



volunteer community patrols. Sgt. Snodgrass isn't experience in community patrols although can get more information on the program. Mayor Napier-Buckley asked if the RCMP will be prepared during the AWGs. Sgt. Snodgrass confirmed this. Mayor Napier-Buckley thanked the Sergeant for delegating on a regular basis.

- ii. AWG Host Society – 2018 AWG Quarterly Report December 31, 2016. Todd Shafer, 2018 AWG General Manager, reviewed the quarterly report. Mr. Shafer advised that report is stop light colour coded. He noted that most of the areas of concern in the report have been addressed. He noted that report will be reviewed by the International Committee during mission meetings in Hay River and Fort Smith on March 17th-21st. He noted that the Society would be welcoming representatives from nine contingents and the International Committee for the meetings. Additionally, the International Committee would be doing facility tours during that time. Mr. Shafer advised that there are three staff positions both Hay River and Fort Smith, of which the third position in Fort Smith, Administrative Assistant, is out to competition. He noted that there was low attendance at the community engagement meeting, although new people came out to volunteer. Mr. Shafer advised that the Host Society is currently working on the one year out celebration, with the Snowboarding Territorials and Skiing Territorials at that time. He noted that the Host Society has a newsletter which is available via the 2018 AWG website and facebook page. Mr. Shafer advised that there would be a business opportunities night with the Chamber of Commerce on February 22nd. In regards to the sponsorship, the Host Society has a goal of \$2 million to reach and are currently at \$500,000 in monetary and in kind contributions. He noted that the GNWT would be contributing an additional \$500,000 and that Council has also contributed. He anticipates \$1.2 million in sponsorships by the end of March. Mr. Shafer is hoping to have large corporations fully signed by the end of March, 2017. D/M Smith noted that there are no areas of concern in the financials and that the budget is on track. Mr. Shafer noted that the Host Society is distributing promotional items on a regular basis to direct traffic to their website. Cr. Patel noted a fair amount of committee chairs open and suggested the list be forwarded to Council for recommendations to fill the positions. Administration noted that the financial burden falls on the municipalities and asked, should the Host Society go over budget, what the contingency plans are to address shortfalls. Mr. Shafer is optimistic that budget goals will be met, however noted that financial changes will be discussed if unable to meet goals six months before the games. Additionally, he noted that the Host Society is looking for additional funding from the GNWT and Federal Government to address shortfalls. D/M Smith noted that local corporations are still discussing their contribution amounts. Administration asked what budget reductions would look like and where alternative funding would be found. Mr. Shafer doesn't have an answer at this point as the intent is to still raise the set amount of money. He noted that worst case scenario may be loss of a sport which is not preferable. Cr. Kikoak asked if the Host Society has considered engaging the public during the Frolics. D/M Smith noted that list of key engagement opportunities has been developed. Cr. Kikoak asked if the Host Society has delegated to the bands. Mr. Shafer advised that the Host Society would be meeting with all governing organizations. D/M Smith noted that the Society met with SRFN to examine partnerships moving forward although there hasn't been a recent meeting. Cr. Dumont felt that the Seniors Society would be good at volunteering with hospitality and greeting. Mayor Napier-Buckley thanked Mr. Shafer and D/M Smith for their presentation.



D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

17-033 Moved by: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded by: Cr. Patel

That the minutes of Regular Meeting 01-17 of January 24, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17-034 Moved by: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded by: Cr. Dumont

That the minutes of Special Meeting SP-01-17 of January 27, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. **DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**

Cr. McArthur declared a financial interest with respect to the Accounts Paid Part II.

G. **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

Corporate Services Standing Committee – Cr. Patel thanked Mayor Napier-Buckley for sending the letter in opposition of the cut of the Teacher Education Program. She asked if any other messaging has be prepared since then. She noted that other Councillors are actively lobbying the cut. Mayor Napier-Buckley has contacted indigenous governments for letters of support and advised that they have sent them to the MLAs. Cr. Patel asked if there was any further discussion regarding the cut amongst the Board of Governors. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she has resigned from the Board of Governors. Cr. Patel would have liked her to remain on the board. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she can still work with the college through her role as Mayor and that she will remain involved. Cr. Kikoak would like to schedule a meeting with the Aurora College President to discuss keeping the program at the college. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the president is currently on holidays for a few weeks. Cr. Kikoak noted that the motion is to create messaging and asked what the next steps are. Administration advised that TTAB has been tasked with the economic impact and that they may come forward with a recommendation to fight for all job losses and not only TEP. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that Council can request a delegation from the President when she has returned from vacation. She also noted that the Town can still fight for the program as it is being faded out.

