





emergency response team from G and M division. He noted that this was brought to a conclusion the following day. He advised that there was a thirteen year old female, thirteen year old male, and a fifteen year old male who are residents on Fort Smith were taken into custody. Sgt. Peters noted that they are in good shape staffing wise, and are expecting two new members.

Mayor Napier noted that they previously had a staff member that was assigned to prolific offenders, and inquired where they would see this under their priorities. Sgt. Peters noted that this has been a priority in other detachments, and is based on property crime numbers. He noted that property crime in town has been cyclical, and have narrowed to a specific group of youth. He stated that they found in the past that the prolific offender management program works well when it is in place. He noted that they use statistic to advise who the top five offenders are, and they designate an individual to each officer, and the individuals are placed on curfew. He noted that these programs are proven effective. He noted that he does not see a large amount of property crime and can put into their action plan. Cr. Cox noted that item 6 on page 2 speaks to incidents on March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> in which thirteen year olds were charged. She inquired if those individuals were also involved in the March 30<sup>th</sup> incident. Sgt. Peters confirmed that one of the individuals was involved on the March 30<sup>th</sup> incident. Cr. Cox noted that she understands firearms were involved, and inquired if they will see a further escalation with these individuals involved. Sgt. Peters noted that they are hoping not and hoping that they remain in custody of social services which they are currently. Cr. McArthur welcomed Sgt. Peters and his family to Fort Smith.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

20-086 Moved by: Cr. Westwell Seconded by: Cr. Cox  That the minutes of Regular Meeting 03-20 of March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 be adopted as presented.  CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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**E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**F. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**

**G. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports**

**Corporate Services Standing Committee**

20-087 Moved By: Cr. Couvrette Seconded By: Cr. McArthur  That the Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from April 7, 2020, be adopted as presented.  CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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20-088 Moved By: Cr. Cox  
Seconded By: Cr. McArthur

That Council approves the Operations and Maintenance Funding Contribution Agreement with MACA for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$2,123,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MACA W&S Funding Contribution Agreement 2020 -2021

20-089 Moved By: Cr. McArthur  
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That Council approves the Water and Sewer Subsidy Funding Contribution Agreement with MACA for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$576,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Potable Water Truck Tender

20-090 Moved By: Cr. Couvrette  
Seconded By: Cr. Westwell

That tender # 2020-010 for the manufacture and supply of one Potable Water Delivery Truck be awarded to Aurora Hay River Heavy Truck Sales for the bid price of \$228,875.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services Standing Committee

20-091 Moved By: Cr. Cox  
Seconded By: Cr. Pischinger

That the Community Services Standing Committee minutes from April 14, 2020, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fort Smith Daycare Society – Cr. Pischinger noted that she is in favour of a daycare in Fort Smith but would like to ensure that any shortfalls from it will not be put onto the tax payer. Mayor Napier noted that the expected revenue and funding coming in will cover costs and provide a buffer so there is no cost to tax payers. Cr. Couvrette noted that they should consider establishing a reserve fund as well. D/M Smith noted that he sees the Childcare Advisory Board as taking on the role of searching for additional funding and fundraising. He inquired if there is a tentative opening date. Administration noted that in normal times they are reviewing an opening date in light of the pandemic. Administration noted that the daycare service will be incorporated with the after school program to have overlap, and that it is cost neutral. He noted that the intent is to not have financial impact on residents, and one tool they have is the ability to revise what they charge per head and per day. He noted that they are currently charging more than what day homes are, but they are offering more amenities and services. Administration noted that they will be able to review what the costs and revenues are during the budget time, and noted that they can review the cost charged at that time. Cr. Westwell thanked administration and volunteers, and noted that he is happy so many people are supportive of this initiative. Mayor Napier thanked all who have worked to get the motion to where we are today.

