



**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH**  
**MEETING 07-23**  
**THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR**  
**THE MONTH OF JULY AND THE**  
**SEVENTH FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor F. Daniels	D/M J. MacDonald
Cr. K. Campbell	Cr. L. Tuckey
Cr. L. Beaulieu	Cr. D. Ferguson

**REGRETS:**

Cr. M. Couvrette	Cr. A. Pischinger
Cr. D. Korol	

**STAFF:**

J. Hood, Senior Administrative Officer  
M. Herring, Executive Assistant

**GALLERY:**

Honourable Minister Julie Green, Minister of Health and Social Services  
Sujata Ganguli, Chief Operating Officer of the Fort Smith Health Centre  
Gerry Cheezie, Chair of the Leadership Council  
Elizabeth King, Special Advisor

Meeting 07-23  
July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

7:00 PM  
Town Hall Council Chambers

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

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

**B. PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Daniels read the acknowledgement of First Nations.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

23-185 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Ferguson

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**D. PRESENTATIONS**

- a. RCMP Police Report June 2023 – The June 2023 Police Report was reviewed. Sgt. Yilmaz advised that 55 vehicles were stopped during various check-stops and that there were four charges laid for drinking and driving. He reviewed community engagements and advised that the RCMP participated in various community events including Track and Field and Bike Rodeo.

Sgt. Yilmaz advised that a police dog handler came to the community in June to assist with investigations and that the police dog visited the kids at the Daycare. Additionally, the RCMP did a presentation at JBT on the dangers of arson. Sgt. Yilmaz advised that the RCMP continue to perform compliance checks on chronic offenders.



Cr. Campbell thanked the RCMP for their good work and involvement with the community.

Sgt. Yilmaz advised that Cpl. Leduc's replacement has arrived in the community for a 2-3-year duration and that two new Constables are expected to arrive at the end of August followed by another in September.

Cr. Fergusson asked if there were updates in improving mental health calls for service. Sgt. Yilmaz advised that there has been no progress and advised that mental health calls are time consuming in consideration of apprehension as per the Mental Health Act. Cr. Fergusson asked if Council could assist in lobbying the GNWT. Sgt. Yilmaz confirmed and advised that if the Act requires the individual to initiate contact with Mental Health Counsellors. He noted that an individual in crisis may not recognize they need help and that site nurses patrol with RCMP in larger jurisdictions.

- b. GNWT Minister of Health and Social Services, Honourable Minister Julie Green – Questions were submitted and discussed for the delegation with the Minister of Health and Social Services.

Mayor Daniels requested an update on medivac-flights and medical travel booking communication issues. Minister Green replied that the NTHSSA has a contract with AMS and Air Tindi to provide medivac services ending March 2025. She noted that two planes are available with appropriate staffing, and that a triage system is used to pick up patients on an urgency basis. Further, she noted that there has been an increase in the number of calls for medivac services.

Regarding medical travel, Minister Green advised that specific criteria is required for patients to obtain a non-medical escort such as a patient giving birth or for language translation purposes. She noted that escorts are not transferred on medivacs but are sent on the next flight. She added that an exceptions policy was implemented to make the services more widely available but recognized it is not sufficient and that it is partially due to funding. She advised that the GNWT had spent \$48 million in on medical travel and NIHB expenses in 2022. She advised that an allocation of additional funding would be required and that the GNWT is already massively in debt.

Cr. Fergusson advised that there are inconsistencies in approving medical escorts as some are granted and others not. Minister Green advised that standard criteria is applied by different people and that cases may seem equivalent but are not. She advised that medical practitioners must approve non-medical escorts.

Cr. Campvell noted some cases of patients denying non-medical escorts when they do require assistance, specifically senior citizens. Minister Green advised that an escort cannot be forced and that there are patient navigators in acute care centers to support and advocate for patients.

Cr. Beaulieu advised of the language barrier in the NWT and that an individual may answer no if they do not fully understand what is being asked in consideration of medical terminology and medical travel. Additionally, she felt that a family member should be allowed on a medivac in the circumstance that the patient were to pass-away in-transit. Minister Green replied that she heard this concern from the former SLFN Chief who speaks good English but doesn't understand medical terminology and suggested advising a nurse practitioner if an individual needs accompanying for translation purposes.



