# Minutes Committee of the Whole #23-01 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 12pm

**Council Chambers and Microsoft Teams** 

Present:

Frank Pope

Mayor- Chair

Pascal Audet

Deputy Mayor

Kacee Hunter

Councillor

Kelly McCoy

Councillor

Alexis Peachey

Councillor

Trevor Smith

Councillor

David Wever

Councillor

Staff:

Cathy Clarke

Senior Administrative Officer

Karen Boudreau

Finance Manager

Alex Millette

Recreation Manager- Microsoft Teams

Mkhabela Masuku

**Development Officer** 

Kayla Turner

Governance and Community Engagement Manager

Lucas Nadeau

Public Works Manager

Carl Ceder

**Economic Development Tourism Officer** 

### 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
- 5. Topics

- 1. Definition of Types of meetings held by Council
- 2. Financial Role of Council:
  - Planning and Budgeting
  - Revenue and Expenditure Management
  - · Reporting and Oversight
- 3. Advocacy:
  - Review of NWTAC Resolutions
  - Cost of living impact on Town of Norman Wells and residents
  - Attraction and retention of skilled workers for Norman Wells
  - Infrastructure Funding Climate Change Impacts
- 4. Council Committee Status:
  - Council Roles/Responsibilities as committee chairs
  - Staff Expectations as support to committees
  - Council's fiduciary responsibility
  - How to maximize the role of our committees as advisory committees
  - Council's working groups IE: Cultural Center
- 5. Proclamation Policy for Council Discussion
- 6. Body Camera / Dash Camera Policy
- 7. Speed Limits within Municipal Boundaries
  - Specifically, Canol Drive Residential Area
- 8. Seasonal Chain Off Area for tire chains.
- 9. 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
- 10. Capital Budget Discussion

### **Council Committee Status:**

- Town Planning and Land Use Committee is legislated and therefore has always had good membership.
- Advancement of Equity and Inclusion Committee has good membership as well and serves as more of a working group.
- Councillor Wever noted that volunteers in the community are burnt out and that volunteers want to have a meaning for the work that they do.
- Councillor Smith stated that he would like the committees to keep going, but noted that the application process is too long.
- Councillor Peachey suggested changes to the Recreation Committee to make it more of a working group committee.

- Staff will work on a campaign to educate the community on what each committee is as well as the mandates, and mandate letters. A mandate will also help staff support be aware of each committee's goals.
- Councillor Audet suggested that council provide more direction to committees to ensure they are aligned with the goals of council. He also noted that providing each committee with specific initiatives to ensure committees know what they should be focusing on.
- Councillor Hunter noted that he would like to move to co chair of the Economic
  Development Committee as he is dealing with some personal health problems. Mayor
  Pope asked if Councillor Audet would be interested in being chair of the committee
  again and he said yes.
- Mayor Pope noted that the Economic Development Conference should take place and the next Committee of the Whole will be dedicated to firming up details of the conference.
- Council is to send specific questions prior to the meeting so that staff can bring forward answers and recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49pm.

Frank Pope, Mayor

Cathy Clarke, SAO