









Town of Fort Smith
Town Council Meeting
Agenda

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

A. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum	
B. Approval of Agenda	
C. Presentations a. RCMP Police Report March 2023	 Fort Smith Policing Report 2023-03.pdf
D. Approval of Council Minutes a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes 03-23 March 21, 2023	 Council Minutes March 21, 2023.pdf
E. Business Arising from the Minutes	
F. Declaration of Financial Interest a. Statement of Disclosure of Interest	 Statement of Disclosure of Interest
G. Council Business	
a. Introduction and Consideration of Standing Committee Reports i. Corporate Services April 4, 2023 ii. Community Services April 11, 2023 iii. Municipal Services April 18, 2023	   Corporate Services Community Services Municipal Services Minutes April 4, 202Minutes April 11, 20Minutes April 11, 20
b. Enactment of Bylaws and Policies i. Bylaw 1046 2023 Mill Rate - 3 rd Reading	
c. Appointments	
d. Mayor and Council/Board Representative	
e. Administration	
H. Proclamations	
I. Absence of Council Members	
J. Date of Next Council Meeting	
K. Adjournment	
L. Question Period	

FORT SMITH
POLICING REPORT
March 2023



Fort Smith RCMP Detachment
G Division
Northwest Territories



The Fort Smith RCMP Detachment responded to a total of 145 calls for service to the Town of Fort Smith during the month of March 2023.

Community Action Plan (C.A.P.) Community Priorities Initiatives:

The current fiscal year priorities Initiatives are identified as:

- 1) Road Safety
- 2) Police / Community Relationships
- 3) Reconciliation & Youth

1) This month the detachment addressed the issue of Road Safety by:

This initiative is enforcement based – focusing on road safety through targeted enforcement activities (checkstops, stopping vehicles leaving licensed establishments, etc.), and also by investigating complaints made by members of the public. Police received 3 reports of possible impaired drivers from members of the public during the month of March. Police were not able to lay charges in any of the 3 impaired driving investigations.

Police conducted 16 targeted enforcement action over the month. Targeted enforcement includes monitoring intersections for violations, conducting radar enforcement in reduced speed zones, and monitoring vehicles leaving local liquor establishments. 105 vehicles were stopped during the month for minor infractions. Several drivers were issued tickets for various offences under the motor vehicle act, in addition several warnings were issued and 3 field sobriety tests were administered and 5 drivers were arrested for driving their vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The Community assisted the priority by: reporting suspected impaired drivers to the RCMP

2) This month the detachment addressed the issue of Police / Community Relationships by:

This initiative is focused on maintaining good communication with our community partners (governments, partner agencies, etc.). This includes attending meetings, the sharing of information, and RCMP involvement in community activities.

- a. Cpl Leduc attended the JBT school to make a brief presentation on police dogs and enter the students in the “Name the Puppy Contest”. Every year, the RCMP holds a contest for the children of Canada to help find names for future police dogs. Lexia Laviolette is the winner of the contest for the Northwest Territories.



