



**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH
MEETING 10-18
THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR
THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AND THE
TENTH FOR THE YEAR 2018**

PRESENT: Mayor L. Napier-Buckley Cr. A. Kikoak
Cr. B. Tuckey Cr. A. Dumont
Cr. E. Bell Cr. R. Holtorf (Conference Call)
Cr. R. Patel

REGRETS: Cr. B. McArthur, D/M Smith,

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

GALLERY: Sgt. Jesse Gilbert, Patti Haaima, Jason Lepine

Meeting 10-18
October 11, 2018

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

18-206 Moved by: Cr. Patel
Seconded by: Cr. Dumont

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. PRESENTATIONS

a. RCMP Delegation

- i. Police Report – The RCMP Police Report for September 2018 was reviewed. Sgt. Gilbert advised that there were one hundred and twenty-six calls for service which is down from last year. He advised that the number of break and enter crimes have increased from the previous year. He advised that the break and enter crimes are categorized by the severity of damages which was not previously provided. He indicated that there is a problematic group of youth that are responsible for the recent rash of crime. He advised that they are working with some of the youths parents as they are younger than normal.

Cr. Kikoak entered the meeting.

Sgt. Gilbert has advised that they have asked the GNWT to get alarms in their buildings that are experiencing repeat break and enters. He advised that the response he received was that the GNWT departments refused to get alarm systems and continue to get vandalized. He indicated that the offenders are being scared away by alarms therefore it would be beneficial for alarms to be installed. He advised that the detachment has alarms to prevent and discourage break and enter as the amount of possessions they have are not something that anybody wants in the possession of the offenders. He advised that he has been working with Administration on some of these issues and trying to develop some solutions. He indicated that the break and enters are occurring in places that have been previously broken into.



Sgt. Gilbert advised that the new member participated in PWK's Sweetgrass trip. He advised that it was beneficial for the youth to get to know the RCMP Officer as he was able to identify the youth during the many break and enters.

Sgt. Gilbert advised that he is working with the Seniors Society and will be reporting to their monthly meetings as well. He advised that he did advertise the COP program with the Seniors' Society. He advised that the RCMP have assisted the Bylaw Officer with dog control issues.

Sgt. Gilbert advised that there was a standoff in the community which began on October 3, 2018. He advised that there is a resident who barricaded himself in his home and uttered firearm threats. He advised that he was in Yellowknife in the command center throughout the day on October 4, 2018. He advised that there were members from ERT, negotiators, and dog teams dispatched to the community. He indicated that at 2:30 am on October 5, 2018 the individual was in custody without incident or any harm to anyone.

Cr. Patel asked for information on budgeting and funding for positions that are not filled within the RCMP detachment. Sgt. Gilbert advised that each detachment is provided with a budget which does not include salaries. He advised that the salaries budget is managed by headquarters office. He understands that any excess funds are expended on emergency situations that are not budgeted for such as murder cases and stand offs. He advised that those funds are always fully expended. Cr. Patel asked if the Town can possibly lobby to have those excess funding shifted to provide other programming for local positions and possibility provide some type of relief to local RCMP Officers. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the main part of the contract for RCMP to provide is policing. He advised that there is also a strain on RCMP detachments being short staffed and providing services such as escorts. He advised that the department is looking to shift more responsibilities to public service officers.

Administration advised that there will be a communications piece distributed which will include statistics and information on the initiatives completed by the RCMP. He advised that the meeting with the RCMP Sergeant included discussions on writing letters to the Department of Justice Minister, Health and Social Services Minister, Department of Transportation and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Sgt. Gilbert encourages the public to report break and enters and any type of suspicious behaviors so that the RCMP has a record of it. He advised that the staff shortages affect all NWT detachments and would be beneficial to have those reports recorded as the members can't be everywhere at once. Administration advised the Town did try to capture the vandals. The Bylaw Officer was in sight of vandals when they stole the Town's side by side and when she called the RCMP she was asked for a physical address. Sgt. Gilbert indicated that those phone calls are important and to provide as much information as possible as there are members that don't know main locations in the communities.

