













**Town of Fort Smith
Town Council Meeting
Agenda**

April 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

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| A. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum | |
| B. Approval of Agenda | |
| C. Presentations a. RCMP Police Report March 2019 |  Police Report March 2019 |
| D. Approval of Council Minutes a. Council Minutes |  Council Minutes March 19, 2019 |
| E. Business Arising from the Minutes | |
| F. Declaration of Financial Interest a. Statement of Disclosure of Interest |  Statement of Disclosure of Interest |
| G. Council Business | |
| a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports i. Corporate Services Accounts Paid Part I Accounts Paid Part II ii. Community Services iii. Municipal Services |    Corporate Services Accounts Paid Part I Accounts Paid Part II Minutes April 2, 201 |
| b. Enactment of Bylaws and Policies i. Briefing Note 2019 Mill Rate ii. Bylaw 996 2019 Mill Rate First and Second Reading |   Community Services Municipal Services Minutes April 9, 201 Minutes April 9, 201 |
| c. Appointments | |
| d. Mayor and Council/Board Rep Updates | |
| e. Administration i. DPA-005-19 Krystal Brown ii. DPA-006-19 Tracy Freund |   Briefing Note 2019 Mill Rate Bylaw 996 2019 Mill Rate |
| H. Proclamations a. Proclamation Denouncing the Infringement of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms | |
| I. Absence of Council Members | |
| J. Date of Next Council Meeting | |
| K. Adjournment | |
| L. Question Period | |



**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH
MEETING 04-19
THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR
THE MONTH OF APRIL AND THE
FOURTH FOR THE YEAR 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor L. Napier-Buckley Cr. C. Westwell
Cr. K. Campbell Cr. L. Beaulieu
Cr. M. Couvrette Cr. J. Cox

REGRETS: D/M K. Smith Cr. B. McArthur
Cr. A. Pischinger

STAFF: C. White, A/Senior Administrative Officer
J. Hood, Director of Corporate Services
K. Reid, Executive Secretary

GALLERY: Sgt. Jesse Gilbert

Meeting 04-19
April 16, 2019

7:00 PM
Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Napier-Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and confirmed a quorum of Council was present.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

19-057 Moved by: Cr. Westwell
Seconded by: Cr. Cox

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. PRESENTATIONS

a. RCMP Delegation

- i. Police Report – The RCMP Police Report for March 2019 was reviewed. Sgt. Gilbert advised that March was a busy month and is the end of the fiscal year for the detachment. He provided clarification on how the RCMP collect their statistics. He indicated that their system has a Uniform Crime Reporting tool (UCR) and every file is scored with an offence type and secondary type of scoring if applicable. He noted that files can change as a result of court or if an offense occurred and wasn't reported until months later it would be noted in the stats the month it occurred which can cause fluctuation in the stats.

He indicated that in February the RCMP changed how stats were compiled as they were previously counted by hand and now there is a computer program in place to compile the information. He clarified that for both the months of February and March it was noted that there were no B&Es however the computer program adds unlawfully in a dwelling under the B&E section which has resulted in a fluctuation in statistics.

Sgt. Gilbert added that there were four B&Es last week and that some of the youth involved in crime have returned to the community on curfew and are undergoing court. He noted that they were also involved in bike thefts a few months ago. He added that there was an eyewitness during one offence and fingerprints left at the scene of another.



Sgt. Gilbert advised that there were twenty-one complaints under the mental health act and six additional complaints from the hospital to assist with people with mental health issues in March. He is unsure why there was an increase in calls for the month. He added that the calls are labour intensive as two members are sent to respond when someone is suicidal, and that the person is apprehended to the hospital where the doctor determines if they will be admitted or discharged. He noted that the length of the call can take up to five or six hours, dependent on how long it takes the doctor to assess the patient.

Sgt. Gilbert advised that two trainers were brought in at the end of March which trained the entire detachment with CEW taser training. He noted that Fort Smith has the only detachment in the NWT that is 100% trained. He was pleased with the training and noted that the CEW gives officers an extra tool to work with which is great for officer and public safety. He added that the tool was used last year when the homicide occurred.

Sgt. Gilbert noted a change in the staffing rotation cycle; that a new RCMP member will be moving to the community sooner than expected. He added that the summer of 2019 will be the best staffed summer in the past five to ten years.

