



Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2024
Council Chamber 6:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Mayor Rebecca Blake
Councillor Sierra Daley
Councillor Priscilla (on phone)
Councillor Ruby McDonald (on phone)
Councillor Delores Vittrekwa

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Joyce Blake
Councillor Stanley Snowshoe
Councillor Lawrence Firth

STAFF: Terry Testart
John Peterson
Dawn Alexie

PUBLIC: Willy Blake

1. Opening Prayer

- 1.1 Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M.
- 1.2 Mayor Blake commenced the meeting with a Serenity Prayer

2. Conflict of Interest: Nil

3. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt agenda as presented.

Made by: Clr. D. Vittrekwa
RCM # 022/24

Second by: Clr. S. Daley
Carried

4. Delegation: Nil

5. Adoption of Minutes from February 13, 2024

Motion to adopt the minutes from February 13, 2024

Made by: Clr. D. Vittrekwa
RCM # 023 /24

Second by: Clr. P. Itsi
Carried

6. Matters and arising from Minutes/committee report:

The SAO gave an option to Council that they had the option to not fill the vacancy on Council and leave the seat vacant for the year, have a by-election, or appoint a councillor. Council could, for a variety of reasons, ask the Minister to reduce the size of Council, to commence the next calendar year.

After deliberation, Mayor Blake asked the SAO to draft a calendar showing the dates required to hold a by-election. All agreed.

7. Financial Matters:

7.1 Proposal for banking services-Royal Bank of Canada *(RBC)/Canadian Imperial Bank of Canada (CIBC)/First Nations of Canada (FNBC).

- Hamlet received three proposals for banking services.
- the Director of Finance gave his experience in banking with CIBC.
- the SAO/Director of Finance suggested if Council change banks, that the process should take between 3-6 months to complete the transfer.
- the CIBC rate of return for investment was a full .06% better than the RBC.
- both the RBC and the CIBC provide similar equivalent services, including the ability to finance larger projects.
- the SAO explained that the FNBC had only submitted their proposal minutes before the meeting so there had been no time to fully analyze their proposal but their interest rate on investments was much lower than either the RBC or CIBC.
- the RBC agreement has expired so if there is a change to be made, this will be the appropriate time to make the change.

Motion to transfer the Hamlet's Banking requirements to the Canadian Bank of Commerce from the Royal Bank of Canada. Administration is to complete the change as quickly as possible and open operating accounts, capital investment accounts, gas tax accounts, investment accounts and credit card accounts, as required.

**Made by: Clr. R. McDonald
RCM # 024 /24**

**Second by: Clr. D. Vittrekwa
Carried**

7.2 Wages, all staff Review & Recommendations

- Reviewed the NWTAC wages survey. Only thirteen members responded.
- Reviewed wages from other Beaufort Delta region communities: Tuk/Aklavik/Tsiigehtchic. Did not compare with Inuvik due to their taxbase status.
- Wage schedule to be presented "in Camera."

7.3 5 Year Capital Plan 2024-29

- Councilor's provided input on desired projects
- The Director of Finance explained funding estimates as they are rough estimates.
- Motion needed to approve the 5-year capital plan projects so staff can start on the financial plan.

Motion to approve the projects for 5 Year Capital Plan

**Made by: Clr. S. Daley
RCM # 025 /24**

**Second by: Clr. P. Itsi
Carried**

8. Bylaws and Policies

8.1 Bylaw 318/24 Council Procedures – Review of highlights/recommended changes.

- 4.11 requires Councillors to submit concerns to SAO before Friday @4 pm
- No Councilors attending by phone allowed during an in-camera session.