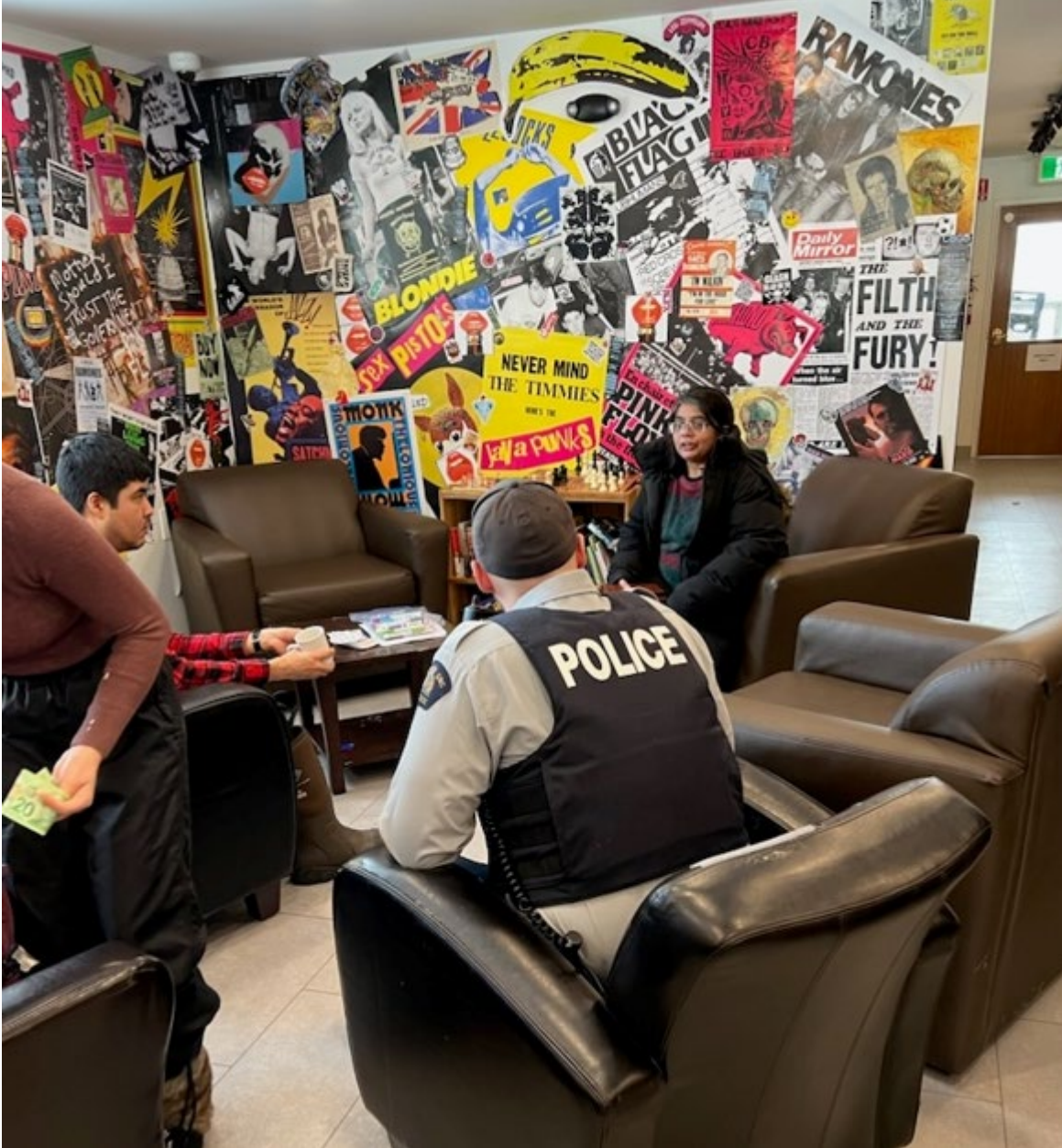
- b. During the month of March, Sgt Cagri Yilmaz, Cst Shawn Gibson and Cst Jason Emmons volunteered as coaches for the Fort Smith soccer, hockey and skating clubs on 9 occasions.
- c. On March 4th, Cst Shawn Gibson and Cpl Stephanie Leduc volunteered at the Thrift Store/Food bank.
- d. On March 4th, Cpl Stephanie Leduc attended a sewing workshop with the Metis Nation.
- e. Between March 6th and 10th, Cst Woodward has volunteered at the animal shelter on 3 occasions.

- f. Between March 9th and March 12th, members participated in various events during the 2023 Frolics.





- g. On March 11th, Cst Jesse Woodward organized a “Coffee with a Cop” event at NSIXTY café. This was an opportunity for members of the public to sit down with RCMP members and discuss about the topic of their choice.



h. On March 26, Cst Jesse Woodward played badminton with youth at the Recretional Center.



i. On March 24th and 30th, Cst Jesse Woodward played curling with youth.

- j. On March 17th, Cpl Stephanie Leduc hosted local parents group at the detachment with their children. The kids had to investigate and determine who stole cookies. After looking at footwear impressions, collecting fur samples and learning about fingerprints the children determined who the thief was.



The Community assisted the priority by: Inviting RCMP to attend meetings and participate in activities

3) This month the detachment addressed the issue of Reconciliation & Youth by:

This initiative is focused on building and strengthening relationships with our Indigenous Communities. This will be done through activities focusing on Reconciliation, and involvement with youth activities. We are actively seeking input from our community partners on how we can better interact with youth, and also what activities we can undertake in the spirit of reconciliation.

- a. Between March 1st and March 6th, Cst Jesse Woodward attended a week long winter camp to learn traditional skills and knowledge from two elders.



- b. In March, Sgt Cagri Yilmaz assisted other community members in setting up the Judge's camp for the fishing derby and spent the weekend fishing. Lots of fish were caught and lots of bannock eaten.



Notable Occurrences for the Month:

- a. The Fort Smith Detachment responded to a total of 5 complaints under the Mental Health Act involving individuals who had threatened harm to themselves and to others. These types of complaints are very time sensitive and require immediate attention as to mitigate the potential harm. It typically results in the RCMP apprehending the individual and escorting them to the hospital for assessment by medical professionals.
- b. There was 3 times more prisoners lodged in Fort Smith cells in March 2023 for a total of 17 compared to the same month last year. This is explained by a crime reduction initiative by checking if chronic offenders are abiding with their court conditions as well as proactively looking for individuals who are the subject of warrants for their arrest.