Additionally, Sgt. Gilbert had met with Cr. Beaulieu with regard to the Community on Patrol (COP) and that she was happy to come on board for discussions. He noted that there are enough people who have expressed interest to establish an executive. He is hoping to get the program running in May.

Cr. Cox commended Sgt. Gilbert for his work and was pleased to hear that the RCMP will be fully staffed. She also was pleased that the detachment received CEW training.

Cr. Westwell asked if there are any plans for upcoming traffic enforcement initiatives. Sgt. Gilbert replied that they are planning traffic enforcement initiatives on May-long weekend. He also noted that the detachment had partnered with Parks Canada to perform traffic enforcement on Highway 5.

Sgt. Gilbert advised that the Fort Smith RCMP have an informal relationship with counterparts in Fort McMurray to respond to calls in Alberta, including Border Town, Smith Landing First Nation, Fort Fitzgerald and Pine Lake even though they are in Fort Chipewyan's jurisdiction. He noted that the detachment responds to approximately forty calls per year and in return are looking for an informal commitment from Fort McMurray jurisdiction to patrol in the winter and High Level jurisdiction to patrol in the summer towards Fort Smith four to six times a year to start.

Sgt. Gilbert noted that the RCMP had a proactive traffic initiative with mandated check-stops that ceased due to staffing. He advised that they are looking to reimplement the traffic initiative in the summer as a result of being fully-staffed. He added that the only trained intoxication technician to perform breath tests is Jonah Candy and that Derick Levesque will be undergoing the training later in April.

Cr. Westwell asked if the detachment is trained with the radar gun. Sgt. Gilbert responded that half the detachment is trained, and the goal is to get the rest of the detachment trained. He added that it took him thirteen months to get the training. Cr. Westwell responded that the Town has received requests for four-way stops along Calder Avenue as a result of speeding.

Cr. Campbell asked if the detachment will be performing evening patrols with a full complement of staff. Sgt. Gilbert responded that there are usually two members doing evening patrols every night.



Sgt. Gilbert advised that the annual priorities will be changing with the end of the fiscal year and that the priority structure will be changing. He noted that two priorities will be established, and each priority can have multiple initiatives.

Mayor Napier-Buckley thanked Sgt. Gilbert for his delegation.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19-058 Moved by: Cr. Couvrette
Seconded by: Cr. Cox

That the minutes of Regular Meeting 03-19 of March 19th, 2019 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cr. Couvrette noted a correction in the minutes under business arising. He noted that the Dark Sky Festival receives a contribution in the in-kind use of facilities and not monetary. Cr. Westwell indicated that he received a copy of the minutes with his corrections from the last meeting.

F. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

- a. Statement of Disclosure of Interest – Cr. Cox declared a financial interest with respect to the motion to attend the FCM Conference as a Councillor delegate. Cr. Couvrette asked why Cr. Cox is required to declare a financial interest with regard to attending the FCM which is Council business.

Cr. Cox declared a conflict and left the meeting.

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she had sought more clarity on the issue after the last meeting and as there is Council Honouraria involved, members felt that they should declare a financial interest. Cr. Westwell doesn't believe that they are required to declare a financial interest. Cr. Couvrette was concerned with setting a precedence and asked if all Councillors were attending an event where they all received an honouraria, how that would be handled if all declared conflict. The Director of Corporate Services clarified that only two Councillors are being selected to attend and receive honouraria which could be a perceived conflict. He added that if all Councillors attended an event where all would receive honouraria there would be no conflict.

Cr. Cox returned to the meeting.

G. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

Corporate Services Standing Committee

19-059 Moved By: Cr. Cox
Seconded By: Cr. Westwell

That the Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from April 2nd, 2019, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Accounts Paid Part I – The Accounts Paid Part I was reviewed. Cr. Cox asked how many treadmills cheque number 34806 paid for. Administration advised the cheque was for one treadmill including shipping.

Accounts Paid Part II – The Accounts Paid Part II was reviewed.

Cr. Cox declared a financial interest and left the meeting.

FCM Conference Councillor Delegates

19-060 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
 Seconded By: Cr. Campbell

That D/M Smith and Cr. Cox attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference from May 29th to June 2nd, 2019 in Quebec City, Quebec.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Cox returned to the meeting.