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she advises public residents to report crime and answer the questions they are asked and provide as much information as possible. She commended Sgt. Gilbert for his efforts and appreciates the assistance being provided to the Bylaw Officer as it creates a sense of security. She was glad to hear about the Constable that attended the Sweetgrass trip as it creates an opportunity to build relationships between the RCMP and youth. She advised that a letter can be written to the Minister of Justice regarding providing escort relief. She advised that she had members of the public ask questions on the eligibility requirements for the COP. Sgt. Gilbert advised that when interested volunteers are applying, they would



require government issued personal identification and a criminal record check. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the Town will be having a swearing-in ceremony for new Council and asked if Sgt. Gilbert will be available for the event. Sgt. Gilbert advised that he may not be available but will ensure to have the acting Sergeant available for the event. He thanked Council and advised that he enjoys delegating to Council every month.

b. NWT Metis Nation

i. Signage Request – The NWT Metis Nation signage request letter was reviewed. Jason Lepine advised that Michael Holmberg was sick and apologizes for not being able to delegate. Jason advised that he is the Director of Corporate Services for the NWT Metis Nation. He advised that the NWT Metis Nation represents the Fort Smith Metis Council, Fort Resolution Metis Council and Hay River Metis Government Council. He advised that the NWT Metis Nation have successfully completed the agreement in principle towards the self-government process and are twenty-four months away from ratification. He advised that they are in the process of completing their final agreement and as part of that final agreement is having signage. He advised that the NWT Metis nation is looking to install a sign across the road from the welcome to Fort Smith sign along Highway 5. He advised that the design of the sign is included with the letter and that it is a fairly large sign so that it is visible from a distance. He advised that the sign would be within municipal boundaries and are therefore required to have approval from the Town.

Cr. Kikoak asked what approval is required from GNWT headquarters in Yellowknife. Jason advised that regulations require approval from the Minister of Transportation. Cr. Kikoak asked if his decision is highly influenced from the Hay River Reserve. Jason advised that the waiting for approval has been a long process but is optimistic that they would receive the approval for their sign to be posted in Hay River at the requested location. Cr. Kikoak asked for Jason’s opinion if Council asked for an endorsement on that. Jason advised that he can provide that information if that is what Council wishes and clarified that the NWT Metis Nation is no way claiming land. Cr. Tuckey indicated that its one sign on Town property. Jason confirmed and advised that that they got a good deal on bulk signs so are looking to install in other places as well. Cr. Patel asked what the languages are used on the sign. Jason advised that the sign includes English, Cree and Chipewyan. Administration advised the Town has a policy that regulates the size of the sign which would require municipal approval. He noted that this could be the reason the Department of Transportation suggested that the NWT Metis Nation seek approval for the sign to be installed. Jason advised that the regulations for the signs are pretty simple and is not sure why GNWT is asking for additional approval. Cr. Bell likes the design and languages and supports the request. Administration advised that he can check if the sign meets the requirements of the policy and advised if it does then there is no requirement for Council approval. Cr. Tuckey indicated that it’s just a sign and we know this is Metis territory.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

18-207 Moved by: Cr. Tuckey
 Seconded by: Cr. Bell

That the minutes of Regular Meeting 09-18 of September 18, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



F. **DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**

There were no declarations of financial interest.

G. **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

Corporate Services Standing Committee

18-208 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the attached Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from October 2, 2018, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts Paid List Part I

18-209 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That the Accounts Paid List Part I for the period ending September 30, 2018, totaling \$607,166.12 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts Paid List Part II

18-210 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

That that Accounts Paid Part II for the period ending September 30, 2018, totaling \$4,555.04 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Strategic Plan – Cr. Holtorf asked who is responsible for updating the document to include the requested changes and finalizing the document. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that all the necessary changes have been made and that the document provided is the final draft for approval. Cr. Kikoak asked if the document can be approved with an understanding to the next Council that they are to suggest timelines in the columns. Administration thinks that administratively we can implement editorial changes but by the time that is done the current Council's term will have ended. He advised that the next steps of the strategic plan once it is approved will be to present it to the public for consultation which could drive the priorities of the objectives. The Strategic Plan is Councils direction to accomplish the objectives set by the public. Cr. Kikoak was pleased with Administration comments. Mayor Napier-Buckley would like to add that throughout this process and planning a lot of these things we have been throughout our Council already. When we went through final meetings with the Consultant many items have been identified to be completed within the one to two-year timeframe. She added that because we are ambitious having the next Council take that to public is great, also understanding many of these objectives have already begun. Cr. Holtorf thinks that at the last meeting he stressed that the parallel document, the economic development plan has to stand out in Council orientation. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the Economic Development Officer is working towards objectives in the plan that has been developed and approved.