17-035 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. McArthur

That the attached Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from February 7, 2017, be adopted as presented.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. HOLTORF, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. BELL,
CR. PATEL, CR. DUMONT, CR. KIKOAK
ABSTAINED – D/M SMITH
CARRIED



Accounts Paid Part I

17-036 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
 Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That the Accounts Paid List Part I for the period ending January 31, 2017, totaling \$544,443.54 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts Paid Part II

17-037 Moved By: Cr. Kikoak
 Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the Accounts Paid List Part II for the period ending January 31, 2017, totaling \$1,263.61 be approved.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. HOLTORF, CR. BELL, D/M SMITH, CR. PATEL, CR. DUMONT, CR. KIKOAK
 ABSTAINED – CR. MCARTHUR
 CARRIED

Teacher Education Program – Cr. Tuckey commended the Mayor for writing a strongly researched letter. She would like Council to discuss next steps and an action plan. Cr. Kikoak suggested that a subcommittee be formed. Cr. Patel would like to set up a workshop. She noted that the issue is broader than TEP and suggested leveraging the news through CBC. She would like the Town do regular press releases. D/M Smith noted that MLA Cory Vanthuyne was questioning the cuts at the Legislative Assembly. He noted that the Press Release could be letter that was written if the information is relevant. D/M Smith noted that it is still unclear whose decision it was to cut the program. With respect to Junior Kindergarten, the GNWT is vulnerable to public pressure. He suggested that the letter that was sent in regards to TEP be sent to the press. Cr. Kikoak requested the motion be amended to send the letter to all new services on February 22nd. Cr. Tuckey is not in favour of amending as the motion is all encompassing.

17-038 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
 Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That Council create messaging to communicate our message of disapproval to the MLAs and other varying forms of government of the cancellation of the Teacher Education Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services Standing Committee

17-039 Moved By: Cr. McArthur
 Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That the attached Community Services Standing Committee minutes from February 14, 2017, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Services Standing Committee

17-040 Moved By: Cr. Bell
 Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the attached Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from February 14, 2017, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Support of Water Stewardship in the NWT

17-041 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the Town of Fort Smith pledges to support water stewardship in the NWT by choosing to provide tap water over bottled water wherever possible in Town facilities and Town sponsored events.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. HOLTORF, CR. BELL, D/M SMITH, CR. PATEL, CR. DUMONT, CR. KIKOAK
ABSTAINED – CR. MCARTHUR
CARRIED

b. Enactment of Bylaws:

Financial Administration Bylaw 972 First Reading

17-042 Moved By: Cr. McArthur
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

That the Financial Administration Bylaw 972 be introduced and given first reading.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, in the Northwest Territories, deems it in the public interest to enact a bylaw which governs the administration of the financial affairs of the Town.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Financial Administration Bylaw 972 Second Reading

17-043 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

That the Financial Administration Bylaw 972 be given second reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 973 Appoint an On-Call, Casual Bylaw Officer Tony Jones First Reading – Cr. Patel asked if the appointment is to replace the fulltime Bylaw Officer while he is on leave. Administration confirmed this.

17-044 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Bylaw 973 Appoint an On-Call, Casual Bylaw Officer Tony Jones be introduced and given first reading.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, in the Northwest Territories, deems it necessary to appoint Bylaw Enforcement Officers to enforce the bylaws of the Municipality;
NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, at a duly assembled meeting enacts as follows:

1. That Tony Jones be appointed an on-call, casual Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Town of Fort Smith.
2. That this appointment shall come into effect upon this bylaw receiving third reading.
3. That By-Law 860 be hereby repealed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Bylaw 973 Appoint an On-Call, Casual Bylaw Officer Tony Jones Second Reading

