongoing GNWT advocacy issues which would be brought forward as NWTAC resolutions.
- Direction from council was to build off of the previous council's advocacy list as the new council did not take anything off the list.
- Councillor Hunter suggested Council be more strategic in presenting the resolutions.
- Mayor Pope suggested that Councillor Hunter draft a resolution to send to the SAO and Council will vote as to whether the resolution will be submitted as an NWTAC resolution.
- The SAO will add further advocacy regarding daycare to the backgrounder document as per Councillor Hunter's request (have public housing units up to code for GNWT daycare standards etc.)

- Councillor Peachey suggested adding a note of clarification or to further define personnel capacity.
- Council agreed to keep resolutions simple and present on behalf of the entire region.

2. In Camera- Legal

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby go in camera the time being 12:28PM.'

Motion:

22-06-01

Moved By:

Councillor Wever

Seconded By: Councillor McCoy

Motion Carried Unanimously

'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby leave in camera the time being PM.'

Motion:

22-06-02

Moved By:

Seconded By:

Motion Carried Unanimously

Frank Pope, Mayor

Cathy Clarke, SAO