



Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes  
February 13, 2024

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Rebecca Blake  
Deputy Mayor Joyce Blake  
Councillor Sierra Daley  
Councillor Lawrence Firth  
Councillor Ruby McDonald  
Councillor Stanley Snowshoe  
Councillor Delores Vittrekwa

**ABSENT:** Priscilla Itsi (On Phone)

**STAFF:** Terry Testart  
Johnny Peterson  
Dawn Alexie

**PUBLIC:** Sgt. Sandy Desjardins  
Wayne Greenland

1. Opening Prayer  
1.2 **Mayor Blake called Meeting to order at 6:06 PM with Serenity Prayer**

2. Conflict of Interest: None Declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda:  
**Motion to adopt Agenda as Presented**  
**Made by: Clr. S. Daley** **Second by: Clr. S. Snowshoe**  
**RCM # 014 /24** **Carried**

4. Delegation:  
4.1 RCMP Report Sgt. Desjardins  
- Councillor McDonald ask about the Fort McPherson Liquor Restriction Regulations and if it was working to restrict the illegal importing of liquor into the community? Sgt Desjardins said that if someone has open liquor in a vehicle, or walking around drunk causing a disturbance, the RCMP can arrest and hold them, but the RCMP must respect the persons rights under the Federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms. She also said that the police must enforce Federal Laws, Territorial Laws and then Municipal Bylaws in this order of priority.  
- Mayor Blake asked about Family Violence and if the victim has a choice to say "No Charges should be laid?"

Sgt. Desjardins said that they could respect the victims' wishes and not lay charges but if the assault was serious enough, or against their wishes for their safety and well being. police would decide if charges can be laid. Police do not need the victim's approval, but they do need evidence that will stand up in court.

4.2 Wayne Greenland wants CKLB to put up a tower on the building for CBQM to better the signal frequency, and that CBQM can switch from CBC to CKLB. He said that the technicians will be coming in March to work on it.

**Motion to Support the Letter for CKLB Put up the tower and Dish on the hamlet building for CBQM.**

**Made by: Deputy Mayor J. Blake**  
**RCM # 015/24**

**Second by: Clr. S. Daley**  
**Carried**

5. Adoption to Adopt Minutes from January 30, 2024 Minutes

**Motion to Adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting (RCM) of January 30, 2024.**

**Made by: Clr. R. McDonald**  
**RCM # 016/24**

**Second By: Clr. S. Daley**  
**Carried**

6. Matters and Arising from Minutes/Committee Reports:

- Net zero building
- Red zone/Next meeting
- Wages /Next meeting

7. Financial Matters:

**7.1 SAO Report**

- Bylaw Procedures of Council

Recommend that bylaw name one standing committee: Exec/Finance Committee/ Committee and leave other Standing Committees to be approved by motion. Committee of the Whole could replace one regular council meeting so if council has one regular council meeting per month, they will meet the requirements of the Act of one council meeting per month. Committee of Whole can be more informal than regular council meetings.

-Explained that the current vacancy on Council can be left open. Council has three choices to fill the vacancy: leave it vacant; have a byelection; or appoint. Council may also ask the minister to change (reduce) the number of councillors (for next year and beyond).

-said that the finance division is now made up of two people on contract as the Director of Finance (John Holland) and the Finance Officer) Eleanore Firth, who works who works 3 afternoons a week. As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, she will have more time for the hamlet and be able to full fill the job requirements, working 5 afternoons/week. The SAO asked if this was satisfactory?

- Recommend that since the Banking Agreement with RBC is up for renewal, that proposals be requested from CIBC and RBC

- reported that Insurance on vehicles, assets, and councillors has been renewed.

- NWTAC has posted a deadline of Feb 20<sup>th</sup> to register for those Councillors/staffs to attend their AGM in March. The mayor announced that she had no intention to attend.

- the SAO reported that he was invited to attend a workshop on improving fire training for local fire departments that is to be held in Yellowknife. He explained that there are five levels of service that can be provided for the residents of any community: No fire protection; Prevention based, requiring a minimum level of members (5); Defensive, requiring a minimum level of members (10), Offensive; and Professional. Councils must approve bylaws defining the level of services if they have a fire department at all. Councils may opt to not provide fire prevention services within municipal boundaries. He suggested that Council approve a fire prevention bylaw for the basic level: Prevention requiring the minimum of ten members, and work from there.