17-045 Moved By: Cr. McArthur
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Bylaw 973 Appoint an On-Call, Casual Bylaw Officer Tony Jones be given second reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Unanimous Consent for Third Reading of Bylaw 973

17-046 Moved By: D/M Smith
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Unanimous Consent be given to have Third Reading of Bylaw 973 Appoint an On-Call, Casual Bylaw Officer Tony Jones.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 973 Appoint an On-Call, Casual Bylaw Officer Tony Jones Third Reading

17-047 Moved By: D/M Smith
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

That Bylaw 973 Appoint an On-Call, Casual Bylaw Officer Tony Jones be given third reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Mayor and Council

- i. Cr. Tuckey – Cr. Tuckey would like to reiterate the need for Council to put pressure on the GNWT and to actively lobby cuts to the aurora college. She noted that the Prime Minister shared her question on Facebook about indigenous education and suggested it be leveraged in the media at a national level. Cr. Tuckey advised that Fort Smith was well received at the NWT Figure Skating Championships as always. Additionally, the Skating Club Carnival is on March 26th. Cr. Tuckey commended volunteers and organizations for contributing to community wellness.
- ii. Cr. Holtorf – Cr. Holtorf was pleased with the in-depth discussion of the 20 Year Capital Plan. He looks forward to reviewing portions of the O&M Budget during Corporate Services meetings. Cr. Holtorf noted the NWT Association of Social Workers opposition to the cut of the social work program at the college. He asked what the NWT Teachers Associations thinks of the Teacher Education Program cut and thought that it might be helpful to have their support. He suggested the Town create a policy on providing tap water in Town facilities rather than bottled water.
- iii. Cr. McArthur – Cr. McArthur thanked Administration for the 20 Year Capital Plan. He also thanked Public Works for maintaining the roads and sidewalks. Cr. McArthur enjoyed watching the Minor Hockey Tournament.
- iv. Cr. Bell – Cr. Bell thanked the Mayor for writing the letter to the Premier and MLAs with respect to the cut of the Teacher Education Program. Cr. Bell would like to put pressure on the GNWT for additional funding once the 20 Year Capital Plan is approved. Cr. Bell looks forward to the Frolics, Snow & Ice, and Ski events.



- v. D/M Smith – D/M Smith commended Administration on the 20 Year Capital Plan. He was pleased with the comprehensive and realistic list of assets. D/M Smith has concerns with the GNWT budget and where the decisions for cuts are being made. He noted that with the cuts and loss of positions, local offices will not be able to keep up with demand and be forced to relocate. He noted that the cuts to the Social Work Program and TEP are very alarming. He felt that this may be the first step in moving the Aurora college to different form of institutional organization. He felt that the GNWT may have a larger initiative that they have not consulted the public with. D/M Smith commended the volunteers in town for keeping up with the many events. Additionally, D/M Smith is working on the newsletter and noted requests to include information the tax increase and suggested messaging on the program cuts be included as well.
- vi. Cr. Patel – Cr. Patel thanked Administration and Town Staff for ensuring the roads are maintained. She advised that she had met with Ministers in Yellowknife and noted that Tom Beaulieu is open to invitations to hold meetings and conferences in Fort Smith. Cr. Patel is looking forward to the Frolics and was pleased to see Cr. Bell involved.
- vii. Cr. Dumont – Cr. Dumont felt that it is Council’s role to support getting the Teacher Education Program reinstated.
- viii. Cr. Kikoak – Cr. Kikoak noted that she had previously made a motion to have a letter written with respect to fire abatement and requested the letter be written. She would also like to schedule a meeting with the President of the Aurora College when she is back from vacation.
- ix. Mayor Napier-Buckley – Mayor Napier-Buckled commended Cr. Tuckey on her question to the Prime Minister in regards to indigenous education and funding. Additionally, Mayor Napier-Buckley, Mayor Mapes of Hay River, and Greg Rowe; President of the 2018 AWG Host Society, personally met and invited the Prime Minister to attend the Games. Mayor Napier-Buckley was pleased with the delegations from the RCMP and the 2018 AWG Host Society. She looks forward to a delegation from the President of the Aurora College. Additionally, she was pleased with the youth turnout for snowboarding lessons. Mayor Napier-Buckley noted that Council had made a motion to send delegates to the NWTAC and suggested that rather than sending as many delegates to Inuvik for the NWTAC, to send some delegates to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference in Ottawa. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she is available to attend the NWTAC AGM, however unable to attend the FCM Annual Conference. Cr. Kikoak is interested in attending the NWTAC AGM. Cr. Patel would like to have a workshop to determine which Councillors go to which conference and to prepare recommendations for the NWTAC AGM.