- c. The Fort Smith RCMP were dispatched to a complaint of an aggravated assault during the month of March. The victim had been medevaced to a hospital in Edmonton and the suspect has been arrested and remanded in custody.

OCCURRENCES	Current Month	Year to Date	Current Month of previous year	Previous Year Total
Assaults (Not including sexual assaults)	19	66	18	197
Sexual Offences	5	6	1	17
Break and Enters (Residence & Business)	3	4	6	32
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	5	1	9
Theft Under \$ 5000.00	4	6	7	68
Theft Over \$ 5000.00	0	0	0	3
Drugs (Possession)	0	0	0	4
Drugs (Trafficking)	0	2	0	10
Liquor Act	2	11	11	126
Unlawful Sale (Bootlegging)	0	0	0	0
Causing a disturbance / Mischief (total)	38	123	21	597
Causing a Disturbance	7	15	5	159
Mischief - damage to property	6	17	0	74
Mischief - obstruct enjoyment	25	91	16	364
Impaired Driving	8	18	5	58
Other Complaints	53	157	37	524
Total Violations	133	398	107	1645
Total Calls for service	145	446	148	2202

JUSTICE REPORTS	Current Month	Year to Date	Current Month of previous year	Previous Year Total
Victim Services Referral - Accepted	4	9	0	16
Victim Services Referral - Declined	15	41	3	83
Victim Services - Proactive Referral	0	0	0	7
Victim Services - Not Available	0	0	0	0
Restorative Justice Referrals	0	0	0	1
Emergency Protection Orders (Detachment Initiated)	0	0	0	5
ODARA Reports	6	21	1	48
Prisoners Held	17	59	6	187
Prisoners Escorted	0	1	1	3
Prisoners Held non-PROS Agency	0	0	0	0
Prisoners Escorted Non-PROS Agency	0	0	0	0
Liquor Destroyed Immediately	2	2	0	5



Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Sgt Cagri Yilmaz

Detachment Commander

Fort Smith RCMP

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**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH
MEETING 03-23
THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR
THE MONTH OF MARCH AND THE
THIRD FOR THE YEAR 2023**

PRESENT: D/M J. MacDonald Cr. D. Fergusson
 Cr. M. Couvrette Cr. D. Korol
 Cr. L. Beaulieu Cr. A. Pischinger
 Cr. L. Tuckey

REGRETS: Mayor F. Daniels Cr. K. Campbell

STAFF: C. White, Senior Administrative Officer
 K. Reid, Executive Secretary

GALLERY: Sgt. Cagri Yilmaz, RCMP
 Dennis Bevington, Stand Alone Energy Ltd.
 Keith Morrison, Delegate
 Craig Browne

Meeting 03-23	7:00 PM
March 21 st , 2023	Town Hall Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

D/M Macdonald called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and confirmed a quorum of Council was present.

He gave condolences to the Dube family and read the acknowledgment of First Nations.

B. PRESENTATIONS

- a. RCMP Police Report February 2023 – The RCMP Police report was reviewed. Sgt. Yilmaz advised that there were five targeted traffic enforcement activities, and sixty vehicles were stopped in February. There were no impaired drivers arrested but eight reports of impaired driving. He added that some members have taken sobriety testing training.

Sgt. Yilmaz reviewed community engagements. He advised that Cst. Woodward has been volunteering at the animal shelter and that the RCMP have attended and volunteered with other events and youth sports groups.

Sgt. Yilmaz advised that there were seven mental health complaints and that eight-times more prisoners lodged in February.

Cr. Couvrette noted that drug trafficking related incidents seem to be increasing in the north but not Fort Smith and asked if the RCMP receive information to counter this. Sgt. Yilmaz advised that they do not and advised that anonymous tips can be submitted. Additionally, he advised that the RCMP would be discussing priorities for the next fiscal year.

D/M Macdonald was pleased to see increased RCMP involvement and thinks their presence is important.

Council thanked Sgt. Yilmaz for the report.

Cr. Beaulieu entered the meeting.



- b. Keith Morrison/Bushman Distillery DPA – Keith Morrison provided Council with more information with respect to his application for a development permit and home occupation business license, and asked Council to reconsider approving his application. He advised that his company would have local manufacturing diversity and his product would have high quality local ingredients. He advised that his distillery would produce 5,000 bottles per year and his intent is not to increase alcohol consumption but to offset southern products. He advised that money for product goes south, and he is hoping to keep money in Fort Smith equivalent to 1% market share.

Mr. Morrison advised that production of his spirits would not result increased product sales/consumption as the liquor store would need to offset his product by removing another. Additionally, he advised that the price for his spirits are top of the market at \$50 vs. \$30 bottles of comparable size. Further, he advised there would be no retail aspect with his business as bottles would be driven to the Hay River warehouse and distributed by the NWT Liquor and Cannabis Commission and that his business would produce 5,000 bottles/5 pallets per year, approximately half a pallet per month. He noted that there would be no heavy equipment used for loading or pick-up from the house and municipal water would be used providing direct revenue to the Town.