18-211 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Holtorf

That the final strategic plan be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Council Meeting Schedule

18-212 Moved By: Cr. Kikoak
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the Regular Meeting of Council 10-18 be rescheduled to Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services Standing Committee

18-213 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

That the attached Community Services Standing Committee minutes from October 9, 2018, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Smoking and Substance Use Policy

18-214 Moved By: Cr. Bell
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That the Smoking and Substance Use Policy be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Centennial Arena Use Policy

18-215 Moved By: Cr. Kikoak
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That the Fort Smith Centennial Arena Use Policy be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Healthy Foods Policy

18-216 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That the Healthy Foods Policy be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Youth RCC User Fee Review

18-217 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That the youth user rate remains at \$3.50 and that be defined as anyone 12 to 17 years of age. That the term student be removed from the user rates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reallocation of Capital Funds for Electronic Sign

18-218 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the Council approve that \$6000.00 be transferred from G/L 8-2-0551-648 Recreation Program Equipment to G/L 8-2-0551-579 RCC Electronic Sign.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Services Standing Committee – Cr. Bell believes that the Conibear Park upgrades should be a priority over the Riverside Park as a festival site for the following reasons; lengthy waiting time for the land transfer, performers are complaining about dust are Riverside Park, issues with mobility, and there is a lack of unity. She indicated that the Conibear Park upgrades are also indicated in the as a strategy in the Community



Master Plan. She would like to make a motion to have Conibear Park development a priority over Riverside park as a festival site. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the item can be reviewed later in the meeting. Cr. Holtorf thinks it would be a value for the new Council to discuss the priorities in the downtown development plan as part of their orientation regarding the festival site.

18-219 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That the attached Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from October 9, 2018, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Four-way Intersection – Cr. Bell does not support this motion. She supports Cr. McArthur suggestion to have crosswalk signs installed and made visible which could make a difference in slowing down traffic. Cr. Holtorf advised that he will be abstaining on the motion as he recalled that unless Administration has a recommendation with supported information on traffic control. Administration advised that the only work that has been done was on traffic analysis where the crosswalk was monitored and concluded that there was not much traffic. He advised that was not a thorough review and that we don't have the technical skills to analyze this. Cr. Holtorf appreciates the limit of what Administration has on this issue and suggested to get formal information from locals in the area. He advised that until more information is received, he wont vote on this issue.

18-220 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

That Council approve the intersection of Calder Avenue and Field Street be transitioned to a four-way stop.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. PATEL, CR. DUMONT
ABSTAINED – CR. HOLTORF
OPPOSED – CR. KIKOAK, CR. BELL
CARRIED

Vehicle Purchases

18-221 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Mayor and Council award the purchase of four pick-ups for the tendered price of \$139,428.00 to Aurora Fort Hay River and that funds are to be expended as per the 2018 approved Capital Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Enactment of Bylaws and Policies

Bylaw 991 Smoking and Cannabis Use Bylaw Second Reading – Administration advised that the document has been amended as per Council's direction. He advised that the amendments allow for designated smoking areas and changes to the summary convictions. He advised that the changes to the summary convictions include the first offence being a charge of \$250.00 and subsequent charges will be \$500.00. He advised that the change for designated smoking areas include the Town has the right to establish smoking areas on Town property for cigarette smoking only. He added that there is also a clause that includes that there is no smoking within a radius of 30 metres where there is no smoking. Cr. Patel indicated that there are a number of people that are not happy about this and asked if anyone else has heard any comments if the Bylaw is sufficient. She also does not support making this bylaw too detailed as it would be impossible to enforce. Mayor Napier-Buckley requested information from Council and advised that she has not heard and additional comments from the public. She advised that Council did try to cover all public spaces where children would not be exposed to second hand smoke. Cr. Bell advised that she did not receive any comments and thinks if we restrict more it will draw more attention to it. She thinks that the changes are a good compromise.