Duncan MacPherson Citizenship Award

19-061 Moved By: Cr. Couvrette
 Seconded By: Cr. Westwell

That Council form a subcommittee consisting of Cr. Cox, Cr. Campbell and Cr. Pischinger to select the Aurora College student recipient of the Duncan MacPherson Citizenship Award.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MACA O&M Funding Contribution Agreement 2019-2020

19-062 Moved By: Cr. Couvrette
 Seconded By: Cr. Campbell

That Council approves the Operation and Maintenance Funding Contribution Agreement with MACA for the fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$2,123,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MACA W&SS Funding Contribution Agreement 2019-2020

19-063 Moved By: Cr. Cox
 Seconded By: Cr. Campbell

That Council approves the Water and Sewer Subsidy Funding Contribution Agreement with MACA for the fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$576,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MACA CPI Funding Contribution Agreement 2019-2020

19-064 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
 Seconded By: Cr. Cox

That Council approves the Community Public Infrastructure Funding Contribution Agreement with MACA for the fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$1,251,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Community Services Standing Committee – Cr. Westwell indicated that he was away during the meeting and would be abstaining from the vote. He appreciated the dialogue in the minutes.

19-065 Moved By: Cr. Couvrette
Seconded By: Cr. Campbell

That the Community Services Standing Committee minutes from April 9th, 2019, be adopted as presented.

IN FAVOUR – CR. CAMPBELL, CR. COUVRETTE, CR. COX, CR. BEAULIEU
ABSTAINED – CR. WESTWELL
CARRIED

Proclamation Denouncing the Infringement of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms – Cr. Westwell felt that the separation of church and state is of high importance for healthy democracy. He understands public servants not wearing a uniform necessarily subservient to one religion or another and noted that this is the fourth time this has happened in Quebec. He noted the abuses of the notwithstanding clause or threats to use the notwithstanding clause when its convenient to hide bigotry, parading behind other issues. He felt that this is an issue of intolerance parading behind another issue that has plagued their province. His problem is, where does it stop. He noted that there is populous gaining traction in threatening to revoke several protections under bigotry parading as another issue. He was pleased with the proclamation and agreed that the real issue is that governments can avoid the Charter of Rights and Freedoms for five years because of the notwithstanding clause. He supports the recommendation and commended Cr. Couvrette.

19-066 Moved By: Cr. Couvrette
Seconded By: Cr. Cox

WHEREAS the Town of Fort Smith is committed to respecting the principles, values and ideologies of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Fort Smith is committed to creating an inclusive and accepting multicultural community;

AND WHEREAS the Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides for; a) the free expression of conscience and religion; and b) the freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including the freedom of the press and other media of communications; and c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and d) freedom of association;

AND WHEREAS provincial legislation is being introduced, in the Province of Quebec specifically Bill-21 entitled "An Act respecting the laicity of the State" evoking a ban on public workers wearing religious symbols at their place of work;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Fort Smith wishes to publicly express its opposition to, and its disapproval of the intent of Bill 21 as a discerning infringement of the constitutional freedoms guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

AND NOW THEREFORE call upon the Parliament of Canada to address the context of and uses of the "Not Withstanding Clause" (Section 33) allowing federal, provincial and territorial governments to revoke fundamental freedoms and legal rights of Canadian citizens.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Municipal Services Standing Committee

19-067 Moved By: Cr. Cox
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That the Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from April 9th, 2019 be adopted as presented.

IN FAVOUR – CR. CAMPBELL, CR. COUVRETTE, CR. COX, CR. BEAULIEU
ABSTAINED – CR. WESTWELL
CARRIED

SDAB Reappointment John Gray – Cr. Westwell was pleased with John Gray’s reappointment and noted that it is nice to have a developer and builder on the board.

19-068 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
Seconded By: Cr. Campbell

That John Gray be reappointed to the Sustainable Development Advisory Board for a term ending December 31st, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Enactment of Bylaws and Policies

