



**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH
MEETING 01-22
THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY AND THE
FIRST FOR THE YEAR 2022**

PRESENT: Mayor F. Daniels D/M K. Heron
 Cr. K. Campbell Cr. L. Tuckey
 Cr. D. Fergusson Cr. J. Macdonald
 Cr. A. Pischinger Cr. D. Korol
 Cr. L. Beaulieu

REGRETS:

STAFF: C. White, Senior Administrative Officer
 A. Weber, Executive Secretary

GALLERY:

Meeting 01-22	7:00 PM
January 18 th , 2022,	Town Hall Council Chambers

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

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and confirmed a quorum of Council was present. Mayor Daniels sends condolences to the family and friends of former mayor Harry Sudom, he was a huge part of the Fort Smith community and will be missed. Mayor Daniels also sent condolences to friends and family of the Oliver Bourque family

B. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

22-001 Moved by: Cr. MacDonald Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson That the amended agenda with a COVID update from SAO be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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C. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. RCMP Delegation – Cr. Campbell requested that the RCMP be informed of council meetings.
- b. Police Report – The RCMP Police Report for December 2021 was reviewed.

D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

22-002 Moved by: Cr. Ferguson Seconded by: Cr. Korol That the minutes of Regular Meeting 12-21 December 21 st , 2021, be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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E. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

F. **DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**

- a. Statement of Disclosure of Interest

G. **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

Corporate Services Standing Committee

22-003 Moved by: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded by: Cr. MacDonald

That the Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from January 04, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SRFN Development Agreement

22-005 Moved By: Cr. MacDonald
Seconded By: Cr. Fergusson

That council approve the Salt River First Nation Development agreement for signing by the Mayor and the SAO.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Application to be submitted to the School of Community Government

22-006 Moved By: Cr. Korol
Seconded By: Cr. MacDonald

That an application be submitted to the School of Community Government for training funding through the Advancing Local Government Administrators Program for SAO training over the next two years. And that external funding sources be pursued to support training for senior managers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services Standing Committee



22-007 Moved by: Cr. MacDonald
Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That the Community Services Standing Committee minutes from January 11, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Appointment of Ex-officio

22-008 Moved By: Cr. Korol
Seconded By: Cr. Pischinger

That Cr. Macdonald be appointed as ex-officio member for the Northern Life and Cultural Center Board of Directors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Services Standing Committee

22-009 Moved By: Cr. Pischinger
Seconded By: D/M Heron

That the Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from January 11, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Invite to the Minister of Health

22-010 Moved by: Cr. Macdonald
Seconded by: Cr. Korol

That an invitation be extended to the Minister of Health and the Chief Operating Officer of the Fort Smith Health Center to a council meeting to discuss the number of medivacs and deterioration in Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Home Business

22-012 Moved by: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded by: Cr. Pischinger

That DPA-036 -21 submitted by Donald Bourque to operate a snow removal home occupation business from Lot 682, Plan 358 208 Primrose Lane, Fort Smith be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



b. Enactment of Bylaws and Policies

Borrowing Bylaw

22-013 Moved by: Cr. Campbell
Seconded by: Cr. MacDonald

That the Borrowing Bylaw # 1026-2022 be given a 3rd 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 2022 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 2022.
5. The estimated revenue of the Town of Fort Smith set forth on the ESTIMATES for the year 2022 are \$11,478,319 (Eleven Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, and Three Hundred and Nineteen dollars).
6. That Bylaw #1011 is hereby repealed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Appointments

d. Mayor and Council/Board Representative Updates

i. Cr. Tuckey – COVID concerns, schools, Fort Smith Housing and town facilities should be closed.

ii. Cr. Korol –
Extends sympathy to friends and family of Harry Sudon and Oliver Bourke family, also wishing all the families that are isolating well.

iii. Cr. Fergusson

- a. Jim Heidema of Northwestern air lease had great news to share, Aurora College has adopted the NWAL school of aviation into the September 2022 intake.
- b. Strategic Market Plan – the Economic Development Advisory Board is seeking that council approve it.
- c. Discussion of unity from their October minutes, it was expressed that all levels of government need to be engaged, and an interagency be activated, need for all levels of communications that the community is on the same page , working for the same goals and the information is shared.
- d. Bringing up writers to Fort Smith that are Social Media



influencers and who are appropriate to draw attention to Fort Smith. Jim Heidema spoke to sponsoring flights, and Pelican Rapids Inn will contribute with accommodation and food.

- iv. Cr. Campbell – Happy New year to all residents of Fort smith, the people of Fort Smith need to respect the covid protocols to protect everyone.
- v. Cr. MacDonald –
 - a. Condolences to the friends and family of Harry Sudom
 - b. Sustainable Development Advisory Board didn't meet quorum this month
 - c. Would like an update on the curling club
 - d. Is looking forward to increasing the relationship between the town and the museum
- vi. Cr. Pischinger –
 - a. Condolences to the friends and families of Harry Sudom and Oliver Bourke, to the own of fort smith please follow COVID protocols.
- vii. Cr. Beaulieu
 - a. Condolences to the friends and family of Harry Sudom and Oliver Bourke, Harry was an avid gardener and will be missed by many
 - b. Would like to see a bigger Canada Day and at least a small Wood Buffalo Frolics happen this year.
- viii. D/M Heron Condolences to the friends and families of Harry Sudom and Oliver Bourke.
- ix. Mayor Daniels This past week has been very trying with no success in closing the border and school closures, we are having conversations with the leaders of Fort Chipewyan about the road south. Apologies were extended to the residents of Fort Smith regarding earlier remarks about tourism. Tourism is one way of doing Economic Development, the community needs to work together.

e. Administration

COVID UPDATE – The SAO response to Cr. Macdonald about the curling club is that CEMCO will be in on Wednesday to try and diagnose what the issue is, they cannot do this remotely. We are going to need to seal the surface, then recaulk the entire surface, then flood the surface before putting in the ice. A few things need to be addressed the plywood floor needs to be replaced as well as carpet. The SAO stated the schools are now moving to remote learning, the GNWT employees are working from home, NO non-essential travel and the daycare is only open to non-school age children and children of essential staff in the community. She also stated that we should continue to follow the guidance from the CPHO.

H. **PROCLAMATIONS**

I. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

21-175 Moved By: Cr. MacDonald
Seconded By: Cr. Pischinger

That Cr. Fergusson & D/M Heron be excused from the Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting on January 04, 2022.



J. **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting – February 01, 2022
Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings-February 08, 2022
Council Meeting 02-22 – February 15,2022

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

21-177 Moved By: Cr. Pischinger Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey That the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m.
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Minutes adopted this 18 day of January 2022.

Mayor Fred Daniels

Certified Correct by the
Senior Administrative Officer Cynthia White

L. **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question period was offered in accordance with policy.