18-222 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Smoking and Cannabis Use Bylaw 991 be given second reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 991 Smoking and Cannabis Use Bylaw Third Reading

18-223 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Smoking and Cannabis Use Bylaw 991 be given third reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 992 Appoint Timothy Moore Bylaw Officer First Reading

18-224 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Bylaw 992 Appoint Timothy Moore Bylaw Officer 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 Timothy Moore 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 973 be hereby repealed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 992 Appoint Timothy Moore Bylaw Officer Second Reading

18-225 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Bylaw 992 Appoint Timothy Moore Bylaw Officer be given second reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Holtorf Left the meeting.



Bylaw 993 Appoint Timothy Moore Fire Chief First Reading

18-226 Moved By: Cr. Kikoak
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Bylaw 993 Appoint Timothy Moore Fire Chief be introduced and given first reading.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, in the Northwest Territories, has enacted a by-law to establish the Fort Smith Volunteer Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS the Fire Prevention Act, R.S.N.W.T. 1988 establishes the Fire Chief or acting Fire Chief as a Local Assistant to the Fire Marshal of the Northwest Territories for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of that Act within the limits of the municipal corporation;

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

1. That Timothy Moore be appointed Fire Chief for the Town of Fort Smith.
2. That this appointment shall come into effect upon this bylaw receiving third reading.
3. That the Bylaw 974 Appointment of Fire Chief Karl Cox be hereby repealed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 993 Appoint Timothy Moore Fire Chief Second Reading

18-227 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

That Bylaw 993 Appoint Timothy Moore Fire Chief be given second reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Appointments – There were no appointments.

d. Mayor and Council

- i. Cr. Tuckey – Cr. Tuckey thinks that sentiment is clear tonight. She agrees with all the comments made and that she is privileged to work with Mayor and Council. She was privileged to work with all Administration and support staff. She indicated that she ran for Council because she believed in something and that to be the change instead of complaining. She thinks that there was leadership in all aspects in Council and Administration. One of the first powerful things completed in the first six months of Council's term was the infrastructure tour and recommends that for new Council. She indicated that the new council will be in a unique position with the GNWT elections coming up and could potentially have all new MLAs. She indicated that the new Council has the value of having an overlapping term with GNWT. She thinks Council could have done better but is very proud of what was done. She could honestly say we are not a divisive Council and we supported Administration. She would like new council to remember that we are all allies and on same team with Administration. She would like to highlight not to snowball Administration on matters. She thanked everyone for making her experience a positive one. Cr. Patel thanked Cr. Tuckey for her role in the NWTAC and asked if her position will be up for election or would automatically go to another Fort Smith councilor. Cr. Tuckey advised



that her position would go to an election at next NWTAC AGM.

- ii. Cr. Bell – Cr. Bell enjoyed her term with this Council. She indicated that it was to have all the different perspectives and with that was able to accomplish many objectives. She highlighted that great policies, plans, and bylaws were created. She indicated that Council started to strengthen relationships with other organizations and feels that new Council should continue that initiative to eventually have all organizations working together. She felt that the Council was good at supporting different initiatives in the community such as relay for life, rainbow crosswalks etc. She would like to see the next council create a wellness group with all the interagency groups. She indicated that we need to look at more holistic way of healing our community. She thinks the next Council should create and implement a communications plan.

18-228 Moved By: Cr. Bell
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

To redirect Administration to develop Conibear Park and Riverside Park together.

IN FAVOUR – CR. KIKOAK, CR. DUMONT, CR. BELL, CR. HOLTORF, CR. PATEL
OPPOSED – CR. TUCKEY
CARRIED

Administration appreciates the Council sentimental values to the space and understands the culture and sentimental ties to the space. He advised that as an Administration he is looking to the Community Services master plan which was built on community input. He advised that the public indicated that they wanted Riverside Park as their festival site. He advised that the Community Master Plan was reviewed by advisory boards for input and approved by Council. He advised that the development of the downtown development plan was created in the same manner with a lot of community input. The result of that was that the community would like Riverside Park as their festival site. He requested Council consider the public's consultation when deciding on the motion to have Conibear Park developed. He advised that when considering developing on park rather than the other realize that the Riverside Park development is tied to the development of toboggan hill and snowboard park. He indicated that the main part of the Riverside Park development is installing the washroom facility and installing the water and sewer in the main building in the area. That would provide water and sewer services to the Riverside Park, Landslide, the lookout area, toboggan and snowboard park areas. With the priority being shifted to the Conibear Park would result in the halting the development of all of these projects that are underway. He advised that he has received concerns from residents to make the Conibear Park a larger space. He advised that to develop Conibear Park would also require the growth of the area and going against the direct input of the community. He advised that the those are the directives when implementing the development of Riverside Park. He advised that he understands that sentiment of the request and added that he can make the commitment to advance both parks. He thinks that both are achievable goals but will require the time to commit to Conibear Park to receive more input from the community.