Briefing Note 2019 Mill Rate Bylaw – The briefing note was reviewed. The Director of Corporate Services advised that every year a Mill Rate Bylaw is required to be passed as part of the budget process, in order to levy taxes and raise revenue for the Town. He indicated that there are a number of components that go into the Mill Rate Bylaw: (a) assessed values of properties within the Town of Fort Smith; and (b) requirement for revenue from taxations which forms the two components of the Mill Rate Bylaw. He noted that Council passed a budget that required \$3.4 million revenue from taxation which is approximately a 3.5% increase over the 2018 amount. He advised that this requires revisions to the Mill Rate Bylaw and that there is a calculation that determines the value. He added that if the assessed values of properties stayed the same there would have been a 3.5% tax revenue increase, however the assessments increased from \$191,091,200 in 2018 to \$195,970,300 in 2019, resulting in an increase of \$4.9 million in value or 2.6%. As a result of the increase of property value, the increases in the Mill Rate Bylaw are minimal as they do not need to be increased to achieve the 3.5% tax revenue increase from 2018. The Director of Corporate Services provided further breakdown of the property value increases for 2019. He advised that Residential properties increased by \$822,000 and Non-Residential properties increased by over \$4 million; and Taxable properties increased by \$2.2 million and Grantable properties (paid by Federal, Territorial, SRFN) increased by \$2.6 million, resulting in a 4.8% property value increase. He indicated that as a result of the changed assessment role, the increases in the 2019 Mill Rate Bylaw are less than the expected 3.5%.

Cr. Couvrette asked if residential property owners would be receiving a 0.4% property tax increase over last year’s taxes. The Director replied that if their assessment has stayed the same since 2018, they would see a 0.4% property tax increase over the previous year’s tax amount. Cr. Couvrette felt that there is opportunity to make a statement on a couple issues including Institutional rates considering that the GNWT annually short-funds the Town by several million dollars and have made no indication that they intend to rectifying the issue; and that it is acknowledged that they arbitrarily and unilaterally download responsibilities that the Town assumes which cost financially. He would suggest that they pay 1% property taxes and that residential properties owners receive less than a 0.4% property tax increase. He also suggested that the amount of undeveloped property in the community could be addressed through an increase in taxation to provide incentive to property owners to develop their properties or sell, to potentially provide alternative housing options. Mayor Napier-Buckley noted that the rates are weighted separately for Residential versus Institutional and requested clarification from the Director. The Director confirmed this and noted that the Institutional tax burden is higher than that of Residential properties. The Director advised that in 2016 when the last



General Assessment was performed it was determined that had the Town left the formula used to calculate Mill Rate, Residential homeowners would have seen a disproportionate increase in their taxes over Institutional, Industrial and Commercial properties. The Director added that at that time adjustments were made to the formula to lessen the burden on Residential homeowners and increase the burden on primarily the Institutional property class. He noted that there has been an adjustment made in the past few years to reflect that Institutional have a higher capacity to pay and that their assessments tend not to follow the increase in assessments that Residential properties have seen. He noted that there is a significant amount of adjustment in the Mill Rate Bylaw with a sixteen-dollar difference per thousand of assessment between what Residential and Institutional customers pay. In addition to this, he advised that the Institutional assessment increased by \$1.4 million in 2019, which is significantly more of an increase than Residential, and as a result the Institutional properties group will see a higher than 0.4% tax burden this year. Cr. Couvrette thanked the Director for the information. He asked if the increase in the Institutional assessment is due to the construction of new institutional buildings in 2018 or if the value of properties in place has changed. The Director replied that the increase is due to the construction of new facilities and noted that there will not be any increases to existing properties until the next General Assessment is performed unless the changes are significant due to demolition or new construction.

Cr. Westwell noted that Cr. Couvrette identified topics that the Sustainable Development Advisory Board has been working on in recommending Council consider a punitive system of taxation for vacant or derelict land that is weighted dependent on location, property classification and level of derelict.

Cr. Westwell disagreed in that residents being the primary user of services should have to carry a realistic load of taxation and that the Government, as a whole versus as a tenant, carry a huge component of Institutional taxes and noted that he would not want the Town to erode a good reason for them to stay in the community. He noted that they do pay a disproportionate amount of taxes and asked if the Town makes it punitive for them to stay in the community, will it be untenable for them to stay. He felt that this would be a worthwhile conversation for another time.



Bylaw 996 2019 Mill Rate Bylaw First Reading – Cr. Couvrette asked if the Town knows the School Tax levy. The Director advised that the School Tax levy is 2.49 and is the current levy specified by the GNWT for the 2019 taxation year.