- The Fire Department Pickup truck with ambulance markings has no one with a certificate to operate it. Suggested for liability purposes that these markings of ambulance should be removed and that the Hamlet cease providing medical services (officially). The Hamlet can still use to transport if needed.
- Critical Incident in December: There is a counselling session planned for Thursday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon with counsellor Rachel Schooley for all fire dept/RCMP/ water contractors who were the first responders at the fire.
- EHO inspected the Water Treatment Plant and reported that the chlorine injection system (automatic) is not working properly, and that the Operator is not certified to operate the Plant. The EHO was given corrected information about the certification but still reported this in the inspection report but failed to report the faulty equipment. The SAO is attempting to correct this report.
- Need Council to meet to work on Capital Planning to upgrade the vehicles, work on the roads, dust control, truck shop floor, water distribution, vaults, fire dept, replacement grader, bobcat, C Cans, storage shelter, generators (3) hamlet office temperature management, summer swimming pool, skate park, fencing, deep water lake building, finish day park sites, water plant warehouse and Gravel. Recommends that Committees of the whole meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> and second Tuesday of each month rather than have regular council meetings on these dates.
- The Complex (recreation) was completed on budget (\$5,031,915) but with little to no involvement of the community staffs. There are still outstanding deficiencies and existing problems and little to no information. The SAO said he is trying to get background information, but further work should be included in capital spending.
- In the Water Treatment Plant, the chlorine system does not work so the Operator has to manually inject the chlorine. This needs to be repaired or replaced. MACA did the Project Management of the Water Treatment Plant upgrade which was budgeted for \$4,500,000. The Project ended up costing \$8,400,000 and the Hamlet Council nor staff was involved.
- Heat in the Arena still needs repairs and Council may look for services outside of Inuvik to fix this. Staff is still working on a solution. MacDonald Brothers in Inuvik are still collaborating with staff on getting electrical systems repaired in both the Area and the Hamlet Office. Rocky's Plumbing and Heating always are too busy, so McDonald Bros. is trying to work on the heating system.

**Motion to Except the verbal SAO Report:**

**Made by: Clr. S. Snowshoe**

**RCM # 017/24**

**Second by: Clr. L. Firth**

**Carried**

**Motion to write a letter to the Minister and Deputy Minister of MACA, with a copy to the Premier. requesting a briefing and explanation of the Water Treatment Plant Project.**

**Made by: Clr. S. Snowshoe**

**RCM# 018/24**

**Second by: Clr. L. Firth**

**Carried**

8. Bylaws and Reports: **NIL**

9. New Business: **NIL**

10. Correspondence / Information Items:

10.1 Wise Guy Information.

10.2 Application for Single Year Research

Information on addictions to alcohol and a survey was done in our region.

10.3 Maca Public Woks Courses:

Small System Water Treatment: Bobby Blake first step for him

Solid Waste Management: Bobby Blake, James Firth, and Spencer Trennert

Chlorine Handling: Bobby Blake

10.4 Research License information

10.5 Lottery Application for Chase the Ace:

Clr. S. Daley left declared conflict of interest, as she sits on this committee and left the Council Chambers.

**Motion to except the application for Chase the Ace**

**Made by: Clr. L. Firth**

**RCM # 019/24**

**Second by: Deputy Mayor J. Blake**

**Carried**

Clr. S. Daley returned the Council Chambers.

11. Concerns from Council Members:

Mayor Blake reported that the Airport Emergency Exercise went well and that we are just waiting for the report.

Council was concerned about the snow build up in the Community and asked for notice to be sent to Infrastructure and Housing to help with the snow removal of there buildings and the community.

Staff should prepare Development Permits for GTC Housing

The fire Department must remove the Ambulance markings off their pickup truck. This is in the SAO report.

There is a blind stop by William Koe's House. Traffic signs need to be considered.

12. In Camera:

**Motion to in Camera at 8:36 P.M**

**To Discuss Staff Wages**

**Made by: Deputy J. Blake**

**RCM# 020 /24**

**Second by: Clr. S. Snowshoe**

**Carried**

**Motion to come out of Camera at 8:50P.M**

**Made by: Clr. S. Daley**

**RCM # 021 /24**

**Second by: Clr. R. McDonald**

**Carried**

13. Adjournment:

**Motion to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting of February 13, 2024, at 8:55 P.M**


**Made by: Deputy Mayor J. Blake**

**RCM # 022 /24**

**Carried**

These Minutes Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2024



  
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Mayor Rebecca Blake

  
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SAO Terry Testart