8.2 Bylaw 318/24 Council Procedures bylaw- 1st reading

Motion to except the 1st reading of bylaw 318/24

Made by: Clr. S. Daley

Second by: Clr. D. Vittrekwa

RCM # 026/24

Carried

8.3 Bylaw 318/24 Council Procedures bylaw-2nd reading

Motion to except the 2nd reading of Bylaw 318/24

Made by: Clr. D. Vittrekwa

Second by: Clr. S. Daley

RCM # 027 /24

Carried

8.4 The Employment Bylaw, including the wages update, will be tabled at the next meeting.

8.5 Bylaw 319/24 Civic Holiday bylaw -Peel River Jamboree -1st reading

Motion to except the 1st reading of the Civic Holiday for the Peel River Jamboree

Made by: Clr. S. Daley

Second by: Clr. D. Vittrekwa

RCM # 028/24

Carried

8.6 Bylaw 319/24 civic holiday bylaw -peel river jamboree- 2nd reading

Motion to except the 2nd reading of the Civic Holiday for the Peel River Jamboree

Made by: Clr. R. McDonald

Second by: Clr. P. Itsi

RCM # 029 /24

Carried

9. New Business

9.1 Land Application: Willy Henry Firth Lot 1 Plan 33 Plan 3211

-application describes incorrect lot as Lot1, Pplan33. Plan 3211 that is an area rather than an individual lot.

- Mayor suggested to Mr. Blake that he go to the office and work on his application with the SAO.

9.2 GTC Lot 7, block 11, plan 350

- Administration needs more time to review the application.

9.3 GTC Lot 13, block 19 plan 982

Administration needs more time to review the application.

9.4 GTC Lot 3 Block 13 plan 874

- Administration needs more time to review the application.

9.5 GTC Lot 27 Block 19 plan 1985

- Administration needs more time to review the application.

9.6 GTC Lot 17 block 19 plan 982

- Administration needs more time to review the application.

9.7 GTC lot 8 block 11 plan 350

- Administration needs more time to review the application.

9.8 Request for Motor vehicle licensing contract.

- The SAO submitted a contract proposal to renew the contract for providing motor vehicle licensing for the community.
- The SAO reported that although the numbers did not add up for covering the costs for this service, it could benefit the residents of the community to have this local service (registry).
- Mary Leigh Firth could and is willing to be trained to be the Motor Vehicle Registrar for Fort McPherson.

Motion to enter a Contract for the provision of Motor Vehicle Registration with the Government of the NWT Motor Vehicles Division (MVD) for Fort McPherson.

Made by: Clr. P. Itsi
RCM # 030/24

Second by: Clr. S. Daley
Carried

10. Correspondence / Information Items

10.1 Brownlee LLP judgement for the Hamlet Vs Henry Paul Itsi

- o Mr. Itsi bought a truck from the Hamlet and did not pay for it.
- o The council of the day instructed the SAO to move forward to collect the payment.
- o Brownlee LLP requested a judgement on the matter.
- o Council must now seek payment or forgive the debt (\$36,000+).
- o Council instructed the SAO to pursue payment.

10.2 Nehtruh-EBA Consulting study of Terrain and Geohazard Mapping, Slope Stability Review and Evaluation of Stabilization Options Fort Pherson, NT

- o Rat River Development Corporation Ltd hired a consultant to do the subject study in 2019.
- o This study concentrated on the church and the adjacent cemetery but may have identified further areas that need study.
- o The council may need to follow up with a land use plan.
- o Administration will review the study details and report back to Council.

10.3 Letter from the Minister of Justice seeking consultation on NWT Policing priorities.

- o The SAO is to draft a letter to invite the Minister of Justice to invite him to Council to meet and discuss the community concerns regarding the importation of drugs and alcohol into the community and the proposed methods of enhancing RCMP policies and procedures to give them more power of enforcement , as the Fort McPherson Liquor Plebiscite Order is clearly not working.

11 In camera

Motion to be in Camera at 8:36 P.M. to discuss a new wage schedule for Hamlet employees.

Made by: Clr. D. Vittrekwa
RCM # 031 /24

Second by: Clr. S. Daley
Carried

Motion to come out of camera at 9:42 P.M

Made by: Clr. S. Daley
RCM # 032/24

Second by: Clr. D. Vittrekwa
Carried

12 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 P.M.

Made by: Clr. P. Itsi

RCM # 033/24

Second by: Clr. S. Daley


Carried



These minutes are approved as written this 12th day of March 2024.



Mayor Rebecca Blake



SAO Terry Testart