20-092 Moved By: Cr. Cox  
Seconded By: Cr. Westwell

That the Town of Fort Smith move forward with Daycare plans as presented in the Briefing Note.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Municipal Services Standing Committee

20-093 Moved By: Cr. Westwell  
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That the Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from April 14, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Beaulieu joined the meeting after the vote.

b. Enactment of Bylaws and Policies

Bylaw 1004 Wood Buffalo Frolics Bylaw – Third Reading

20-094 Moved By: Cr. McArthur  
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That Bylaw 1004 Wood Buffalo Frolics Bylaw be given third reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 1005 Appointment of Fire Chief Adam McNab— Third Reading

20-095 Moved By: Cr. Cox  
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That Bylaw 1005 Appointment of Fire Chief Adam McNab be given third reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Appointments

d. Mayor and Council/Board Representative Updates

- i. Cr. Campbell – Cr. Campbell noted that his thoughts go out to Nova Scotia for the tragedy that occurred there, and the Germo family for the passing of Dennis Germo.
- ii. Cr. Couvrette – Cr. Couvrette offered his condolences to the families who were affected by the tragedy in Nova Scotia. He commended the Town Staff’s performance and noted that service has been seamless.
- iii. Cr. McArthur – Cr. McArthur offered his condolences to the Germo family. He commended the work of the Town crews for their work.
- iv. Cr. Cox – Cr. Cox offered her condolences to the families of those in Nova Scotia affected by the horrific attacks that occurred on weekend. She thanked the Town staff for their work during the Pandemic. She thanked the community residents for their perseverance and adherence to the public health orders. She acknowledged the Aurora College students who would have celebrated their convocation on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- v. D/M Smith – D/M Smith noted that his thoughts go out to Nova Scotia, the RCMP, and all front line workers who put themselves on the line every day. He offered his gratitude to TOFS staff. He noted that it is hard to notice any kind of disruption in services in the Town. He reminded residents that work on the water and sewer project will begin soon. D/M Smith noted that he believes that the GNWT has done a good job overall, and noted that they are now looking for some kind of explanation of what the next stages look like.



- vi. Cr. Beaulieu – Cr. Beaulieu offered her condolences to Nova Scotia and the Germo family. She congratulated the community of Fort Smith for staying active.
- vii. Cr. Pischinger – Cr. Pischinger offered her condolences to the Germo family and to Nova Scotia. She commended the work the Town, community and local businesses are doing.
- viii. Cr. Westwell – Cr. Westwell commended the work of Town staff during this time.
- ix. Mayor Napier – Mayor Napier highlighted that the proposed meeting date with Hay River Town Council is next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Napier offered her condolences to the Germo family and families of those affected by the incident in Nova Scotia. Mayor Napier noted that she spoke with House of Commons Finance Committee on Friday on behalf of NWTAC to discuss financial support for NWT communities and to advocate for broadband, housing, additional funding and highlighting how the NWT and Northern communities have unique challenges compared to southern communities. Additionally, she noted that with NWTAC sitting on board of FCM meet with Rural and Remote Communities Association at least once a week, as well as with the Premier, Minister of MACA, Minister of Justice, Minister of Health and Social Services, and Dr. Kandola. She thanked them for being extremely responsive to communities with all asks. Mayor Napier thanked Dr. Kandola who has been heavy handed in her approach which is why they have zero cases. She thanked Mr. Morrison, The Directors, and all partners in the community in EMO who have been meeting weekly. Mayor Napier thanked the NWT Metis Nation for the use of their radio station. Mayor Napier thanked Mr. Westwell for setting up remote work for Town employees. Mayor Napier thanked Town staff that are working to provide services to community. Mayor Napier thanked all local businesses that have stayed open and have put work into keeping their workers safe.

e. Administration

- i. CWWF Project Engineering Services Contract Extension – The briefing note was reviewed. Cr. Couvrette inquired if there is a timeline when the general contractor will provide a schedule for work. Administration noted that they will get to work as soon as they are able to, and intend to complete it by mid-September if not sooner. Cr. McArthur inquired if the letter sent to Town from Rowe’s construction regarding liquidated damages is to pay AECOM. Administration noted that they had a liquidated damages clause in the contract that began charging Rowe’s when they passed the completion deadline. He noted that this covers the cost. He noted that when they noted that they will be returning to complete work in 2020, they had to revise the clause such that the charges did not collect until the project started. He noted that they did not want to profit off this, but recover the costs. He stated that if they work faster, the less they must pay out of pocket and thus there is incentive for them to finish as quickly as possible.