D/M Macdonald requested an update on the Integrated Care Team for Fort Smith. Ms. Ganguli advised that Integrated Care Teams have been implemented in different parts of the NT and that Yellowknife has had theirs the longest. She noted that the roll-out in Fort Smith aligned with COVID which set them back from where they hoped to be. She advised that there are two named teams and that an individual can call to find out what team they are on or to switch teams. She continued to advise that staff are operating as two teams and have patient files split between them for proactive patient follow-ups for upcoming appointments including immunizations and preventative screening. She noted that over 100 women were contacted in the past two-weeks that were due for mammograms. Ms. Ganguli advised that a mail drop is planned to explain how the teams work but that communication on-hold due to the requirement to translate in French as per legislation. Additionally, she advised that community health nurses are now fully trained and work at scope to run a sick clinic and provide a narrow list of medications which frees up physician time for better use of resources.

Cr. Fergusson asked how Integrated Care Teams will improve the health system. Ms. Ganguli replied that the intent is to provide the most efficient service and added that there would be one point of contact for appointment-related questions. She noted that the flyer would describe the roles of each team member and that locum physicians would be assigned to teams. Minister Green added that teams specialize in specific patient needs for follow-up and information, and that the point is to relationship-build with the patient to improve continuity of care.

Cr. Tuckey had concerns with indigenous elders understanding the flyer and medical terminology, and felt that the flyer should also be translated in indigenous languages. He asked if Fort Smith still has a Public Health Nurse and noted that immunizations have been performed by this position in the past. Ms. Ganguli advised that the intent of the teams is for an easier process with one point of contact and that the program was created by the South-Central Foundation that exclusively serves indigenous peoples in Alaska. She noted that differences in the program models are in resources due to population.

D/M Macdonald asked if the Integrated Care Teams liaison with Medical Travel for efficiencies and noted complaints with appointment times and flight/accommodation scheduling. Ms. Ganguli advised that she would look into this to make the link easier for individuals.

Cr. Tuckey asked if Fort Smith still has a Public Health Nurse. Ms. Ganguli replied that Fort Smith has a Territorial Public Health Nurse Specialist and had another local employee but advised that they are leaving the community with their RCMP spouse. She noted that the Territorial Public Health Nurse is a Fort Smith resident and was helpful during COVID and is reviewing the syphilis outbreak in the NT.

D/M Macdonald asked if the Integrated Care Teams approach would reduce resources required in Fort Smith resulting in a reduction of doctors, and if the intent is to turn the Health Centre into a nursing station. Minister Green replied that the Health Centre would not be reduced to a nursing station as the threshold for a Health Centre is a population of 2k to 8k. She advised that the team's approach would not reduce resources but reorganize them for efficiency. D/M Macdonald was pleased with the response.

D/M Macdonald requested an update on staffing allocations or reassignments, including part-time positions, and asked how many positions are vacant or not filled by permanent employees. Ms. Ganguli advised that staffing changes week-to-week and noted that the Health Centre is losing two nurses moving with RCMP spouses.



Ms. Ganguli provided staffing statistics from the previous week: Allied Health including Rehab and Clinical Laboratory Point of Care – 6 of 10 positions filled with one double filled and that there is no occupational therapist, speech language pathologist or physiotherapist assistant; Acute Care – 10 of 13 positions filled with locum RN positions; Home Care – 5 of 6 positions filled; Long-Term Care – 24 of 25 positions filled; Operations 14 of 15 positions filled; Primary Care – 16 of 17 positions filled; and Community Family and Wellness – 10 of 11 positions filled. Minister Green added that the level of staffing in Fort Smith is enviable amongst other regions in the NT, and noted a nursing vacancy rate of 25% and doctor vacancy rate of 50% along with a shortfall of Allied Health positions across the NT.

D/M Macdonald was pleased with the staffing update and asked if position vacancies are continuously advertised on the GNWT website and if RN positions are filled with locums. Ms. Ganguli confirmed that positions are always advertised that are not filled with permanent staff.