Mr. Morrison advised that there would be economic benefits to Fort Smith and that the intent is to purchase locally harvested flavour and botanical products from local contractors at a fixed price per volume. Additionally, he advised that grain and potatoes are used in his product and that he would encourage local farmers to grow/supply the product.

He advised that his operations are more than capable of operating within 30 square meters and that the neighbouring properties are two unused women's correctional buildings. He noted that bars have operated next to people's homes on the main street and that convenience stores are allowed in residential zones that sell cigarettes.

Mr. Morrison noted that not all businesses/services can operate being brick and mortar in a small community but are allowed as home businesses for quality of service. He noted that home occupations are good for seniors to augment their income and for small business start-up without capital until proven cashflow to be approved for a bank loan to purchase. He noted that some of the most successful local contractors started home-based.

Mr. Morrison advised that his business cannot expand beyond production of 5,000 bottles per year due to business size and home capacity. He advised that his business is regulated at territorial, and federal levels and federal licensing is dependent on approval of a municipal business license. Further, he advised that his business would not cause unsightly lands infractions, and that there would be no traffic, retail sales, or signage.

Council thanked Mr. Morrison for his presentation

- c. Stand Alone Energy – Dennis Bevington delegated on behalf of Stand Alone Energy Ltd. regarding being the Town's intervener in the proceedings before the Northern Utilities Board regarding NTPC's application to purchase the Town of Hay River's distribution and diesel assets, and commence provision of retail sales.

Mr. Bevington advised that he participated in one rate application over the last 10-months and seen positive results from the community taking stance to the Public Utility Board about the cost of electricity. He noted that without intervening, there isn't an opportunity to include input in the decision-making process.



Mr. Bevington advised that NTPC is applying to take over the Town of Hay River's distribution centre and wants to increase the economy to scale by adding Hay River's services to reduce cost to the Taltson grid. He advised that the application does not show a reduction in power costs for Fort Smith but shows a 30% decrease for Hay River but noted that the application is a sales document rather than a calculated cost of service analysis. Additionally, he stated that there is no indication that there would be shared services to reduce cost, and that there would be nine positions put in Hay River along with a large capital addition/equipment.

Mr. Bevington suggested questioning this, along with Fort Smith servicing, and what the new relationship would look like and wants to ensure that electrical rates are set correctly for each community. Further, he advised of transmission line losses and that NTPC has combined all line loss expenses for everyone to pay the same, and suggested intervention. He noted that there is a multiple cost of service issues, and it needs to be determined who is paying for what. He noted that the rate application includes a cost of service without advising of the services.

Mr. Bevington advised that Stand Alone Energy would be willing to work as the Town's consultant and suggested establishing a committee to review topics. He advised that they participated in the last rate application process and other intervention invoices were approximately \$60-130k but Stand Alone Energy would invoice approximately \$15k. He advised that the Town would need to put forward a letter to the Public Utilities Board that Stand Alone Energy would be the consultants for the Town by the end of March.

Council thanked Mr. Bevington for the delegation.

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

23-048 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include a Pool Maintenance Shutdown and Liner Replacement Briefing Note, a Water Meter Replacement Project Briefing Note, and Bushman Distilleries Home Occupation Development Permit Application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of Council 02-23 – The minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council were reviewed.

23-049 Moved by: Cr. Couvrette
Seconded by: Cr. Korol

That the minutes of Regular Meeting 02-23 of February 21st, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Special Meeting of Council SP-01-23 – The minutes from the Special Meeting of Council were reviewed.

23-050 Moved by: Cr. Korol
Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson

That the minutes of Special Meeting SP-01-23 of March 7th, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cr. Couvrette suggested in response to the Special Meeting minutes, that Council or the Post-Secondary Education Committee (PSEC) meet with the Aurora College Executive Team to have further dialogue about the Polytechnic. Administration suggested meeting with the Board of Governors as they are the employers who can make changes. Additionally, PSEC could request to meet with the Senior Administration of the College but think the committee should discuss this once formed.

Cr. Korol replied that Mayor and Council is invited to a meet and greet with the Board of Governors on May 3rd.

F. **DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**

- a. Statement of Disclosure of Interest – Cr. Fergusson declared a financial interest with regards to the Frolics donation request.

G. **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

Corporate Services Standing Committee – The Corporate Services minutes were reviewed.