Cr. Bell doesn't think there were a lot of people consulted in the development of the downtown development and community master plans. She supports the idea of developing both parks and provide



more incentive to receive community feedback.

Cr. Kikoak advised that she has consulted with two people involved in the providing sound technology to the parks, they think that both parks should be given equal priority for development. She was concerned with the snowboard park area and risks of the landslide occurring in that area. She doesn't feel we got the right public consultation to prioritize the Riverside Park over Conibear Park. She thinks both parks should be worked on at the same time. She requested that Cr. Bell amend her motion to have both parks given the same priority.

Mayor Napier-Buckley acknowledges Cr. Bell's concerns. She would like to advise on a few issues before voting on the motion. She noted that bringing a motion to Council without it being forwarded to any committee doesn't give Administration time to provide a response. She advised that this motion will also be put onto the next Council to administer. She noted that Riverside Park has experienced larger events such as Canada Day which is not possible at Conibear Park. She highlighted that there are not enough parking spaces at Conibear Park as that Theatre building is still there resulting in people parking along the side of the road. She indicated that with the development of Conibear park will result in the ceasing of developing Riverside Park which has no services and requires the upgrades. There are options for sponsorship as well. She highlighted that there was a concern brought up that there was no consultation with the public but that there is a motion to change the development priority without any public consultation. She indicated that putting off this work will also give Administration time before next summer to prepare and develop a plan to implement. She thinks that the new Council will take this seriously and will give time to Administration time to prepare information without forcing a decision.

- iii. Cr. Patel – Cr. Patel indicated that there in a lot more lobbying that needs to be done. She thinks there has been a lot of work done by this Council that needs to be continued and taken to the GNWT. She wished all candidates in the upcoming election all the best of luck.
- iv. Cr. Dumont – Cr. Dumont advised that he has enjoyed working with all staff, Administration and Council. He wished all those that are elected a successful term.
- v. Cr. Kikoak – Cr. Kikoak indicated that working as a Council is an inspiring endeavor to hear everyone out to do the research as required to follow meeting procedure and to also know your know identity and own values. The character working with the Council has been inspiring and being a part of a corporation with a eight million dollar budget and how that authority is a heavy responsibility. She would like to acknowledge Administration as being a great partner and employee of this Council. She indicated that he is someone who not only took direction but was a visionary and helped Council, he went beyond his roles from being dictated to and provided a lot of ideas and information to make Council decisions. She hopes the next Council will come up with new policies and interesting ways to support our need for a variety of different housing options and the need to diversify the economy. She would also like to encourage the upcoming Council to reintegrate the public in the lobbying effort to maintain Fort Smith as the Education Capital of the NWT. She sees a lot of exciting issues coming forward in the next three years. That gives her some small regrets for not running again. She would like to give the new Council a tip to highlight the good life in Fort Smith with all the branding that will be used in Fort Smith. She thinks that are a



lot of aspects to that good life which includes a lot of opportunities to grow the community. She was excited of the results of the road to Garden City. She thanked all councilors for being comrades and for their input into meetings. She acknowledges Mayor Napier-Buckley for her dedication to her post and Council. She indicated that the mayor was attentive to each and every one of Council and has also took the time to teach her on her roles as a councillor. She hopes that her plans eventually bring her back to running in the next elections when she has more experience.

