



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday June 09, 2021

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

MAYOR	Cathy Kotchea
DEPUTY MAYOR	Eva Hope
COUNCILORS	Julia Capot Blanc
	Colin Woehl
	Derwin Kotchea

ABSENT

COUNCILOR	Kathie Hardisty [without notice]
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STAFF Senior Administrative Officer	John W. McKee
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MLA Shane Thompson
GNWT MACA Superintendent Mike Drake
GNWT Lands Superintendent Melinda Lenoir

The Chairperson (Mayor) took the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council reviewed the meeting agenda without changes.

MOTION 2021-61

That the agenda for the special meeting of June 09, 2021 be approved as presented.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councilor Julia Capot Blanc re correspondence on funding.

MEETING with MLA Shane Thompson

Response re liquor gift cards during COVID outbreak – Repose received from Minister Julie Green.

MLA outlined that his Ministerial portfolios now included Municipal and Community Affairs. His portfolios of Energy and Natural Resources, Lands and Municipal and Community Affairs and Lands work well together.

Meeting with Minister of Housing scheduled for May was cancelled due to illness of President of the NWT Housing Corporation.

MLA will meet with community on July 7th with the Minister of Infrastructure.

Councilor Dewin Kotchea inquired about a permit to harvest logs for a cabin. MLA responded that permit was required, and cost was minimal.

Mayor Cathy raised concern about Timberline Wood Services damaging well over ten trees. Issue raised with Fort Liard RWED Officer but no response. Unknown if this is being done in more areas. MLA asked for a formal request for investigation.

Councilor Julia Capot Blanc inquired why passport photos cannot be obtained in Fort Liard, MLA responded that GNWT cannot process due to technical requirements and that this would require a contractor with equipment. GNWT only responsible for NWT ID Cards and arrangements can be made for these to be processed. First Nations are responsible for Treaty Cards and arrangements would need to be made with Acho Dene Know First Nation.

Discussion concerning COVID procedures at the BC Boarder. MLA said by could respond specifically but concerns need to be raised with the Department of Health. There are challenges to opening the BC Boarder while keeping the community safe. Question – how do Fort Liard hunters' access there traplines in BC during Fall Hunt? Officials from the GNWT will meet with the community to discuss opening the BC Boarder.

The MLA and two Superintendents left the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council reviewed the minutes for the previous meeting and one spelling error corrected.

MOTION 2021-62

That the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2021 be approved as presented and amended.

Moved: Julia Capot Blanc
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Council reviewed a development permit from the NWT Housing Corporation to construct a 2500 square foot singles four plex on Lot 67 LTO 1910. This lot is zoned residential, and council may approve conditional construction of multi-unit housing. The lot is of adequate for a building of this size. Access points for services meets standards. There was no objection to the approval of this development permit.

MOTION 2021-63

That Development Permit from the NWT Housing Corporation to build a twenty-five hundred square foot singles four plex on Lot 97 LTO 1910 be approved.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Derwin Kotchea
Carried.

REPLACEMENT CAT IT28 LOADER

The Caterpillar IT28 Tractor Carrier is now 26 years old, and council had approved replacement in 2022. This machine is an essential piece of equipment. An IT28 model is no longer manufactured and will be replaced with a Caterpillar 930M Loader. Due to the long lead time and strength of the Canadian dollar council approved ordering this equipment in 2021 so that it can be on site for spring 2022.

MOTION 2021-64

That the purchase of a Caterpillar 930M loader be moved forward to 2021 so that the equipment will be on site for the spring/summer 2022.

Moved: Derwin Kotchea
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

CENSUS

The census in Fort Liard is underway in Fort Liard and council was reminded of the need for an accurate census and municipal funding is based on this population figure.

BYLAWS

Bylaw 300 "Employment Bylaw Amendment" was presented in writing. This bylaw increases the standard hours of work for administrative staff to 37.5 hours per week. The bylaw was given third reading.

MOTION 2021-65

That Bylaw 300 "Employment Bylaw Amendment" receive third and final reading.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Dervin Kotchea
Carried.

Bylaw 301 to appoint Molly Duntra as Finance Officer was presented in writing. A briefing explaining the legislative requirements and the need for a finance officer appointment was reviewed by council. This bylaw as given third reading.

MOTION 2021-66

That Bylaw 301 "Finance Officer Appointment" receive third and final reading.

Moved: Derwin Kotchea
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed by council.

Mayor of Yellowknife – 2022-2023 Capital Estimates
Council reviewed the request to write the GNWT concerning the Capital Estimates. After discussion it was agreed the letter would address both the MACA and Housing Budgets.

Northern – COVID Report
Richard Nerysoo – Apology
MP Lakeland – Bill C21 – Firearms Act

REPORTS

Fire Chief – May 2021
NWTEL – Fibre Optic roll out.
NWT Justice – Safety Officer
Staff Council Relationship
Post Service – Delivering Community Power
Plan Build Maintain

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be scheduled to on July 8, 2021 to correspond to a visit by the MLA Shane Thompson and the Minister of Infrastructure Diane Archie.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2021-67

That the meeting of June 9, 2021 be adjourned.

Moved: Eva Hope
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.



Eva Hope
Deputy Mayor



John W. McKee
Senior Administrative Officer