23-051 Moved by: Cr. Korol
Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson

That the Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from March 7th, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022 Fourth Quarter Variance Acceptance

23-052 Moved By: Cr. Korol
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the 2022 Fourth Quarter Variance be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Compactor Purchase – Administration clarified that the extended warranty would be \$25k the first year and \$30k for the second year. She noted that all consumables have been replaced as part of the refurbish. She didn't think extended warranty would be a worthwhile investment in the amount of \$55k in two-years and advised that there is a 60-day warranty for any unexpected issues. Cr. Korol amended her motion to remove the 2-year extended warranty.



23-053 Moved By: Cr. Korol
Seconded By: Cr. Fergusson

That the purchase of the compactor, including delivery and training, be sole sourced from Superior North America for \$375,000; and

That \$100,000 be budgeted toward the tendering of the storage building to be built at the Landfill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Fergusson declared a conflict and left the meeting.
The Frolics Donation

23-054 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That the Town of Fort Smith contribute \$5,000 to The Frolics which includes in-kind expenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Fergusson returned to the meeting.

Thebacha Dog Musher's Association Donation

23-055 Moved By: Cr. Korol
Seconded By: Cr. Beaulieu

That the Town of Fort Smith contribute \$1,000 to the Thebacha Dog Musher's Association to assist with trail grooming expenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Youth CRC Gymnasium Usage

23-056 Moved By: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That the Town of Fort Smith waive drop-in fees for youth in the Community and Recreation Centre gymnasium from 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm on weekday evenings when there isn't scheduled programs or events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services Standing Committee – The Community Services minutes were reviewed.

23-057 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That the Community Services Standing Committee minutes from March 14th, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Branding Refresh Approval

23-058 Moved by: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson

That Council move forward with the Branding Refresh as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



NWTAC AGM Resolutions

23-059 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That the NWTAC AGM Resolutions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Stand Alone Energy/NTPC Intervention – Administration thinks this is a good opportunity to have Council's voice heard and that the Public Utilities Board heard the displeasure expressed resulting from the last rate application. Further, she noted that this would be Stand Alone Energy's second intervention and felt Council should have adequate overview to ensure that funds invested address the needs of the community.

23-060 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That Stand Alone Energy represent the Town of Fort Smith at the Public Utilities Board hearing regarding the disruption and loss of the Northern Utilities Board in Hay River; and

That the cost for representation would be approximately \$15,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NTPC Intervention Ad Hoc Committee

23-061 Moved by: Cr. Korol
Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That Stand Alone Energy represent the Town of Fort Smith at the Public Utilities Board hearing regarding the disruption and loss of the Northern Utilities Board in Hay River; and

That the cost for representation would be approximately \$15,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Post-Secondary Education Committee – Cr. Couvrette, Cr. Campbell and D/M Macdonald expressed interest in sitting on the Ad Hoc Committee. Cr. Fergusson also expressed interest. Cr. Tuckey amended his motion to include Cr. Fergusson. Administration advised if administrative support would be required and if there would be a need for budget. Cr. Couvrette requested the last PSEC terms of reference. D/M Macdonald suggested determining if there is a need for budget at the next meeting.

23-062 Moved by: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That the Post-Secondary Education Committee be reestablished and consist of four Councillors; Cr. Couvrette, Cr. Campbell, D/M Macdonald, and Cr. Fergusson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Services Standing Committee – The Municipal Services minutes were reviewed.

23-063 Moved By: Cr. Korol
Seconded By: Cr. Fergusson

That the Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from March 14th, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Bunker Gear Evergreening

23-064 Moved By: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That an additional \$6,133.67 be allocated to the 2023 Capital Budget for Bunker Gear Evergreening.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DPA-007-23 Don Harney

23-065 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Fergusson

That DPA-007-23, submitted by Don Harney, to operate a home occupation business, Mercury Productions Ltd., from Lot 19, Plan 299, 23 Pigeon Avenue in Fort Smith be approved.

IN FAVOUR – CR. PISCHINGER, CR. BEAULIEU, CR. TUCKEY, CR. KOROL,
CR. FERGUSON

OPPOSED – CR. COUVRETTE

MOTION CARRIED

DPA-008-23 Mildred Martin

23-066 Moved By: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded By: Cr. Couvrette

That DPA-008-23, submitted by Mildred Martin, to operate a home occupation business, Wintergreen Travel, from Lot 632, Plan 319, 193 Wintergreen Street in Fort Smith be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DPA-010-23 Bradley Brake

23-067 Moved By: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded By: Cr. Beaulieu

That DPA-010-23, submitted by Bradley Brake, to operate a home occupation business, Wenoqto'sit Consulting, from Lot 1629, Plan 2895, 10 Wabisca Court in Fort Smith be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Enactment of Bylaws and Policies

2023 Annual Borrowing Bylaw 1044 – Third Reading

23-068 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded by: Cr. Korol

That the 2023 Annual Borrowing Bylaw 1044 be given Third Reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Briefing Note Water Meter Deposit versus Security Deposit – The briefing note was reviewed.