- vi. Mayor Napier-Buckley – Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that in the past few weeks she has been going over some of the things completed by Council, Administration, and town staff. We did have a lot of challenges in the beginning as there was a lot of changeover. She knows that put a huge strain on Administration as he had to step up for AWG with regards to budgeting and the pressures as a community to ensure that the games were within budget. She thinks Administration excelled in his position. She indicated that she had a good working relationship with Administration and thanked him for everything that he has done. She indicated that as Council with Administration and town staff, the downtown development plan, snowboard hill, the sliding hill expansion, cemetery expansion, boardwalk repairs, memorial park, public meetings, work completed by Economic Development Officer on funding, passing of solid waste management plan, strategic plan, money into reserves so we can get future funding, and property tax collection are all initiatives completed during this Council's term. She recognized Administration on his award at LGANT as administrator of the year. She indicated that there has been so much work in the community and a lot of it has been done by Administration. She indicated that there also have been many partnerships created with MACA, ENR, and Lands to work together and how we can remove barriers to work together on what is best for our community. She indicated that AWG was a huge undertaking it took a lot of resources and staff administration and was very successful. She highlighted that even with all the resources it took we still got a lot done. She couldn't be prouder of how we came out as a community. She indicated that almost all of the Mayor and Council attended the NWTAC AGM which was an improvement from previous Council terms. She noted that during the NWTAC AGM, we made connections and made our name known to other communities and lobbied with other communities. She indicated that everyone has different interests and as a community not everybody agrees. It's good to get those arguments and deal with them constructively to find a solution that works for everybody. She has to say that she has been blown away by all of Council and loved working with them all. She advised that she will miss this Council and hopes that everybody stays involved and keeps communicating with the town, Mayor and Council. She advised that there is an article in CBC about the college and recommended that Council read it. We need to keep fighting for our community for our college and for what we have in Fort Smith. She wished all new Council luck in the upcoming election.
- e. Administration – Administration thanks for all the kind words it is appreciated. Sometimes he feels like a human target in general unhappy residents, unhappy staff sometimes and unhappy councillors. It's good to hear the Council feels that same way he feels about the Town, it's an awesome responsibility. It's awesome as in its really big. With all of the funds we are responsible for over ten-million-dollar budget. It can be an awesome responsibility for someone else's money. Money that you have actually been given the authority to go and take from them. The town is the second largest employer other than the GNWT in the community, we are larger than any one government department. You're responsible for people's livelihoods, the money they



need to feed their children and pay their mortgages comes from a direct result of your decisions which is an awesome responsibility. He added that the Town is also responsible for providing very essential services and that there is great reward for that. This council was dealing with big issues and that there was a lot accomplished by this Council. We dealt with big holes in the social safety net as the government continues to devolve its responsibility to its residents such as the need for need for childcare, afterschool programs and weekend care programs for kids as the GNWT pulls more and more money away. But Council allocated funds to the reserves allowing us to respond to these needs of the residents. These are not normal things dealt with by other Councils, but this Council did and did it quite elegantly. He congratulated Council on their achievements in their roles as Council.

H. PROCLAMATIONS

a. NWT Disabilities Council Proclamation Request

18-229 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

Indigenous Disabilities Awareness Month
November 2018

BE IT KNOWN to whom these presents do concern;

WHEREAS the Town of Fort Smith is committed to creating an accessible and inclusive community.

AND WHEREAS 59% of the population of Fort Smith is Indigenous peoples.

AND WHEREAS the rate of disability within the Indigenous population is conservatively estimated at 31%-- at least two-times higher than that of the non-Indigenous population.

AND WHEREAS Indigenous peoples living with disabilities in our community face unique challenges as a marginalized population within a marginalized population.

AND WHEREAS Indigenous peoples in our community disproportionately face complex life barriers, from a legacy of colonialism that can cause disability, including: poverty, food insecurity, homelessness, victimization, trauma, and lack of resources.

AND WHEREAS disability services often rely on medical understandings of disability that undermine Indigenous community knowledge and experiences.

AND WHEREAS Indigenous peoples living with disabilities are resilient and make important contributions to our community that must be honored.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



I. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

18-230 Moved By: Cr. Kikoak
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Cr. Dumont be excused from the Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting on October 2, 2018.

IN FAVOUR – CR. KIKOAK, CR. TUCKEY, CR. BELL, CR. HOLTORF, CR. PATEL
ABSTAINED – CR. DUMONT
CARRIED

18-231 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That D/M Smith and Cr. McArthur be excused from the Regular Meeting of Council on October 11, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting – November 6, 2018
Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings – November 13, 2018
Council Meeting 11-18 – November 20, 2018

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

18-232 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 20th day of November, 2018.



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.