Cr. Campbell asked if specialist positions, such as the Rheumatologist position, would be filled. Minister Green replied that they are working on this as the position stopped coming to Fort Smith December 2022 and is now based in Alberta. She noted that urgent cases of rheumatoid arthritis are sent to Alberta for service and that non-urgent cases are falling behind but are considered priority. She advised that there is a new agreement between Alberta and the NT around rheumatoid specialization which will move cases forward.

Cr. Tuckey asked if there are plans to recommitment quiet rooms at the Health Centre for security and safety and to assist the RCMP with mental health calls. Ms. Ganguli replied that the room was deemed no longer fit and was converted to a COVID exam room. She noted that an RFP has been awarded to recommitment the safe room and that construction is planned to start at the end of August for the duration of a few months.

Cr. Tuckey asked if Mental Health Specialists are on-call on weekends. Ms. Ganguli replied that they are on call from 8:00am to 4:00pm on weekends and that there are not enough positions in Fort Smith or the NT for 24/7 coverage. Minister Green confirmed this and advised that they can't recruit additional staff or have the funds. She noted that they rely on the NT hotline to assist during non-office hours. She noted that Health Centre does not perform the RCMP duties and cannot force counselling services against an individual's will. Further, she advised that there are standard assessment tools for juveniles and adults, and if they present harm to themselves or others they are sent to the psych-ward in Yellowknife for further assessment. She noted that the Mental Health Act does not present for indefinite stays with mental health issues not verified by a physician, and if an individual is kept in the hospital for over 24-hours, it must be justified with the Mental Health Act Review Board.

Cr. Campbell asked if there are plans for a GNWT addictions center and if there are plans for follow up after addictions treatment during the transition phase. Minister Green replied regarding transitional programming, that the GNWT will sometimes pay for an individual to stay at a facility longer than 30-days into a secondary phase. She advised that a call for service providers for transitional housing was advertised 2-years-ago and that four responses were received from Hay River, Fort Good Hope, Yellowknife, and Inuvik. She advised that programs are now being developed for individuals to continue their recovery. She noted that rather than having territorial facilities, the GNWT has entered six contracts with service facilities. Further, she indicated that there is interest in having regional addictions treatment facilities from indigenous governments with cultural healing responses. She advised that there is too much diversity in the NT for one facility and that the last facility was never more than one-third full and was difficult staff.



Cr. Fergusson has heard complaints about experiences of misdiagnosis and that individual's took their own initiative to be re-diagnosed in the south, and noted that this would be difficult for some. Minister Green replied that out-of-territory appointments require referral to be paid by the GNWT. Additionally, she advised that the Office of Patient Experience was recently introduced to advocate for patients and that the service has been highly effective. She also suggested that individuals that feel they may be misdiagnosed request an appointment for a second opinion.

Cr. Tuckey noted a situation where a patient was told by the Receptionist to go home and was later medivacked to have an appendix removed. Ms. Ganguli advised that this would require triage by the nurse and suggested a complaint be submitted as she was unaware of the situation.

Cr. Campbell felt that not all patients would lodge complaints or follow-up. Ms. Ganguli suggested utilizing the Patient Advocate Service to submit and address complaints. She noted that Glenda Simon has an open-door policy and that she follows up on concerns.

Cr. Tuckey advised of many complaints of short notice for medical travel resulting in missed appointments or travel/accommodations being paid by the patient. Minister Green replied that she has also heard this complaint and advised that she would review the number of appointments missed due to travel not booked in time. She advised that there are approximately 16k medical travel appointments booked each year and that there are many reasons why appointments don't align with travel including fewer flights and seats since COVID and re-bookings performed by the out-of-town clinic or specialist.

Cr. Beaulieu suggested NTHSSA communications be made to the local Indigenous Governments at monthly Community Leadership meetings. Minister Green replied that the Regional Wellness Council meets quarterly to discuss Health Centre concerns and services and that the Chair brings concerns back to the Leadership Council. She noted that representatives of the Indigenous Governments and public are appointed to the board in Fort Smith and that meetings are public.

