










Town of Fort Smith
Town Council Meeting
Agenda

January 22, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

A. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum	
B. Approval of Agenda	
C. Presentations a. RCMP Police Report	 Police Report December 2018
D. Approval of Council Minutes a. Council Minutes 12-18 December 18, 2018	 Council Minutes 12-18 December 18,
E. Business Arising from the Minutes	
F. Declaration of Financial Interest	
G. Council Business	
a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports i. Corporate Services ii. Accounts Paid Part I iii. Community Services iv. Municipal Services	  Corporate Services Accounts Paid List Minutes January 8, 2019 Part I   Community Services Municipal Services Minutes January 15, 2019 Minutes January 15, 2019
b. Enactment of Bylaws and Policies	
c. Appointments	
d. Mayor and Council	
e. Administration i. Briefing Note – DPA-001-19 Liza Harrold Home Occupation Permit	 BN - DPA-001-19 Liza Harrold
H. Proclamations	
I. Absence of Council Members	
J. Date of Next Council Meeting	
K. Adjournment	
L. Question Period	



**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH
MEETING 01-19
THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY AND THE
FIRST FOR THE YEAR 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor L. Napier-Buckley (Conference Call)
D/M K. Smith Cr. K. Campbell
Cr. M. Couvrette Cr. J. Cox
Cr. C. Westwell

REGRETS: Cr. L. Beaulieu, Cr. A. Pischinger, Cr. B. McArthur

STAFF: K. Morrison, Senior Administrative Officer
L. Pierrot, Executive Secretary

GALLERY:

Meeting 01-19	7:00 PM
January 22, 2019	Council Chambers

A. **CALL TO ORDER & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

D/M Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and confirmed a quorum of Council was present.

B. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

19-001 Moved by: Cr. Westwell
Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

a. RCMP Delegation

- i. Police Report – The RCMP Police Report for December 2018 was reviewed. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the December report includes the statistics totals for the year. He was satisfied with the total numbers for the year. He advised that the total violations for the year 2018 were 1851 which is less than the year before which could be due to extra curfew checks and proactive traffic stops. He brought attention to appendix A, prisoner count, which is less than the previous year. He advised that he has been working on remanding repeat offenders which has had a noticeable impact on the prisoner count. He advised that the funding request for the Odd Squad Program has been approved. He advised that advertisements will be placed around the community. He advised that the program includes presentations that are open to the public on February 19th at the PWK High School followed by a female self defense class in the evening.

Sgt. Gilbert advised on the notable occurrences for the month of December include three traffic initiative operations which resulted in two impaired driving charges. He advised that there was an incident outside of the bar which received media interest. There was an altercation between two adults that resulted in one being charged and set for court. He advised that there were nine calls for service related to missing persons or well being checks which all had positive outcomes.



Cr. Cox asked if nine calls for services related to missing persons is a normal number. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the number varies but that with Trail Cross being closed that number is less. He advised that other calls could be college students looking for their kids that are out with unknown kids. Cr. Cox asked if the calls include much search and rescue. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the calls are normally alcohol addiction related and people are drinking and never return home for a couple of days.

D/M Smith asked whether that with the false search and rescue recently reported in the NWT, had there been any discussion on public education on the risk factors for searchers. Sgt. Gilbert advised that with the recent search and rescue, RCMP are looking for charges to send a public message. The human hours on that search and rescue was a lot of money and is hard to say what the motivation was.

Cr. Campbell asked for an update on the COP program. Sgt. Gilbert advised that he is experiencing trouble with securing the executive position. He hopes to have a press release distributed when the executive is in place and hopes that will increase interest from the public.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19-002 Moved by: Cr. Cox Seconded by: Cr. Westwell That the minutes of Regular Meeting 12-18 December 18, 2018 be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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E. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

Corporate Services Standing Committee – D/M Smith asked for clarification on when the Strategic Plan priorities will take place. Administration advised that the Strategic Planning priorities is scheduled for after the next Corporate Services Standing Committee meeting and Council training is scheduled for January 30-31, 2019.