d. Administration

Briefing Note DPA-002-17 Jon Labine – The briefing note was reviewed. Cr. Kikoak asked if the applicant would be selling retail out of their garage. Administration advised that the application reads that there would be mild foot traffic. Cr. Kikoak would like to see a small retail outfit downtown as it is attractive to tourists. Administration advised that there are opportunities for this and that the draft Economic Development Plan will identify this. Mayor Napier-Buckley noted that the business may not have enough merchandise to open a commercial location. It was noted that the Rusty Raven sells art under consignment.

17-048 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That DPA-002-17, submitted by Jon Labine, to operate a home occupation business producing and selling metal and wood art from Lot 1839, Plan 4672, 123 Wilderness Road in Fort Smith be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Briefing Note Fort Smith Community Daycare Agreement – The briefing note and agreement were reviewed. Administration advised that the Society has formed and needs to find a venue to receive GNWT funding. He noted that discussions between the Daycare Society and the Curling Club are still ongoing. Administration advised that the lease agreement is for the Recreation Programmer's Office, Games Room and Canteen for a three-month period dependent on dialogue with the Curling Club or other space that may come available. He noted that the society will be charged \$500 per month for the use of the rooms, which the Town felt was relevant given the rates the Seniors Society and Curling Club pay. Additionally, he noted that the rooms have been inspected by ECE and that slight repairs will be completed by the end of the week. Cr. Kikoak asked if there were any daycares that had rented municipal infrastructure in the past. Administration advised that research on that was not performed and that the space was provided based on need. Cr. Kikoak would like examples of other communities in the north that do this. Cr. Tuckey advised that the previous daycare building was owned by the Town of Fort Smith but is unsure of the financial agreement. Cr. McArthur was not pleased with the letter received from the Daycare Society and noted that it was not individually signed. Cr. Patel asked why the Daycare Society thought the Town was providing the space for free. Administration advised that the space was never offered for free and that a cost was always associated. He felt that this may have stemmed from Mount Aven being offered for free in exchange for priority spacing for college students. Cr. Tuckey felt that \$500 per month is a token amount and not prohibitive. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she was contacted by a community member who felt that the Town would be subsidizing the Daycare which is in competition with day homes. Cr. Patel asked if the Afterschool Program could administer the daycare. D/M Smith asked if the rental accommodations are temporary for funding purposes. Administration confirmed this. D/M Smith felt that the implementation of the daycare is important and suggested the space be offered for \$1 per month for three months. It was suggested that the Daycare Society lobby the GNWT to provide space. Cr. Tuckey advised of the negative economic impact of not having a daycare in the community and that professionals are unable to return to work. She also noted that day homes are not opposed to the daycare as long as they charge the same rate to provide the service. Additionally, she advised that ECE performed studies that determined that there would be no market interference in having a daycare in the community.

17-049 Moved By: Cr. Kikoak
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That Council approve the three-month lease to locate the Daycare in the party room, games room and canteen for the price of \$500 per month.

IN FAVOUR – CR. HOLTORF, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. PATEL, CR. DUMONT, CR. KIKOAK
OPPOSED – CR. TUCKEY, CR. BELL, D/M SMITH
CARRIED



2017 Board of Revision

17-050 Moved By: D/M Smith
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Councillor Al Dumont be appointed to the 2017 Board of Revision on behalf of Council; and

That further Denise Yuhas, Sam Ransom, John Gray, and Ray Currie, be appointed from the general public to the 2017 Board of Revision; and

That the Board of Revision will meet on March 16, 2017, in Council Chambers; and

That the Chairperson and Board Members will be paid \$100 per day in accordance with legislation.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. HOLTORF, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. BELL,
D/M SMITH, CR. PATEL, CR. KIKOAK
ABSTAINED – CR. DUMONT
CARRIED

Briefing Note DPA-003-17 Jeremy Beamish – The briefing note was reviewed.