20-096 Moved By: Cr. Couvrette  
Seconded By: D/M Smith

That Mayor and Council approve increasing the value of the AECOM Engineering Services contract extension by \$258,246.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- ii. COVID-19 Update – Administration noted that the new order from the Chief Public Health Officer around alcohol limits spending to \$200 per day. He noted that this is to inhibit boot legging. Administration noted that MACA has increased staffing, and has hired an additional person to support South Slave



operations. Administration noted that there is a reduction in traffic to NWT. He noted that there is a new order for people to wear masks on planes, and the GNWT is trying to source PPE. He added that GNWT is working on a policy for shelters. Administration highlighted that there is a concern regarding truck drivers that are coming into the community are being turned away from bathrooms and services on the road, and that this is being looked into. Administration noted that the compliance team has been at work, and Mr. Wiltzen who is the South Slave lead for protect NWT provided an update to EMO. He noted that they have been enforcing order of Chief Public Health Officer. He noted that are starting with an education campaign but are maintaining lists for repeat offenders to take higher action. He noted that they are not breaking up parties and are not equipped to do that. He stated that they are peace officers and not law enforcement officers. He added that they are not called directly, but are contacted through the protect NWT help line. He noted that they will have high visibility vests so they are easily identifiable. He added that they are not doing patrols, and provide a complaint based response. He added that the Bylaw Officer will be advised of the orders and will be empowered to call ProtectNWT. Administration noted that all businesses have done a great job at managing people in their establishments, but noted that outside of establishments there are still some concerns. He noted that Mr. Wiltzen will be talking with businesses to try and get an understanding of what enforcement is happening there. Administration noted that there were questions from the MLA's office regarding where to find information. He noted that the Town wants people to visit their websites so people may receive the most up to date information as possible. He noted that they will be sending messaging to sites to direct them to the TOFS Website and Facebook page. Administration noted that the Town is expanding their business continuity work to six months. Administration noted that ENR and Wood Buffalo are adapting to new reality, and parks crews are either local or have completed their self-isolation and follow rules if they are entering from outside the community. Administration noted that they are continuing to provide online programming, and the private sector is adapting as well by offering home delivery etc. Administration noted that all RCC assistants are employed even with closure of facilities. He noted that they have been moved to other tasks with proper training. Administration noted that they are advertising information for safe use of town facilities. Administration noted that they are in the information gathering stage for the auto dialer software and the Rangers are assisting in this venture. Administration advised that their old Bylaw truck was sold to Enterprise.

Cr. McArthur noted that everyone in Town is doing a great job. He inquired if the concerns regarding the line up outside the liquor store have been addressed. Administration noted that Mr. Wiltzen will address these concerns.

H. **PROCLAMATIONS**

I. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

J. **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings – May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Council Meeting 05-20 – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020



K. **ADJOURNMENT**

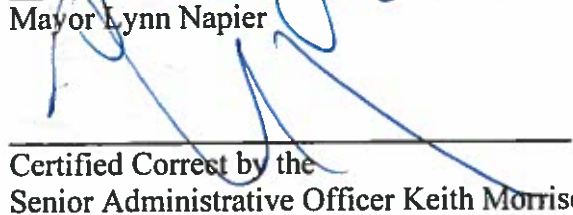
20-098 Moved By: Cr. Cox  
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
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Mayor Lynn Napier

  
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Certified Correct by the  
Senior Administrative Officer Keith Morrison

L. **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question period was offered in accordance with policy.