19-069 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
 Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That the 2019 Mill Rate Bylaw 996 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 and is required by the provision of the Property Assessment and Taxation Act to establish Mill Rates for Municipal and School purposes; and

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

1. That this bylaw may be cited as the “2019 Mill Rate Bylaw”;
2. That assessed property in the Town of Fort Smith, liable to taxation and in respect of which grants-in-lieu of taxes may be paid, shall be liable for taxation and grants-in-lieu of taxes as follows:

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| a) Residential Developed..... | 13.28 |
| b) Residential Non-Developed..... | 13.28 |
| c) Commercial Developed..... | 24.35 |
| d) Commercial Non-Developed..... | 24.35 |
| e) Industrial Developed..... | 24.35 |
| f) Industrial Non-Developed..... | 24.35 |
| g) Institutional Developed..... | 29.51 |
| h) Institutional Non-Developed..... | 29.51 |
| i) Recreational..... | 13.28 |
| j) Telecommunications..... | 29.51 |
| k) Country Residential Developed..... | 11.51 |
| l) Country Residential Non-developed..... | 11.51 |
| m) Country Residential Mixed Use..... | 13.28 |

3. That the rate of taxation to be applied to lands and improvements liable to taxation, or in respect of which grants-in-lieu may be paid, for school purposes shall be as follows for the year 2019.

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| a) School Levy..... | 2.49 |
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 996 2019 Mill Rate Bylaw Second Reading

19-070 Moved By: Cr. Campbell
 Seconded By: Cr. Cox

That the 2019 Mill Rate Bylaw 996 be given second reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



c. Mayor and Council/Board Representative Updates

- i. Cr. Campbell – Cr. Campbell was pleased Relay for Life is happening this year.

Cr. Campbell advised that the Housing Authority Board had their second meeting. At the meeting, they discussed how the Chair is selected and performed housekeeping work. He noted that there were four new appointments to the board and that he was pleased with the meeting.

- ii. Cr. Couvrette – Cr. Couvrette congratulated SRFN on the successful and elaborate grand opening of their Business and Conference Centre. Cr. Couvrette requested an update by the Mayor from her meeting with Premier McLeod.

Cr. Couvrette advised that Northern Life Museum and Cultural Centre Board was having a hard time achieving quorum and that meeting dates were changed to better work for board members. He indicated that there was an evening meeting on April 10th and that there was quorum. He noted that the NLMCC is having issues with funding and fundraising and will aggressively be pushing fundraising efforts throughout the community. The board also spoke about approaching the Town with respect to increasing the contribution agreement amount annually received. Cr. Couvrette has noticed from attending the meetings, that the Museum has a reputation on a national level for a small community museum. He noted that the Museum has been invited to a few different events and felt that the Town should be proud of what the Museum has to offer and that any support that can be provided as a municipal body or a community should be taken seriously.

- iii. Cr. Cox – Cr. Cox congratulated SRFN on the grand opening of their Business and Conference/Justice Centre. She noted that the gathering was impressive, and she was pleased to hear positive speeches about the community. Cr. Cox is looking forward to the Joint Advisory Board dinner and interacting and sharing ideas with members along with the Strategic Plan presentation. She also looks forward to participating at the Trade Show. She also looks forward to the upcoming Special Meetings and further discussing the Capital Plans.

- iv. Cr. Beaulieu – Cr. Beaulieu hopes everyone has a good Easter.

- v. Cr. Westwell – Cr. Westwell apologized for missing the last meeting. He advised that SDAB had met on April 4th and was well attended. He noted that the board has lost a few members, but regular members are still attending. He also noted that the housing summary document is coming along nicely and that he is hoping the board can meet for an evening meeting sometime after the Joint Advisory Board meeting.

Cr. Westwell advised that the Chamber of Commerce has yet to have a meeting. He also noted there hasn't been any development appeals and therefore no Development Appeal Board meetings.



- vi. Mayor Napier-Buckley – Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that Relay for Life has asked Mayor and Council to host a barbeque for the event the evening of June 8th. She requested that availability be confirmed with Relay for Life organizer, Shari Olsen.

