



MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, November 19, 2020

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

MAYOR	Hillary Deneron
DEPUTY MAYOR	Cathy Kotchea
COUNCILORS	Julia Capot Blanc
	Kathie Hardisty
	Eva Hope
	Colin Woehl

ABSENT

COUNCILOR	Herbert Berreault [without notice]
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STAFF Senior Administrative Officer	John W. McKee
DELEGATION	Floyd Bertrand – COVID Secretariat Officer

The Chairperson (Mayor) took the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council reviewed the meeting agenda without changes.

MOTION 2020-79

That the agenda for the meeting of November 19,2020 be approved as presented.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interests were declared.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council reviewed the minutes for the earlier meeting and no changes were made.

MOTION 2020-80

That the minutes of the special meeting of November 03, 2020 be approved as presented.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councilor Herbert Berreault has now missed three regular council meetings without notice. The Mayor talked to him about his attendance and he said that he still wants to remain on council and supplied a new contact number 770-4080. Council will take no further action at this time.

DELEGATION

Council had questioned why the position of COVID Secretariat Officer was being staffed in Fort Simpson and not Fort Liard given the proximity of the BC boarder.

Floyd Bertrand – COVID Secretariat Officer made a verbal presentation on the duties of his position.

- Supply chain and essential service workers given access
- Must have a SIB number – not allowed in buildings and stores and time less than 36 hrs.
- Records kept of who enters with licence plates
- Gates open ten an – 2 pm Tuesday and Friday
- Persons reentering NWT must do so via highway 1
- Fine of infractions
- COVID staff or not enforce drug or alcohol – RCMP responsibility
- A contact number was provided.

Council discussed isolation for residents returning from medical trips. It is beneficial for the individual wellbeing if they can isolate in their own home rather than a hotel in another community. eg. - Availability of traditional foods.

NEW BUSINESS

LIQUOR REGULATIONS

Councilors we provided with a summary of liquor regulations through the NWT. and the SAO outlined the restrictions in place for Fort Liard. Issue of bootlegging raised and the cost of bootleg liquor. No further action taken at this time.

NWTAC VIRTUAL NWTAC 2021 AGM

Meeting will be held late February 2021. The Mayor outlined the motion procedure. Council Colin Woehl volunteered to attend along with Mayor Hillary Deneron.

RECREATION FACILITY REOPENING

A copy of the plan gave for opening of the Recreation Center was presented. Approval of the plan has not yet been received.

Permission to open the library approved with the requirement that returned books will be quarantined for three days.

Approval has been given for the Christmas Bazar.

ADK SELF GOVERNMENT CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Council reviewed a letter for ADK Chief Gene Hope outlining the pilot project that ADK will be taking part in to set up baseline indicators of First Nations Governance. The Hamlet had previously committed to provide information and had met with consultants and supplied public information. The further request receive November 18, 2020 is much more comprehensive especially concerning human resources.

Council members felt that the ADK membership should be involved in deciding the future relationship with the Hamlet and that this request was premature. Council will not be taking part further except to supply public information.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Council reviewed the financial statements for the period ending October 31, 2020. The SAO highlighted the following -

- Operational Revenue down considerably over prior year
- Interest revenue down – error posting interest from GIC's
- Expenditures related to COVID will be reallocated on funding received
- Garbage pickup disposal is not subsidized – not loss to date is \$26k for current year
- Annual transfers to Capital Building Fund not yet posted
- No program funding received for recreation programing
- COVID funding for recreation posted but operation COVID funding received November
- Lower effective September not yet reflected in water/sewage revenue
- Overdue accounts below 1%
- New Business Interest Account will be used instead on short term (less t6hn 1 year) GIC's
- Gas Tax and CPI funds now reconciled with funds deposited in proper account
- Capital Maintenance Fund reconciled, and deposits will be made annually (now \$350k)
- Plans will be developed to ensure adequate maintenance to realize useful life
- Capital – pumper and pickup still on order – shed at dump and cemetery completed – just finishing off computer system
- Tangible Capital Assets now valued at \$12.215 million – on the books
- Replacement cost of Buildings \$28.7 million – Mobile Equipment \$1.673 million
- GIC's plus interest now \$2.690 million
- Small Community Funding now reconciled – GNWT will not require Employment
- Banking controls now in place – transactions require two to complete – using CIBC pods
- New procurement bylaw being developed along with purchase order system
- Updated Financial Administration Bylaw being drafted
- Financial procedures manual being developed

MOTION 2020-81

That the Operational Financial Statements for the period ending October 31, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Moved: Eva Hope
Seconded: Cathy Kotchea
Carried.