19-003 Moved By: Cr. Westwell Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette That the attached Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from January 8, 2019, be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Accounts Paid List Part I

19-004 Moved By: Cr. Westwell Seconded By: Cr. Cox That the Accounts Paid List Part I for the period ending December 31, 2018, totaling \$921,086.28 be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Foundational Review – D/M Smith advised that the start date of the new Associate Deputy Minister has been postponed and will be in place in March 2019. He thinks the challenge that this Council faces is to maintain dialogue with the Department of Education Culture and Employment to ensure that programming continues and that the College returns to a fully functioning level. Cr. Westwell was supportive of the Town of Fort Smith's stance on the Foundational Review issue. He anticipates seeing a couple of positions disappear at the Fort Smith Aurora College campus. He thinks that the Town's position is a solid one and that continued discussions with the other communities is beneficial in the lobbying efforts. Administration advised that Yellowknife recently released their analysis on transforming the College to a University which basically supports their old position. He advised that there is no intent for further action on the Foundational Review by the GNWT before elections. He thinks this is an opportunity to make the Aurora College an election issue so that there is political pressure on the direction for the College moving forward. He advised that the Associate Deputy Minister position is in Yellowknife and is using president staff from Fort Smith. He advised that with these actions taking place it looks like headquarters is moving to Yellowknife. Cr. Couvrette was troubled with the \$80 million dollar estimate to build university indicated in Yellowknife's analysis document.

19-005 Moved By: Cr. Cox
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That Council support the Town of Fort Smith's response to the GNWT Foundational Review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services Standing Committee

19-006 Moved By: Cr. Campbell
Seconded By: Cr. Cox

That the attached Community Services Standing Committee minutes from January 15, 2019, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RAB Reappointment

19-007 Moved By: Cr. Cox
Seconded By: Cr. Campbell

That Monique Day be reappointed to the Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TTAB Reappointment

19-008 Moved By: Cr. Cox
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That Chaillon Pierre-Emmanuel be reappointed to the Tourism and Trade Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wood Buffalo Frolics Civic Holiday

19-009 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
Seconded By: Cr. Campbell

That the afternoon of Friday March 8, 2019, be declared a half-day Civic Holiday in conjunction with the Wood Buffalo Frolics activities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Municipal Services Standing Committee

19-010 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That the attached Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from January 15, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SDAB Reappointments

19-011 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
Seconded By: Cr. Cox

That Adam McNab and Kristielyn Jones be reappointed to the Sustainable Development Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NWTAC Resolutions

19-012 Moved By: Cr. Campbell
Seconded By: Cr. Cox

That Mayor and Council put forward the NWTAC resolution titled multiyear contribution agreements as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NWTAC Resolutions – Administration asked what would happen if there are similar resolutions brought to the NWTAC. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that if there are conflicting resolutions that will be discussed between the two communities and one will be withdrawn. Cr. Cox noted that the Yellowknife resolutions included one titled Transition to Aurora College and may be subject to some discussion at the NWTAC AGM. Cr. Westwell indicated that the Town's resolution is more specific and that Yellowknife may garner support from the Town's.

19-013 Moved By: Cr. Cox
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That Mayor and Council put forward the NWTAC resolution titled Aurora College Transition to Polytechnic University as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NWTAC Resolutions – Cr. Westwell agreed with Cr. Couvrette's addition to the resolution.

19-014 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
Seconded By: Cr. Cox

That Mayor and Council put forward the NWTAC resolution titled Infrastructure Funding Shortfall as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



NWTAC Resolutions – Cr. Westwell provided a draft resolution to request the GNWT stop the downloading of programming and responsibilities to municipalities. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she is still doing the research to get the right wording on that resolution and was planning on bringing to the February Council meeting. D/M Smith clarified that there is still time to submit resolutions to the NWTAC AGM but after the deadline will not be included in the pre-meeting package. Cr. Westwell was happy to table the resolution as it was not previously presented to Council for review. Cr. Couvrette thinks one area that might be included is stressing the need for GNWT to enter into effective and proper consultations prior to the actual decision to modify, cancel or change program responsibilities that will have an effect on municipalities. D/M Smith advised that the GNWT uses the term public engagement as the word consultation refers to section 35. He suggested on including tax and non-taxed based communities in the resolution as not all communities are municipalities in the NWT. The term downloading can be used as its a more aggressive word. He suggested that we do retain the word consultation as it speaks to government to government dialogue. D/M Smith advised we will hold off on this item until Cr. Westwell and Mayor Napier-Buckley can bring something to Council

b. Enactment of Bylaws and Policies

Bylaw 995 2019 Annual Borrowing Bylaw First Reading

19-015 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
Seconded By: Cr. Cox

That Bylaw 995 2019 Annual Borrowing Bylaw 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 to be in the public interest to borrow money that may be required to meet expenditures during the 2019 fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Fort Smith, at a duly assembled meeting enacts as follows;