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the rest of the April would be busy for Council. She indicated that the Auditor would be coming to present the 2018 Audited Financial Statements at the Special Meeting on April 29th. She also noted that the Trade Show is upcoming on April 27th and requested Councillors provide their availability to participate in the Trade Show. She also noted that there would be a Joint Advisory Board meeting on April 25th and a Business Meet and Greet on April 26th. Mayor Napier-Buckley indicated that the Capital Plans would also be discussed at the Special Meeting on April 29th. Administration suggested if there are additional questions on the 20-year Long-term Capital Plan or 2019 Capital Plan, an additional Special Meeting could be set for April 23rd or she could take questions to bring to the Senior Administrative Officer for answering. Cr. Westwell noted that the TAG report is not final for moving forward but includes estimates for costs. Administration indicated that the Senior Administrative Officer would like to move forward with the Capital Plans to start contracting work out and plan for the year ahead. Councillors Westwell, Cox and Couvrette requested a Special Meeting on April 23rd to have further dialogue on the Capital Plans prior to approval.

Mayor Napier-Buckley congratulated SRFN on the grand opening of their Business and Conference Centre. She noted that it was an enjoyable evening.

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she had met with Premier McLeod and Minister Schumann and discussed several issues. She spoke about the Daycare, and infrastructure available to house the Daycare, and Minister Schumann asked to follow up with him on the issue. She spoke about the land transfer of the Snowboard Park land and indicated that the Department of Lands and MACA would be meeting with the Town at the end of April to further discuss this. She also discussed GNWT positions in Fort Smith and requested the number of active positions in the community. Additionally, she talked about Aurora College infrastructure, Breynat Hall, and a road south through Wood Buffalo National Park. She was pleased with the meeting and noted that there were productive responses and actions going forward.

d. Administration

Briefing Note DPA-005-19 Krystal Brown – The briefing note was reviewed. The Director advised that the property is not owned by the applicant although the owner has signed the development permit application to allow for the home occupation on the property. He noted that the home occupation is a conditional use requiring Council approval.

19-071 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That DPA-005-19, submitted by Krystal Brown, to operate a home occupation natural health products, jewelry and wellness consulting business from Lot 1145, Plan 1711, 128 Carl's Drive in Fort Smith, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Briefing Note DPA-006-19 Tracy Freund – The briefing note was reviewed. The Director advised that the property is owned by the applicant. The home occupation is a conditional use requiring Council approval.

19-072 Moved By: Cr. Campbell
 Seconded By: Cr. Cox

That DPA-006-19, submitted by Tracy Freund, to operate a home occupation general contracting business from Lot 1575, Plan 2265, 6 CCGS Eckaloo Drive in Fort Smith, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. **PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamation Denouncing the Infringement of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

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AND WHEREAS the Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides for; a) the free expression of conscience and religion; and b) the freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including the freedom of the press and other media of communications; and c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and d) freedom of association;

AND WHEREAS provincial legislation is being introduced, in the Province of Quebec specifically Bill-21 entitled "An Act respecting the laicity of the State" evoking a ban on public workers wearing religious symbols at their place of work;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Fort Smith wishes to publicly express its opposition to, and its disapproval of the intent of Bill 21 as a discerning infringement of the constitutional freedoms guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

AND NOW THEREFORE call upon the Parliament of Canada to address the context of and uses of the "Not Withstanding Clause" (Section 33) allowing federal, provincial and territorial governments to revoke fundamental freedoms and legal rights of Canadian citizens.

I. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

19-073 Moved By: Cr. Couvrette
 Seconded By: Cr. Campbell

That Cr. Westwell and Cr. McArthur be excused from the Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings on April 9th, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19-074 Moved By: Cr. Cox
 Seconded By: Cr. Pischinger

That D/M Smith, Cr. McArthur and Cr. Pischinger be excused from the Regular Meeting of Council 04-19 on April 16th, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



J. **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Special Meeting SP-01-19 – April 23rd, 2019 7:00 pm
Special Meeting SP-02-19 – April 29th, 2019 7:00 pm
Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting – May 7th, 2019
Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings – May 14th, 2019
Council Meeting 04-19 – May 21st, 2019

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

19-075 Moved By: Cr. Cox
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

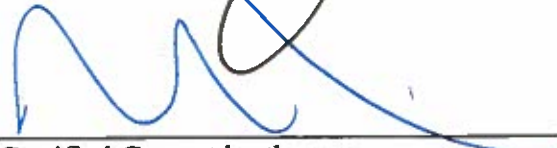
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 21st day of May, 2019.



Mayor Lynn Napier-Buckley



Certified Correct by the
Senior Administrative Officer Keith Morrison

L. **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question period was offered in accordance with policy.