D/M Macdonald suggested relaying addressed concerns to the community to ensure proactive communications. Ms. Ganguli was pleased with this idea and would look into attending Community Leadership meetings.

Cr. Tuckey asked if the GNWT would be addressing the discrepancy in medical travel funding for the public in comparison to GNWT employees. Minister Green advised that the GNWT rate is set by the employer, if they qualify for income, or lodge at the boarding home for stay and meals. Further, the public rate is set by Non-Insured Health Benefits Services (NIHB), and that the GNWT would like to increase rates and are in negotiations. She advised that the program is losing money and people are not satisfied with the program. Additionally, she noted that some employers have health programs to provide funding and that the GNWT through NIHB are the funder by last resort.

Cr. Fergusson asked if blood testing services are being performed locally or if blood is sent out for testing. Ms. Ganguli replied that the XN430 Hematology Analyzer was received mid-2021 and is used by laboratory staff and nurses during off-hours for review of hemoglobin, white blood cells, hematocrit, and platelets and that the Fort Smith Health Centre does other lab testing including blood gasses, eye stat testing, basic chemistry, and urine analysis using a point of care device. She noted that other testing is sent to Yellowknife or Edmonton due to the requirement for a specific level of expertise.



Mayor Daniels asked why dental services are not included with health services. Minister Green replied that the Canada Health Act does not require dental services as medically necessary through legislation and that the GNWT does not receive a Canada Health transfer to provide the service. She noted that dental services are either private or funded by NIHB.

Minister Green stated in closing that the intent is to make services as effective as possible and that point of care testing and Integrated Care Teams are new ideas to provide more responsible health care. She acknowledged that health outcomes in the NT are poor compared to the rest of Canada with higher rates of chronic disease.

Mayor and Council thanked Minister Green and Ms. Ganguli for their delegation.

#### **E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of Council 06-23

23-186 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That the minutes of Regular Meeting 06-23 of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

#### **G. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**

- a. Statement of Disclosure of Interest – There were no disclosures of financial interest.

#### **H. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

Corporate Services Standing Committee

23-187 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That the Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NTPC Intervention Committee Terms of Reference

23-188 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded by: D/M Macdonald

That the NTPC Intervention Committee Terms of Reference be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Letter to the GNWT Minister of Infrastructure

23-189 Moved by: Cr. Campbell  
Seconded by: D/M Macdonald

That the Town of Fort Smith write a letter to the GNWT Minister of Infrastructure regarding the resurfacing from the Airport along McDougal Road to Trout Street to Highway 5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter to the GNWT Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment

23-190 Moved by: Cr. Ferguson  
Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That the Town of Fort Smith write a letter to the GNWT Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment regarding paving the gravel portion of the road from Teepee Trail to Queen Elizabeth Park and the entrance loop of the campground.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Snowboard Park Hill Upgrades

23-191 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That Administration obtain an estimate for the Snowboard Park Hill Upgrades to bring back to Council with the Slide Zone Shredderz contribution request for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MACA Gas Tax Funding Contribution 2023-2024

23-192 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Ferguson

That Council approves the Gas Tax Funding Contribution with MACA for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$1,014,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2023 Capital Projects Ranking – Cr. Campbell requested an update on the cemetery fence project. Administration replied that the project was not included in the list of projects brought to the Corporate Services Standing Committee on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cr. Campbell would like the CRC backup generator procurement brought to the top of the prioritized list of projects as the CRC is the designated evacuation/communications center. Administration is waiting for a response from the GNWT regarding cost-sharing as heat is shared with PWK. He added that the documents are finalized for tender if they are not interested.

23-193 Moved By: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded By: Cr. Campbell

That Council approves the process for ranking capital projects and the completion for the following projects for 2023.

Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Review  
Town Hall Retrofit  
Sidewalk Repairs/Improvements  
Hydrant Replacement/Renewal  
Water and Sewer System Upgrades  
Intake Pumphouse Replacement  
Main Lift Station Mid-Life Retrofit  
Lagoon Liner Replacement  
Landfill Reclamation and Expansion  
Landfill Compactor Building  
CRC Retrofit (Complete)  
Recreation Equipment Replacement (Procurement)  
Water Truck Fill Station  
Fire Training Burn Can  
Bunker Gear Evergreen (Procurement)  
Communications Equipment Evergreen (Procurement)  
Emergency Equipment Evergreen (Procurement)  
Engineering Standards  
Arena Upgrades  
Protective Services Building Replacement  
IT Upgrade Plan  
Whooping Crane Property Remediation  
Energy Upgrades  
Website Renewal  
Asset Management System Implementation  
Annual Fire Abatement  
CRC/Pool Backup Generator  
IT Evergreen (Procurement)  
Skid Steer Replacement Program  
Fleet Replacement (Procurement)  
Town Hall Vehicle Replacement (Procurement)  
Completion of Road Paving  
Corporate Services Software (Complete)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023 Paving Project

23-194 Moved By: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Council approves additional paving work with a total estimated cost of \$374,004.10 and a total estimated project cost of \$626,659.10 for 2023.

IN FAVOUR – D/M MACDONALD, CR. FERGUSSON, CR. TUCKEY, CR.  
BEAULIEU  
OPPOSED – CR. CAMPBELL  
MOTION CARRIED





Transfer of Meter Deposit Credits

23-195 Moved By: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded By: D/M Macdonald

That utility account meter deposits continue to be held on accounts, similar to security deposits, and that after utility account monthly payments have been made on time, within the 30-day due date period for a consecutive 12-months, the meter deposit be transferred to the utility account as a credit to be applied towards future water bills; and that credits on utility accounts are not refunded until the utility account is closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Protective Services Standing Committee

23-196 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That the Protective Services Standing Committee minutes from July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services Standing Committee

23-197 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson

That the Community Services Standing Committee minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fireweed Festival Contribution Request

23-198 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That Council approve a monetary donation of \$2,500 and an in-kind contribution of the bouncy castle and stage setup and take down for the Fireweed Festival on August 25-26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Services Standing Committee

23-199 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That the Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Curling Rink Ice Plant Replacement

23-200 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded by: D/M Macdonald

That Council entertain the quote from CIMCO for the Curling Rink Ice Plant replacement for \$595,000 to be expended over two-years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



24 Tamarac Crescent Demolition Tipping Fees

23-201 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That the Town of Fort Smith waive Landfill tipping fees for four end-dump loads resulting from the demolition of 24 Tamarac Crescent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Enactment of Policies

Amended GV102 Standing Committee on Corporate Services Policy

23-202 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded by: D/M Macdonald

That the Amended GV102 Standing Committee on Corporate Services Policy be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amended GV104 Standing Committee on Municipal Services Policy

23-203 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That the Amended GV104 Standing Committee on Municipal Services Policy be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amended GV105 Standing Committee on Community Services Policy

23-204 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded by: D/M Macdonald

That the Amended GV105 Standing Committee on Community Services Policy be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amended GV108 Standing Committee on Protective Services Policy

23-205 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That the Amended GV108 Standing Committee on Protective Services Policy be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Mayor and Council/Board Representative Updates

- i. Cr. Tuckey – Cr. Tuckey gave condolences to the families of the firefighters that lost their lives in BC and Fort Liard. Cr. Tuckey thanked the Director of Municipal Services for the work done in the cemetery and thought it looked good.

- ii. Cr. Fergusson – Cr. Fergusson also gave condolences to those who lost their lives fighting wildfires. She recognized athletes that travelled to Halifax for NAIG and welcomed those who travelled to Fort Smith for the Dene National Assembly and the Paulette Caveat. Cr. Fergusson was pleased with the collaborative effort between community governments towards National Indigenous Peoples Day. Cr. Fergusson advised that Frank Gruben is still missing and noted that there is a cash reward.



