



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday November 15, 2021

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

MAYOR	Cathy Kotchea
DEPUTY MAYOR	Eva Hope
COUNCILORS	Julia Capot Blanc
	Kathie Hardisty
	Derwin Kotchea

ABSENT

COUNCILOR	Colin Woehl [with notice]
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STAFF Senior Administrative Officer John W. McKee

The Chairperson (Mayor) took the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council reviewed the meeting agenda without changes.

MOTION 2021- 118

That the agenda for the special meeting of November 15, 2021, be approved as presented.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Derwin Kotchea
Carried.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interests were declared.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

MOTION 2021-119

That the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2021, be approved as presented.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Derwin Kotchea
Carried.

UPDATES AND FOLLOWUP

The Hamlet will need to comply with GNWT staff vaccination requirements in the office effective November 30, 2021.

Critical staff shortages –

- Two municipal truck drivers - heavy equipment operator driving truck – casual heavy equipment operator leaves the community November 30, 2021.
- One Safety Officer vacancy
- Financial Assistant will not be employed as she does not meet vaccination requirements

Audit not yet complete – issues with the reporting of tangible capital assets.

Derelict cars have been removed from the community.

Fiber Optics project – line installation 90% complete – material back orders – drop lines installations will begin later this month – lines will be coiled outside houses – project completion schedule for first quarter 2022 but more realistically be May 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

BORDER OPENING

Council recognized the wish to have the border gate on highway 7 opened more frequently and at more convenient times so that residents of Fort Liard can cross into British Columbia. This must also be balanced with the need to keep the community COVID free.

The Mayor stated that the GNWT wants a support letter along with any recommendations that council might have. Councilors reviewed a support letter from the Acho Dene Koe First Nation.

Councilor comments -

- Needs to be more inspections and patrols – border entry/exit not adequately patrolled.
- Border does not open as scheduled – important if attending appointments.
- No communication by Health Officers to Health Center
- Not stringent on entry back into the NWT.
- Requirement for test on entry back into NWT. – everybody must get tested.
- No follow-up on compliance with entry requirements.
- No follow-up to ensure that non-Fort Liard residents do not enter Fort Liard

- Poor Health Officer communication with the public - rude
- Openings might need to change quickly if there is a COVID outbreak

Councilors agreed that there needs to be more enforcement and gate controls before access is changed. Support for extended openings is contingent on assurances that regulations are adequately enforced.

Further discussions between council and the Department of Health and Social Services will be required to keep the community of Fort Liard safe while making access to and from British Columbia more frequent and convenient.

MOTION 2021-120

That prior to support for extended border openings on highway 7 there must be the assurances that -

1. There is adequate enforcement and patrols at the gate.
2. There is effective continued communication between the Health Officers and the community of Fort Liard.
3. There is adequate follow-up on conditions for entry into the NWT and the Community of Fort Liard.

Moved: Eva Hope
Seconded: Derwin Kotchea
Carried.

BUDGET – Municipal Garage Construction

The SAO reviewed the project brief for the construction of a municipal operations garage and the proposed budget for the project prepared by Dillon Consulting.

Council approved the budget as presented.

MOTION 2021- 121

That a budget of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for the construction of a municipal operations garage as per the Project Brief.

Moved: Derwin Kotchea
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

BYLAWS

BYLAW 306

Bylaw 306 which an amendment to the Hamlet Employment Bylaw was presented in writing.

This bylaw increases accumulated sick leave credits to fifteen days.

MOTION 2021-122

That Bylaw 306 "Employment Bylaw Amendment" receive third and final reading.

Moved: Kathy Hardisty
Seconded: Derwin Kotchea
Carried.

BYLAW 307

Bylaw 307 for the disposal of a garbage compactor truck was presented in writing.

MOTION 2021-122

That Bylaw 307 "Asset Disposal Bylaw" receive third and final reading.

Moved: Kathy Hardisty
Seconded: Derwin Kotchea
Carried.

BYLAW 308

Bylaw 308 an amendment to the Municipal Service Rates was presented in writing.
This bylaw defines extra service conditions and rates.

MOTION 2021-122

That Bylaw 308 "Municipal Service Rate Amendment" receive third and final reading.

Moved: Kathy Hardisty
Seconded: Derwin Kotchea
Carried.

BYLAW 309

Bylaw 309 a Temporary Borrowing Bylaw was presented in writing.
This bylaw is for borrowing using a VISA credit card.

MOTION 2021-122

That Bylaw 309 "Temporary Borrowing Bylaw" receive third and final reading.

Moved: Kathy Hardisty
Seconded: Julie Capot Blanc
Carried.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Report
Recreation Report
Aurora College Transformation
Pointed Mountain Abandonment
Public Health Order – October 22, 2021

CORRESPONDENCE reviewed:

GNWT Infrastructure – Community Access Program
Enbridge – Pointed Mountain Abandonment
Premier – Kristine McLeod Award
NWTAC – Wildfire Mitigation

NOTIFICATIONS

Annual NWTAC Meeting – March 24-26, 2022, Hay River

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2021-

That the special meeting of November 15, 2021, be adjourned.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.



Eva Hope
Deputy Mayor



John W. McKee
Senior Administrative Officer