BYLAWS

BYLAW 286

Bylaw 286 to extend the Term of Office to three years was presented in writing and given third and final reading.

MOTION 2020-82

That Bylaw 286 "Councilor Term Increase" be given third and final reading.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

BYLAW 287

Bylaw 287 "Municipal Service Rates" was reviewed and given first reading. This bylaw sets rates for customers outside the Municipal Service Area but within the Hamlet Boundary. –

- no subsidies will be supplied
- a minimum charge of \$100 per month
- service twice weekly
- no snow clearing
- other special conditions will apply
- effective January 1, 2021

MOTION 2020-83

That Bylaw 287 "Municipal Service Rates" be given first reading.

Moved: Eva Hope
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

Bylaw 287 "Municipal Service Rates" was given second reading.

MOTION 2020-84

That Bylaw 287 "Municipal Service Rates" be given second reading.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

BYLAW 288

Bylaw 288 "Municipal Service Standards" was reviewed and given first reading. This Bylaw is an updating of the facility requirements before municipal services will be supplied and the standards that must be met to continue receiving service.

MOTION 2020-85

That Bylaw 288 "Municipal Service Standards" be given first reading.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

Bylaw 288 "Municipal Service Standards" was given second reading.

MOTION 2020-86

That Bylaw 288 "Municipal Service Standards" be given second reading.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Cathie Kotchea
Carried.

BYLAW 283

Bylaw 283 "Civic Address" had been given first and second reading in 2019. This bylaw was a proposal to change the civic numbering system. This bylaw was never given third and final reading. A current system of using lot numbers is being used and council will continue with this numbering system and not go ahead with the third reading of Bylaw 283.

COUNCIL INDEMNITY

Council reviewed the current rates and the Mayor put forward the case for increasing the rates primarily due to the number of COVID meetings. Council recognized the added meetings (2-3 hours each) and agreed to pay the Mayor \$50.00 per hour for COVID Safe related conference meetings effective April 1, 2020. A log of these meetings will be available for review by council. This expense will be funded from the COVID Safe Restart Funding.

No change was made to the regular council meeting rates.
The administration was directed to rewrite the Council Indemnity Bylaw to reflect the reality of electronic meetings.

MOTION 2020-87

That the Mayor be paid an hourly rate; to the closest half hour, of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for meetings, including electronic, related to COVID Safe. This payment will be effective April 1, 2020.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Julie Capot Blanc
Carried.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

TOURISM OPERATOR AMENDMENT

Jackpine Paddle requested an amendment to include guided shuttles on highway #1 and highway #7. Council reviewed the application and noted the lack of facilities along highway 7 and adequate highway facilities should be installed before such tours are approved. They also questioned such tours give COVID restrictions.

TIMBER CUTTING PERMITS

Applications were received from Timberland Wood Services and Jon Gonet Wood Services for commercial 'Timber Cutting Permits'. Council questioning the type of permit being requested when each application is requesting a 'Mill Licence'. They wanted clarity that the permit is for harvesting wood for resale. Council deferred support until clarification is received.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

RCMP – October 2020
Fire Department – September and October
Legal Opinion – Council Meetings during COVID19
GNWT - Self Isolation in Our Communities
GNWT – COVID Statistics
GOVCDA – Canada Recovery Benefits

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed correspondence

MLA – Correspondence re Morgue
Town of Fort Smith – Polytechnic University
Northwestel – Every Community Project
Northwestel – Unlimited Internet
Tulita Dene Band Council – COVID19
Legislative Assembly – Official Languages

MACA Minister – Fire Service Merit Awards
Canadian Natural Resources – Water Licence
Engagement Plan – Pointed Mountain
GNWT – Federal Rapid Housing Initiative

NEXT MEETING

December 8, 2020 – Housing Plan Review
December 17, 2020 – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2020-88

That the meeting of November 19, 2020 be adjourned.

Moved: Eva Hope
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.



Hillary Deneron
Mayor



John W. McKee
Senior Administrative Officer