

Minutes
Committee of the Whole #22-07
May 25, 2022 @ 12:00PM
Council Chambers and Microsoft Teams

Present:	Frank Pope	Mayor
	Pascal Audet	Deputy Mayor
	Kelly McCoy	Councillor
	Alexis Peachey	Councillor
	Trevor Smith	Councillor
Staff:	Cathy Clarke	Senior Administrative Officer
	Karen Boudreau	Finance Manager
	Carl Ceder	Economic Development Tourism Officer
	Myles Erb	Recreation Manager
	Lucas Nadeau	Public Works Manager
	Hugo Pabke	Utilities Manager
	Kayla Turner	Governance and Community Engagement Manager
Regrets:	Kacee Hunter	Councillor (Illness)
	Dave Wever	Councillor (Out of Town)

1. Call to Order 12:03PM

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- Councillor Smith: Community Housing Plan

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. Financial Outlook
18. Community Housing Plan
19. Adjourn 12:46PM

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1. Financial Outlook
 - Staff provided an update on the effects of inflation on the capital and operational budgets.
 - The Finance Manager proposed:
 - Increasing the operational budget by \$246,000

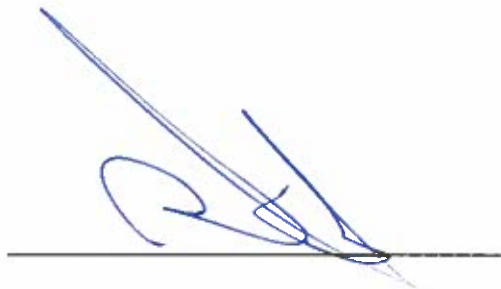
- Overages in the budget be taken from general reserves (\$400,000)
- The work on the pool is over budget by \$200,000 due to work beyond our control.
- BCI have been amazing to work with and have experienced lots of unexpected challenges.
- The day care building upgrades (\$200,000) will be delayed until 2023 or later.
- Council agreed to proceed with construction on the roof of the pool which is \$45,000.
- The finance manager will provide another update to council again in 3 months.

Councillor Smith left the room time being 12:31PM

2. Community Housing Plan

- The SAO informed Council that there is no staff capacity at this time to take on the community housing plan which requires a lot of engagement, staff and time.
- The project, which would be led by the town, would not be a plan to create more housing, but would instead assess current housing needs.
- Council agreed not to go ahead with a Community Housing Plan.
- Councillor McCoy suggested Housing reach out to the Norman Wells Land Corporation.

Adjourn 12:46PM

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Frank Pope, Mayor

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Karen Boudreau, Acting SAO