1. That the Mayor and Senior Administrative Officer of the Town of Fort Smith in the Northwest Territories are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Fort Smith, to borrow money;
2. That the total amount of money so borrowed shall be up to but not exceeding \$600,000 (SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND) dollars;
3. Such money shall be borrowed from the Bank of Montreal, Fort Smith, Northwest Territories and repaid thereto, together with interest at a rate mutually agreed therewith;
4. All money so borrowed shall be repaid out of and shall be a first charge upon the revenue of the Town of Fort Smith for the year 2019;
5. The estimated revenue of the Town of Fort Smith set forth on the ESTIMATES for the year 2019 are \$9,716,798.23 (Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Sixteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Eight dollars and Twenty-Three cents) dollars.
6. That Bylaw #986 is hereby repealed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Bylaw 995 2019 Annual Borrowing Bylaw Second Reading

19-016 Moved By: Cr. Cox
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That Bylaw 995 2019 Annual Borrowing Bylaw be given second reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Mayor and Council

- i. Cr. Campbell – Cr. Campbell was concerned with people parking in the handicapped parking spaces outside of Kaeser’s Store without parking placards. Administration advised that the Bylaw Officer is busy and can enforce the bylaw on private property to some extent. He advised that if anyone witnesses these occurrences, they can call the Town to report it and the Bylaw Officer will respond accordingly. Cr. Campbell commended the public works staff for all their efforts clearing snow.
- ii. Cr. Couvrette – Cr. Couvrette had no comments.
- iii. Cr. Cox – Cr. Cox looks forward to Council training and the discussions on the Capital and Strategic Plans. She asked if Council has to provide a reason for being absent from meetings. D/M Smith advised that the Council procedures bylaw includes the procedures for meeting absences. Administration advised that it is Council responsibility to advise of their absences and that Council decides on excusing those absent. Cr. Westwell advise that the CTV Act allows for Council to remove councilors and is up to Council on what is allowed for excuses.
- iv. D/M Smith – D/M Smith advised that the world snow day event has been rescheduled for Saturday January 25, 2019 due to the cold weather. He looks forward to the strategic planning session. He felt that previous Council struggled with completing this as AWG took priority over all other tasks.
- v. Cr. Westwell – Cr. Westwell indicated that the zoning bylaw cant be changed to include more handicap parking spaces but that the Town can encourage businesses to provide more spaces for customer satisfaction.

Cr. Westwell provided a copy of the GNWT press release from January 17, 2019 and January 22, 2019 on the collective bargaining. He presented a resolution requesting that the GNWT enter into binding arbitration. He would like to present this to Council as opposed to the NWTAC as the AGM would occur too late to make a difference. He would like to advise that if mediation fails on February 9, 2019, he is confident that GNWT employees will go on strike. He advised that he struggled to create a resolution that is both mutual and supportive on how this would affect a municipality.



Cr. Cox asked if it is appropriate for a municipal government to weigh in on this situation. Cr. Westwell advised that if both parties agree to binding arbitration at the mediation meeting in February then this will cease any actions being taken. He thinks that a strike is damaging enough to the community for the municipality to request the party that is disagreeing to binding arbitration to change their mind to no longer extend this process. Cr. Cox asked for clarification in that if the GNWT agreed to binding arbitration then the Union would not go on strike. Cr. Westwell advised that the Union can still go on strike if the GNWT agrees to binding arbitration but will be inappropriate. Administration advised that a municipality can put forward a motion on any issue that they would be impacted by. He advised that a motion shouldn't necessarily request specific action but can provide the needs and wants of the municipality. Mayor Napier-Buckley was concerned with the college being on strike in that no classes will be provided to students. She asked how the College would be affected by a strike. Cr. Westwell advised that it is up to the Aurora College and GNWT to communicate to students on what their options are and their contingency plan should there be a strike. He understands that with SFA also being a GNWT department there would be no employees to fund students. He understands the municipality is in a difficult position but that the idea is to encourage both parties to avoid a strike. D/M Smith suggested using the wording, to avoid strike by using all necessary means, as opposed to agree to binding arbitration. Cr. Couvrette was not prepared to approve the motion as presented. He indicated that if we want to litigate the potential of economic impact of a work stoppage, why don't we address it from both sides, advising the GNWT that they have a responsibility to negotiate in fair and equitable status and UNW can't be standing there also saying meet our demands or we are going to imply a strike. He would be supportive of a motion that said as community we are extremely concerned about the impacts of any work stoppage or work action by either party and that the two parties have to go back to the negotiating table and come up with a resolution including binding arbitration. Cr. Cox suggested on removing the third whereas paragraph. She also suggested changing the be it resolved paragraph to hold all parties involved accountable and to create a motion that would avoid a strike which is not in the community's best interest. She agreed with Cr. Couvrette in that both parties are responsible. Cr. Westwell intended for the motion to be actioned by the Mayor's office which is the reason for an action item in the motion. He agreed to the requested amendments.