23-069 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That Council amend the Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw to reflect the new security deposit amount; and

That the upcoming review and update of the Water and Sewer Bylaw reflect the implementation of a security deposit and remove the water meter deposit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



The Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw 1045 – Third Reading

23-070 Moved By: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded By: Cr. Korol

That the Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw 1045 be given Third Reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Appointments

d. Mayor and Council/Board Representative Updates

- i. Cr. Tuckey – Cr. Tuckey gave condolences to the Dube family.
- ii. Cr. Korol – Cr. Korol gave condolences to the Dube family and advised that he was valued employee of the Town.

Cr. Korol provided a Collaborative Leadership initiative (CLI) update. She advised that the leadership of the Town of Fort Smith, invited the Collaborative Leadership initiative (CLI), a division of the Centre for indigenous Environmental Resources to Fort Smith in early February. At these meetings, leadership agreed this was an avenue that had potential for the community. The Town of Fort Smith is spear heading this opportunity and is the contact with CIER group. At the request of, and funded by CIER, Deputy Mayor Macdonald and Cr. Korol were invited to attend a CLI symposium Our Shared Future, March 17th, 2023, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The sessions were a gathering of CLI leaders, several councils from rural Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg and Chiefs from several First Nation communities of the province.

Municipal and First Nations elections were held in the past few months, and this was a chance for new members to come to the table for discussions. Welcome remarks were given by the Mayor of Winnipeg, Scott Gillingham, Grand Chief Jerry Daniels and Jim Bear. They reflected on the start of the CLI from the first meeting, October 2017, in Winnipeg and the process they used. Shared interests, discussion of issues, exchanges of ideas in order to make changes happen. This is Reconciliation in action, “the need to find a better way to work together, push the boundaries of the current system, find solutions for issues of common concern, reconciliation means bring respective needs to the table and working together to ensure reconciliation, protection of freshwater resources, waste management, economic development, and good jobs for all.

Municipal and Indigenous governments working together for a shared common goal to improve the landscape, peoples, and environment of their communities.

A recap of the historic first CLI agreement that saw 28 elected leaders of the CLI sign a MOU at the original signing place of Treaty 1 in Lower Fort Garry recognized the political value of First Nations and municipal governments formally agreeing to work together on common goals and interests which reflected the spirit of reconciliation, the re-building of trust between governments and a recommitment to the Treaty relationship. Signatories gifted each other with medals that replicated the original numbered treaty medals that feature a handshake between two parties as a symbol of the true spirit of treaties.



We had a panel presentation of Treaty Land Entitlement by Laren Bill who is the Chair of the Implementation Monitoring Committee and works as an Implementation Advisor to First Nations in Manitoba for TLE committees, Chief Commissioner of the First Nations Tax Commission Manny Jules from Kamloops, and Andre Le Dressay Director of Fiscal Realities, Director of the Tull Centre of Indigenous Economics and a professor at Thompson Rivers University.

Of note was the signing in 2022 of the Gaawijijigemangit agreement between the Treaty One and the City of Winnipeg that saw a municipal development and services agreement for Naawi-Oodena which is Canada's largest urban reserve.

There was a panel discussion on Collaboration - Strong Economies/Strong Communities, The Art of the Possible, and another Session of Toward Watershed Security, a BC Story of Transformation and Collaboration by Oliver Brandes, who founding member and Chair of the National Forum for Leadership on Water (FLOW) and lead an independent expert review of source drinking water protection in BC.

We networked with many people from Manitoba and BC who shared many success stories from their communities. The energy, inspiration and momentum that comes from this group was truly inspiring and are very happy to report about the possibilities that can come from the guidance working with this group and our community leaderships. They will return to Fort Smith May 9 and 10 to assist us in forging relationships for projects that will move Fort Smith forward with reconciliation and economic growth.

- iii. Cr. Fergusson – Cr. Fergusson commended organizations for assisting with the Frolics that made for a successful event and advised this was a community partnership. She noted this was a successful event with a great turn out.

Cr. Fergusson gave condolences to Dube family.

- iv. Cr. Couvrette – Cr. Couvrette gave condolences to everyone who lost loved ones including the Dube family. Cr. Couvrette gave appreciation to Cr. Fergusson for the leadership shown in organizing the Frolics.
- v. Cr. Beaulieu – Cr. Beaulieu gave condolences to the Dube family. She stated that it was an honour to grow up with Noel and that it was a great honour to serve with him on the Canadian Rangers.

Cr. Beaulieu congratulated Cr. Fergusson for a job well done with the Frolics.

- vi. D/M Macdonald – D/M Macdonald expressed thanks to Cr. Fergusson and the community for the level of excitement, participation, and cooperation observed with the Frolics. He advised that he attended most events and stated that it was truly special. He gave kudos for a great job done.