17-051 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That DPA-003-17, submitted by Jeremy Beamish, to operate a general yard maintenance home occupation business from Lot 628, Plan 319, 177 Wintergreen Street in Fort Smith be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Briefing Note Fundraiser Request for Autism Canada – The briefing note was reviewed. Cr. Holtorf felt that donations of a medical nature are not generally given. Administration advised that the Town supports a number of initiatives related to medical, such as Trek for Tourette and Relay for Life.

17-052 Moved By: Cr. Bell
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

That Council approves the in-kind donation request totaling \$209.20 for the Dusk to Dawn Ping Pong Marathon Autism Fundraiser in conjunction with Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day on April 2nd, 2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Proclamation Autism Awareness Day April 2, 2017 – Cr. Kikoak advised that she would be voting in opposition as the proclamation states that there is no known cause to autism. She noted that vaccinations don't go through rigorous testing that prescription drugs do.

17-053 Moved By: Cr. Patel

Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

BE IN KNOWN to whom these presents do concern;

WHEREAS the Town of Fort Smith is committed to creating an inclusive and diverse community by supporting activities that raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder that lead to an understanding of our shared and diverse abilities, as well as the issues of concern for people and families living on and with the disorder,

AND WHEREAS autism spectrum disorder is a biological neuro-developmental disorder affecting 1 in 68 children with males presenting 5:1 times more likely to be identified with the disorder than females; and understanding that each person living with autism also has family and friends that are impacted by the disorder and that some of these people live in Fort Smith and extend throughout the Territory.

AND WHEREAS all people living with autism spectrum disorder experience challenges in the areas of communication, repetitive behavior and social interaction and understanding that there is no known cause and each person living with autism is unique

AND WHEREAS these challenges may cause a person to experience limitations in the normal activities of daily living such as; education, employment, housing, income security, supports, recreation, social and personal life management and understanding that for many people living on the spectrum these areas remain exclusive and inaccessible

AND WHEREAS people living with autism spectrum disorder have the right to fully participate in every aspect of life through choice and self-direction; and understanding that all aspects of community benefit from being fully inclusive and diverse, where all people are valued.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lynn Napier-Buckley, Mayor of the Town of Fort Smith, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 2nd, 2017 as Autism Awareness Day, in the Town of Fort Smith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Fort Smith to be affixed this day of February 21, 2017.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. HOLTORF, CR. BELL, D/M SMITH, CR. PATEL, CR. DUMONT
OPPOSED – CR. KIKOAK
ABSTAINED – CR. MCARTHUR
CARRIED



H. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Corporate Services Standing Committee

17-054 Moved By: Cr. McArthur
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That D/M Smith and Cr. Holtorf be excused from the Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting on February 7, 2017.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. BELL, CR. PATEL, CR. DUMONT, CR. KIKOAK
ABSTAINED – CR. HOLTORF, D/M SMITH
CARRIED

Community Services Standing Committee

17-055 Moved By: Cr. Bell
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That Cr. Dumont and Cr. Kikoak be excused from the Community Services Standing Committee Meeting on February 14, 2017.

IN FAVOUR – CR. HOLTORF, CR. BELL, CR. MCARTHUR
OPPOSED – D/M SMITH, CR. TUCKEY, CR. PATEL
ABSTAINED – CR. DUMONT, CR. KIKOAK
TIE BREAK – MAYOR NAPIER-BUCKLEY IN FAVOUR
CARRIED

Municipal Services Standing Committee

17-056 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That Cr. Dumont be excused from the Municipal Services Standing Committee Meeting on February 14, 2017.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. HOLTORF, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. BELL, D/M SMITH, CR. PATEL, CR. KIKOAK
ABSTAINED – CR. DUMONT
CARRIED

I. **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting – March 7, 2017

Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings – March 14, 2017

Council Meeting 03-17 – March 21, 2017



J. **ADJOURNMENT**

17-057 Moved By: Cr. Bell
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 21st day of March, 2017.



Mayor Lynn Napier-Buckley



Certified Correct by the
Senior Administrative Officer Keith Morrison

K. **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question period was offered in accordance with policy.