- iii. Cr. Campbell – Cr. Campbell gave condolences for the firefighters who lost their lives and commended the Indigenous Governments for the Dene National Assembly. Cr. Campbell noted chip-sealing work occurring on Highway 5 but not within WBNP and felt that this may make for dangerous road conditions. He requested adding the cemetery fence to the next agenda for the construction of a black, 4-foot-high, chain link fence.
- iv. Cr. Beaulieu – Cr. Beaulieu gave condolences for the first firefighters who lost their lives and congratulated NAIG athletes. She advised that there are still people searching for Frank Gruben and requested anyone with information to come forward.
- v. D/M Macdonald – D/M Macdonald gave condolences for the firefighters who lost their lives and recognized that wildfires have taken a toll on a tired work force and noted the importance in recognizing the level of commitment put forward. D/M Macdonald thanked those who risk their lives to keep communities safe. He also welcomed members and participants of the Dene National Assembly and Paulette Caveat. D/M commended NAIG athletes.
- vi. Mayor Daniels – Mayor Daniels gave condolences for the firefighters and commended their work. He also commended SLFN for the Dene National Assembly and congratulated competitors at NAIG.

d. Administration

Administration provided an update on Capital Projects moving forward. He advised that the Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw RFP is out to competition and closes July 28<sup>th</sup>. He advised that the Water Intake Replacement and Main Lift Station Retrofit tenders would be advertised this week. The Sewage Lagoon Liner tender documents are completed and would go out to competition later this week or next week. With regards to the Website Renewal Project, the beta version would be available later this week. He advised that paving is complete except for Conibear Park and that a survey was performed on drainage and roots requiring removal prior to paving. Administration advised that the SAO staffing process is moving forward and that interviews are planned for July 21<sup>st</sup> and that the new SAO Employment Bylaw is being reviewed with legal counsel prior to Council review.

Administration provided an update regarding the wildfire situation and advised that there have been regular meetings between the Town and ECC, WBNP, and the Government of Alberta, and that there is no immediate threat to the community. He advised that there is an upcoming meeting to review the progress of the fires towards the community and that information would be communicated to the public. Further, a mail drop would be released with valuable information on the Emergency Plan and Communications Strategy.

Cr. Beaulieu declared a conflict and left the meeting.

- i. Briefing Note Fort Smith Metis Council Support Letter Request for Early Land Transfer – The briefing note was reviewed.

23-206 Moved by: Cr. Campbell  
Seconded by: Cr. Ferguson

That the Town of Fort Smith provide a support letter for the early transfer of lands from the Federal Government to the Fort Smith Metis Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



I. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

23-207 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded by: D/M Macdonald

That Cr. Korol be excused from the Corporate Services and Protective Services Standing Committee Meetings on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-208 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That Cr. Beaulieu be excused from the Community Services and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-209 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That Cr. Couvrette, Cr. Pischinger, Cr. Korol be excused from the Regular Meeting of Council 07-23 on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Special Meeting of Council SP-08-23 – July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00 pm  
Corporate Services and Protective Services Standing Committee Meetings – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
Community Services and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Regular Meeting of Council 08-23 – August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

K. **IN-CAMERA SESSION CTV Act S.23(3)(c)Personnel Issue**

23-210 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson

That Council move in-camera in accordance with the Cities, Towns and Villages Act, Section 23(3)(c) to discuss a personnel issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-211 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson

That Council move out of in-camera at 9:10 pm.



L. **ENACTMENT OF BYLAWS**

Bylaw 1050 Appointment of SAO Obrian Kydd – First Reading

23-212 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson  
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That Bylaw 1050 Appointment of Senior Administrative Officer, Obrian Kydd, 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 appoint a Senior Administrative Officer.

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

1. That Obrian Kydd be appointed as Senior Administrative Officer for the Town of Fort Smith effective Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 5:00 pm.
2. That Bylaw 1047 is hereby repealed.
3. That Bylaw 1050 will come into effect upon receiving third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 1050 Appointment of SAO Obrian Kydd – Second Reading

23-213 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson

That Bylaw 1050 Appointment of Senior Administrative Officer, Obrian Kydd, be given second reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. **ADJOURNMENT**

23-214 Moved by: D/M Macdonald  
Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson

That the meeting be adjourned 9:13 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

Mayor Fred Daniels

  
Certified Correct by Obrian Kydd  
Senior Administrative Officer

N. **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question period was offered in accordance with policy.