D/M Macdonald thanked Cr. Korol for her CLI update. He advised that the trip to Winnipeg was truly inspiring, and that municipalities reviewed common interests. He advised that it was inspirational to sit through the process and watch how everyone works together, and that the Mayors and Chiefs had never sat together until the start of the CLI process.

D/M Macdonald was optimistic and excited about the opportunity to create collaborative leadership experience in Fort Smith and advised that the first meeting is May 9-10, 2023.



- e. Administration – Administration expressed condolences for the loss of Noel Dube and thanked him for his hard work and advised that he would be missed.

Administration thanked Cr. Fergusson for the Frolics and thinks that volunteer groups are more successful in running community events than the municipal government, and this creates a sense of ownership for the event. Administration advised that she worked the Arena Canteen on the Friday during a hockey tournament over the Frolics and that it was very busy. She continued that the Big Fun Snowboarding was a great event over the Frolics weekend and that Olympian Liam Gill and Mikey Barton from Vancouver attended to help youth during the event. Additionally, Dog Mushing was a huge successful event over the Frolics weekend.

Briefing Note Pool Maintenance Shutdown and Liner Replacement – The briefing note was reviewed. Cr. Fergusson asked if the scheduled liner replacement is happening sooner. Administration replied that a different part of the liner was replaced a few years ago and the condition of the part being replaced now wasn't problematic at the time. She noted other work that was scheduled in the pool included sound dampening but the replaced air handling unit has reduced noise levels.

Cr. Fergusson requested an update on staffing and asked if there is opportunity to cross train staff from other positions as lifeguards. Administration replied that lifeguard training has been offered for free over the past years and that there has been some interest, but some individuals do not have the swimming skills necessary to lifeguard. Further, she noted that there hasn't been much uptake but that some junior lifeguards were hired that are not yet fully certified. Cr. Couvrette felt this is a problem impacting the ability to offer services to residents and asked about fostering a swim club to generate lifeguarding interest in high school/college environment. Administration indicated that swim teams aren't a pathway to being a lifeguard and suggested a junior lifeguard club instead but noted the challenge being missing classes. Additionally, Administration advised that lifeguard positions were posted nationally with the Life Saving Society, and that they were posted in Alberta and the LGANT website and advised that there is a national lifeguard shortage. She noted that it may be challenging for college students coming from communities without pools and that the lifeguard training is extremely challenging. Administration hopes JBT will start offering lessons again. Cr. Korol suggested asking summer students returning to Fort Smith to lifeguard evenings and weekends.

Cr. Tuckey asked if the hot tub and sauna could be fixed during the closure and felt that individuals wouldn't buy memberships if all amenities are not open. Administration replied that the hot tub is fixed, and the new sauna control system would be installed during the closure. She added that the steam room also requires a thorough cleaning before opening as bacteria in the environment can cause respiratory disorders.

23-071 Moved By: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the replacement of the pool beach liner be awarded to Master Pools in the amount of \$83,835, moving this item from the 2025 to 2023 in the Capital Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Briefing Note Pool Water Meter Replacement Project – The briefing note was reviewed. Administration requested that \$600k be allocated to this project to purchase additional meters for replacement and advised that the current budget is \$250k. Additionally, Administration advised that two water sewer system repairs have been identified for this construction season.

Administration advised that the project previously went to tender, and one proponent submitted for \$110k in labour in 2021. Cr. Korol asked if all 400 water meters were purchased at that time. Administration replied that it was thought that 200 meters had been purchased but that 50 meters were purchased and 200 bases. Cr. Korol noted that when the project first commenced the cost of meters were approximately \$488 each. Administration replied that the cost of meters has increased to approximately \$810 per meter plus \$500 installation and there is no cost to the resident for replacement but that any additional plumbing costs would be the resident’s responsibility. Cr. Korol asked if the meter purchase is being sole sourced. Administration replied that Accuflo is the vendor for water meters and the Town is receiving 20% off for the bulk purchase. Additionally, she advised that there are different sized meters that will need to be purchased individually as determined by the contractor for commercial buildings. She noted that the increased project cost is due to needing additional meters and the increased cost per meter. She noted the need to prioritize water and sewer upgrades to determine the economic rate of water.

Cr. Couvrette asked if the additional funds would come from water and sewer allocations. Administration replied that it would be funded by CPI funds. She advised that the federal government may be changing the scope of how these funds are used, and that they would like to use the funds now before this happens. Additionally, she advised that the Town spends a great deal of time looking for external funding to offset costs.

Cr. Korol asked what process is used to track meter deposits and if they are a liability on financial statements. Administration replied that applicable water accounts have deposits recorded how much is in trust. She advised that there are over thirty properties that have never had a meter in Tamarac area and the Town is looking to have meters installed in these properties as part of the project as well. She added that Water Treatment Plant staff were also installing the meters but cannot keep up with capacity.

