

MOTION 2021- 34

That the resignation of Mayor Hillary Deneron be accepted effective April 6, 2021.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

Appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

After discussion Council made the decision not to have a byelection for Mayor and to appoint Deputy Mayor Cathy Kotchea as Mayor effective April 15, 2021 and she would hold office until the Municipal General Election in December 2021.

MOTION 2021- 35

That Cathy Kotchea be appointed as Mayor effective April 15, 2021 and to hold office until the next Municipal Election December 2021

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Julie Capot Blanc
Carried.

After discussion Councilor Eva Hope was appointed as Deputy Mayor Effective April 15, 2021 and to hold office until the next Municipal Election in December 2021.

MOTION 2021- 36

That Councilor Eva Hope was appointed as Deputy Mayor Effective April 15, 2021 and to hold office until the next Municipal Election in December 2021.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Julie Capot Blanc
Carried.

Extended Term of Office

A letter from Valerie Conrad, Community Government Advisor, MACA informing council that a legal opinion states that the Term of Office for councilors cannot be extended until the next Municipal Election in December 2021 and that Bylaw 286 needs to be rescinded. To be compliant council made the decision to rescind Bylaw 286.

MOTION 2021- 37

That Bylaw 286 "Term of Office Extension" be rescinded, and that this Bylaw have no effect on the term of office for members of this council.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

Council rescinded Bylaw 286 but agreed that the term of office for councilors should be extended to three years, Bylaw 298 "Term of Office Extension" was given first reading. This bylaw will extend the Term of Office to three years but will not take effect until the next Municipal Election I December 2021.

MOTION 2021- 38

That Bylaw 298 "Term of Office Extension" be given first reading.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

Bylaw 299 - Tern of Office Extension be given second reading.

MOTION 2021- 39

That Bylaw 298 "Term of Office Extension" be given second reading.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

MOTION 2021- 40

That the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2021 be approved as presented.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councilor Julie Capot Blanc declare a conflict of interest due to her GNWT staff position.

Land Tenure

The Hamlet cannot obtain land tenure for the graveyard, municipal works yard, and Black River Recreation Area. GNWT – Lands has determined that under current Territorial Land legislation land tenure is not permitted.

As a solution the Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs has requested land tenure for the GNWT who in turn will permit use by the Hamlet for municipal purposes.

Councilor Julie Capot Blanc returned to the council chambers.

SEWAGE SAMPLE TESTING

The first sewage samples have been taken and sent to the lab for COVID testing. Fort Liard is being tested because of its proximity to BC. The procedure for taking samples was outlined for councilors.

Results from the first sampling have been analyzed and traces of the COVID virus were detected. Over a four-day period amounts decreased. After extensive review by GNWT staff the determination was made that there was no need for alarm and results were more likely from the residue remaining in the truck. The truck tanks are never completely emptied.

A new set up samples were taken the week of April 12 and have been submitted for testing.

Community Morgue

MLA updated that morgue will be built in Fort Liard fall 2021. ADK will do site preparation.

PURCHASE OF LED ELECTRONIC SIGN

Council discussed purchasing an installing a LED Electronic Sign on the Fire Hall. This sign would enable council to better communicate with the public and provide information. It was also agreed that a policy will be required to outline what information can be posted, any restrictions on information, and if paid commercial messages will be permitted.

A cost estimate from Hi Signs was reviewed. This estimate was received in response to a Request for Proposals. The sign will be a Galaxy Outdoor Electronic Message Center GS6 6 feet x 12 feet. The sign plus spare parts will cost \$41, 500. Shipping and installation are budgeted at \$18,500.

MOTION 2021- 41

That the Hamlet purchase and install a LED Electronic Message Center for a total budgeted cost of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00).

Moved: Julie Capot Blanc
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

FUNDING AGREEMENTS

Councilor Julie Capot Blanc left the room.

Council reviewed the Operation and Maintenance Funding Agreement for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and agreed to the Terms and Conditions. The amount is unchanged from the prior fiscal year at \$1,460,000.00.

MOTION 2021- 42

That the Hamlet of Fort Liard is authorized to enter into an 2021/22 Operations and Maintenance Funding Agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories in the amount of \$1,460,000.00 and agrees to the obligations set forward in this agreement.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

Council reviewed the Water and Sewage Funding Agreement for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and agreed to the Terms and Conditions. The amount of \$740,000.00 is a slight increase over the prior fiscal year.

MOTION 2021-

That the Hamlet of Fort Liard is authorized to enter into an 2021/22 Water and Sewage Funding Agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories in the amount of \$740,000 and agrees to the obligations set forward in this agreement.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

Councilor Julie Capot Blanc returned to council chambers.

BYLAWS

The Water and Sewage fund has a balance of \$1,035K. This amount is excessive. After a review of the Economic Rate council agreed to a reduction in the Economic Rate to \$.0175 per liter effective April 1, 2021. It is estimated that the annual operational deficit would be \$78k and this would be funded from the fund balance. Over five years this would reduce the fund by \$390k.

Council also reviewed the cost of providing garbage pickup and disposal. A charge is levied for this service but does not cover the cost of providing the service and the annual deficit is \$60k. Council agreed to raise the charge for this service to \$35.00 per month effective April 1, 2021. The remaining deficit will be funded from Operations and Maintenance funding.

Customers will realize a slight decrease in their net monthly municipal service bill.

Bylaw 299 Municipal Service Rate Amendment was given first reading.

MOTION 2021- 44

That Bylaw 299 "Municipal Service Rate Amendment" receive first reading.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

Bylaw 299 Municipal Service Rate Amendment was given second reading.

MOTION 2021- 45

That Bylaw 299 "Municipal Service Rate Amendment" receive second reading.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

The following documents were reviewed and noted:

RESEARCH LICENCE	Pointed Mountain Study Licence #4987
LEGISLATIVE REVIEWS	Education Act
	Liquor Legislation Review
	Compensation – Members of NWT Assembly
	NWTAC Interactive Sessions
REPORTS	Fire Chief Monthly Report March 2021
	New Release – Affordable Housing in the North
	Waste Reduction Initiative

	NWTAC News
	COVID – Spring Carnivals and Jamborees
	Outstanding Volunteer Awards
CORRESPONDENCE	Ft Simpson Metis – Northern Food Challenge
	Integrated Economic Solutions Introduction
	ITI -Agriculture Partnerships

NEXT MEETING

May 20, 2021 -Regular Meeting and Swearing In of new councilor.

April 21 or 22 – Meeting with Mister Chinna – Municipal and Community Affairs

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2021- 46

That the meeting of April 15, 2021 be adjourned.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.



Cathy Kotchea
Mayor



John W. McKee
Senior Administrative Officer