19-017 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
Seconded By: Cr. Cox

Whereas, a Government of the Northwest Territories and the Northwest Territories Power Corporation labor stoppage would be detrimental to the local economy, cause undue stress to residents, and create negative relations among the citizens of Fort Smith; and

Whereas, three years of collective bargaining has yet to generate an agreement between parties; and

Be it resolved, The Town of Fort Smith asks the Union, the GNWT and NWT Power Corporation to agree to pursue every option available to avoid a work stoppage action up to and including binding arbitration to complete the collective bargaining process.

IN FAVOUR – MAYOR NAPIER-BUCKLEY, CR. CAMPBELL, CR. COX,
CR. WESTWELL
OPPOSED – CR. COUVRETTE
CARRIED



vi. Mayor Napier-Buckley – Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the Odd Squad coming will be coming to Fort Smith in February. She advised that there will be a ABC meeting held on January 28, 2019. She advised that JBT will be hosting a family literacy breakfast on January 29, 2019 and that Council has been invited to cook or serve for that event. She advised that Council will be having a discussion on the Strategic Plan and requested for Council to familiarize themselves with the plan. She advised that there will be Council training on January 30-31st, 2019. She advised that there are a lot of events happening in the community which include wellness Wednesday's at the Library, Squash, pickle ball, and Elders tea. She commended the Economic Development Officer for her efforts on the business break Friday event. She advised that there will be a big fun snowboarding event held on February 22 and throughout the weekend. She advised that there are also snowboarding lessons being provided and is now open for registration. She advised that she did meet with the Mayors of Inuvik and Yellowknife to discuss the recent press release and resolutions that will be presented to the NWTAC. She advised that she also met with the owner of Trail Cross who is excited about moving to Fort Smith.

d. Administration

DPA-001-19 Liza Harrold Home Occupation Permit – Administration advised that there are no issues with the application and is recommended for approval.

19-018 Moved By: Cr. Cox
 Seconded By: Cr. Campbell

That DPA-001-19, submitted by Liza Harrold, to operate a leasing company for aircraft, flight simulators and flight training devices business from Lot 1561, Plan 2095, 1 CCGS Eckaloo Drive in Fort Smith be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

19-019 Moved By: Cr. Campbell
 Seconded By: Cr. Cox

That Cr. Pischinger and Cr. Couvrette be excused from the Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting on January 8, 2019.

IN FAVOUR – MAYOR NAPIER-BUCKLEY, CR. CAMPBELL, CR. COX, CR. WESTWELL
 ABSTAINED - CR. COUVRETTE
 CARRIED

19-020 Moved By: Cr. Cox
 Seconded By: Cr. Westwell

That Cr. McArthur and Cr. Couvrette be excused from the Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meeting on January 15, 2019.

IN FAVOUR – MAYOR NAPIER-BUCKLEY, CR. CAMPBELL, CR. COX, CR. WESTWELL
 ABSTAINED - CR. COUVRETTE
 CARRIED



19-021 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That Cr. Beaulieu, Cr. Pischinger, and Cr. McArthur be excused from the Regular Meeting of Council on January 22, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting – February 5, 2019
Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings – February 12, 2019
Council Meeting 01-19– February 19, 2019

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

19-022 Moved By: Cr. Cox
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

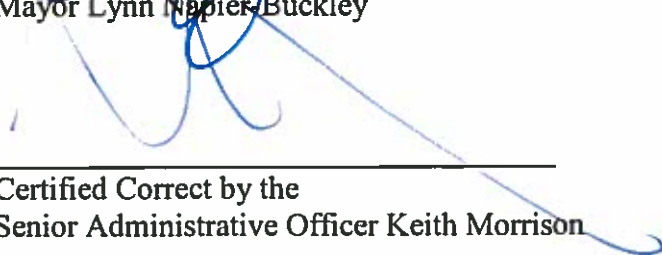
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 19th day of February, 2019.



Mayor Lynn Moberg-Buckley



Certified Correct by the
Senior Administrative Officer Keith Morrison

I. **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question period was offered in accordance with policy.