



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 25, 2021

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

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| COUNCILLOR | Colin Woehl [with notice] |
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| STAFF Senior Administrative Officer | John W. McKee |
| RCMP Members Cpl. Meko and Cst. McGuffin | |

The Chairperson (Mayor) took the chair and called the meeting to order at 7: 06 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council reviewed the meeting agenda without changes.

MOTION 2021- 14

That the agenda for the special meeting of February 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

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| Moved: | Eva Hope |
| Seconded: | Cathy Kotchea |
| Carried. | |

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interests were declared.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council reviewed the minutes for the previous meeting and two errors noted.

MOTION 2021- 15

That the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2021 be approved as presented and amended.

Moved: Cathy Kotchea
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Copies of Letters to Ministers bringing forward issues raised during council's meeting with MLA Shane Thompson.

Mayor Deneron would like to review draft letters. She noted that the letter to Minister Green and Chinna Indicated a "lack of support and communication". She noted that both departments provided support, but that communication was there was a lack of communication.

DELEGATION

RCMP – Cpl. Meko and Cst. McGuffin

Mayor Deneron stated the need for a good working relationship with the RCMP and read a letter from the Minister of Justice.

The January 2021 RCMP Monthly Report was reviewed by councilors.

Council emphasized the need for road stops. They were also concerned on the lifting of the liquor rationing in Fort Simpson will have on the community. Noted hard liquor now being imported rather than beer.

Cpl. Meko noted that he was here for a full term.

The RCMP will make every effort to intercept liquor being brought into the community and will follow up on community tips.

The Liquor Transportation Regulations [NWT Liquor Act] were confirmed and it was noted that the fines were insignificant.

Cst. McGuffin – gave an overview of the Support for Elders program. This will be a collaboration between the RCMP and Fire Department. The Department of Justice has provided thirty-five hundred dollars [\$3,500] to be spent by March 31, 2021. The Hamlet will administer this program. If further funding is available next fiscal year the program may be continued.

OLD BUSINESS

VACCINE DRAW

When the COVID 19 vaccines were being administered to the community it was decided to have a draw for gift cards for those residents getting their vaccine. To support local business six hundred dollars (\$600.00) of gift cards were purchased from the Northern and Liard Valley General stores. It was intended to include the Liard Fuel Center, but they were unable to participate. The draw was held on the last day of the clinic.

Eighty-five percent of the community received their first dose and Mayor Deneron noted that the Premier recognized this high participation rate.

MOTION 2021-16

That the Fort Liard Hamlet Council supports the purchase of twelve hundred dollars of gift cards to be used for a draw for community residents getting their COVID19 vaccine.

Moved: Cathy Kotchea
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL CIP FUNDING

Municipal and Community Affairs will be providing the Hamlet with an additional C.I.P. funding [\$ 827,000]for the 2020/21 fiscal year. Council agreed to the conditions and reporting requirements of this funding.

MOTION 2021-17

That the Fort Liard Hamlet Council agrees to the terms and conditions of additional Capital Infrastructure funding for the fiscal year 2020/21.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Cathy Kotchea
Carried.

CAPITAL PLAN

2021-26 CAPITAL PLAN

The Senior Administrative Officer presented a background power point presentation on the role of council and their responsibilities. The need for a *Capital Maintenance Policy* to protect the community infrastructure was emphasized. Council included a policy and part of the plan. This policy defined the responsibility of council and Hamlet staff. The SAO then presented a project brief for each project indication the details of the project, the need, the budget, and the proposed schedule.

MOTION 2021-18

That the 2021 – 2026 Capital Plan including the Capital Maintenance Policy be approved as presented.

Moved: Eva Hope
Seconded: Cathy Kotchea
Carried.

BYLAWS

BYLAW 291

A *Financial Administration Bylaw* was presented in writing for approval. Council gave second reading to the Bylaw 291.

MOTION 2021-19

That Bylaw 291 *Financial Administration* receive second reading.

Moved: Cathy Kotchea
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

Council gave third and final reading to *Bylaw 291 Financial Administration*.

MOTION 2021-20

That Bylaw 291 *Financial Administration* receive third and final reading.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

BYLAW 292

A *Procurement Bylaw* was presented in writing for approval. Council gave second reading to the Bylaw 292.

MOTION 2021-21

That Bylaw 292 *Procurement* receive second reading.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

Council gave third and final reading to Bylaw 292 Procurement.

MOTION 2021-22

That Bylaw 292 Procurement receive third and final reading.

Moved: Cathy Kotchea
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

RCMP Monthly Report January 2021
Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee
Aurora College Quarterly Report

CORRESPONDENCE

none

COMMUNITY EVENT

Council discussed hosting a Ice Sculpture Contest late March. Five prizes will be awarded – 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$400, 3rd – 300, 4th - \$200, 5th – \$100. An independent judging team will be appointed.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting - March 18, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2021-23

That the meeting of February 25, 2021 be adjourned.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



Hillary Deneron
Mayor



John W. McKee
Senior Administrative Officer