



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday July 6, 2021

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

MAYOR	Cathy Kotchea	[With Notice]
COUNCILOR	Colin Woehl	[With Notice]

STAFF Senior Administrative Officer John W. McKee
DELEGATION MLA Shane Thompson and Minister Diane Archie and staff.

The Chairperson (Deputy Mayor) took the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council reviewed the meeting agenda without changes.

MOTION 2021- 68

That the agenda for the meeting of July 6, 2021, be approved as presented.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Julie Capot Blanc
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 2021-69

That the minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2021, be approved as presented.

Moved: Derwin Kotchea
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

DELEGATION

The Chairperson introduced MLA Shane Thompson who in turn introduced Minister Dianne Archie - Infrastructure. Staff and councilors did a roundtable introduction.

Minister Archie stated that the purpose of the trip was to provide updates of the Department of Infrastructure projects and provide a briefing on planned work. It also gives her an opportunity for her to hear community concerns and comments.

Discussion on work planned for NWT Highway 7. Road works project are seventy-five percent funded by the Federal Government and projects require two government approval. Work on the highway will be concentrated on addressing safety concerns and upgrading the highway base. Brushing on the right of ways will be done this year but this work will not include the large tree removal. The contract for this work will be a negotiated contract with a local contractor. There is no chip sealing to be completed soon.

Minister Archie stated that the COVID opening is not the responsibility of her department. The Chief Medical Officer sets opening/closing regulations and criteria.

Council raised the issue of outhouses at turnouts. Minister Archie stated her department was not responsible but that she would raise the issue with Industry Trade and Investment.

Council raised the issue of the lack of outhouse and shelter at the Fort Simpson crossing during periods when helicopter services must be provided. Minister Archie will follow-up.

Both issues a major issue for seniors travelling by vehicle for medical appointments.

Northwest Territories Power Corporation will be doing a feeder upgrade and installing a new fuel module. One engine is scheduled for replacement in 2023 as it has reached the end of its life cycle.

NEW BUSINESS

VACCINE INITIATIVE

From discussions with the NWT Chief Medical Officer, it is anticipated that an eighty percent vaccine rate will be required before the border to British Columbia will be opened. Council discussed an incentive to achieve this rate. It was agreed that funding would be provided for a gift card draw for those receiving their vaccines. To be eligible a

person would have to be a resident of Fort Liard and a person required to be vaccinated to achieve the eight percent rate.

Budget – 20 cards @ \$150.00 = \$3,000.00

MOTION 2021-70

That a budget of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) be approved for the purchase of gift cards for a COVID19 vaccine draw to help achieve the eighty percent required to open the border to B.C. To be eligible a person must be a resident of Fort Liard and person required to be vaccinated to achieve the rate required.

Moved: Julie Capot Blanc
Seconded: Dewin Kotchea
Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Council discussed hiring an Economic Development Officer. Industry Trade and Development would provide the funding. This position would be responsible for the effective delivery of business programs and services.

Funding -

Salary and Benefits	\$97,537.00
Travel	\$5,000.00
Training	\$5,000.00
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Prorated for the period September 3, 2021, to March 31, 2021, the funding would be \$77,514.00.

The contribution agreement would be renewed on an annual basis.

A comparable salary would be \$40.91 [\$ 40.91 + \$3.33 northern allowance = \$4.94 mandatory costs = \$95,901.00 per year].

The Hamlet would not be able to guarantee permanent employment. Pension and medical benefits could not be provided.

The Hamlet would be expected to provide office space, office supplies and computer equipment and internet access for \$500.00 per month.

Extra funding would be required for recruitment and relocation costs.

Council agreed to proceed with the immediate recruitment.

MOTION 2021-71

That the Senior Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into an agreement with GNWT.ITI to fund and Economic Development Officer position and that recruitment commence immediately.

Moved: Julie Capot Blanc
Seconded: Dewin Kotchea
Carried.

FINANCIAL

Council reviewed Capital Infrastructure Project amendments –

850105 – Defer survey and upgrades at cemetery – no land tenure yet.

830511 – Defer water plant cell refurbishing – no contractors available

840404 – Cancel Road works project to ski hill – use funds for Hay Lake Road upgrade

820501 – increase budget from \$190k to \$325k

830501 – Purchase of four new workstations - \$7.6k

The SAO reviewed all changes for each project.

MOTION 2021-72

That the changes to the 2021 Capital Infrastructure Project Budget be approved as presented.

Moved: Derwin Kotchea
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Northern – Indigenous remains

Aurora College Transformation Report May 2021

RCMP Report May 2021

NEXT MEETING

August 19, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2021-73

That the meeting of June 6, 2021, be adjourned.

Moved: Derwin Kotchea
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.



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Cathy Kotchea
Mayor



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John W. McKee
Senior Administrative Officer