Council reviewed costs and project cost. Administration advised that the cost for commercial meters and installation of meters to unmetered households is still undetermined as they need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Cr. Couvrette requested amending the motion to approve the project at \$600k. Cr. Fergusson approved the amendment.

Administration advised that the Town would purchase the meters and because they were not purchased with the last contract it resulted in significant changes in cost, and that the project would have significant oversight from Administration and the Director of Municipal Services. She advised that the replacement ranges from replacement of parts to full replacement and new installation.

23-072	Moved By: Cr. Fergusson Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey
	That \$600,000 be budgeted to the Water and Sewer Systems Upgrade Capital Budget for 2023; and
	That NU Mechanical be approved as the sole source contractor to support the completion of the project.
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



DPA-038-22 Keith Morrison – Council was pleased with the presentation and did not see any concerns with the home occupation business.

23-073 Moved By: Cr. Korol

Seconded By: Cr. Fergusson

That DPA-038-22, submitted by Keith Morrison, to operate a home occupation business from

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

23-074 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson

Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That Cr. Beaulieu, Cr. Korol, and Cr. Campbell be excused from the Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting on March 7th, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-075 Moved by: Cr. Korol

Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson

That Mayor Daniels be excused from the Community Services and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings on March 14th, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-076 Moved by: Cr. Korol

Seconded by: Cr. Fergusson

That Mayor Daniels, Cr. Pischinger, and Cr. Campbell be excused from the Regular Meeting of Council 03-23 on March 21st, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting – April 4th, 2023

Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings – April 11th, 2023

Regular Meeting of Council 04-23 (NTPC) – April 18th, 2023

Administration advised if Council would like to start the meeting with NTPC early. D/M Macdonald agreed to start the meeting at 6:00pm and invite Community Leaders to participate.



K. **ADJOURNMENT**

23-075 Moved by: Cr. Fergusson
Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 18th day of April, 2023.

Mayor Fred Daniels

Certified Correct by the
Senior Administrative Officer Cynthia White

L. **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question period was offered in accordance with policy.



Town of Fort Smith
Code of Conduct for Council Members

ATTACHMENT A

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Name of Council Member: _____

Date of Disclosure: _____

Council Meeting or

Committee Name: _____

Meeting Date: _____

Agenda Item: _____

Agenda Item Description: _____

Description of type and nature of Interest (i.e., Interest or Conflict of Interest)

Interest: Personal ☐

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Conflict of Interest: ☐

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Councillor: _____

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Town of Fort Smith
Corporate Services Standing Committee
Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Council Chambers

Chairperson: Cr. Tuckey
Members: Mayor Daniels, Cr. Korol, Cr. Campbell, Cr. Pischinger, Cr. Beaulieu, Cr. Couvrette
Regrets: D/M Macdonald, Cr. Fergusson
Staff Present: Cynthia White, Senior Administrative Officer
Katie Reid, Executive Secretary

Guests: Glenda Simon, NTHSSA Indigenous Patient Advocate
Sujata Ganguli, NTHSSA COO
Jean Soucy, Delegate

1. Call to Order

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

He gave condolences to the Dube family and handed the Chair to Cr. Tuckey.

Cr. Tuckey read the land acknowledgement of First Nations.

2. Delegations

- a. Glenda Simon, NTHSSA Indigenous Patient Advocate – Ms. Simon advised that she is the Indigenous Patient Advocate for the Office of Client Experience. She provided handouts of a power-point presentation the Office of Client Experience. She advised that the Office of Client experience provides Health and Social Services System navigation supports and client advocacy to all residents and guests of the Northwest Territories.

Ms. Simon provided background information about herself and advised that she was born and raised in Fort Smith and has been a nurse for two-years. She advised that the program knows that indigenous peoples face significant health disparities, that cultural safety is key, the colonization and residential school impacts, and that indigenous people know best. She advised that their guiding principles are meeting the needs of indigenous residents, that family is medicine, to minimize the number of times stories are told, recognizes clients and families as partners, and the empowerment of clients and families.

Ms. Simon advised that services offered by the Office of Client Experience include client and family advocacy, culturally safe and equitable care, access to cultural, spiritual and emotional support, connecting family, elders and community organizations, support and solutions for indigenous clients, and system navigation. She advised that the anticipated results for clients and families include increased awareness of client rights and responsibilities, improved client and family experience, culturally safe care experiences for indigenous clients and families, streamlined access to support and services, growth in staff capacity for indigenous client-centered care and perspectives, and increased access to cultural and language supports.

Ms. Simon reviewed the Office of Client Experience structure and staff and advised that there are two system Navigators and four Indigenous Patient Advocators in the NT.

Ms. Simon gave an overview of the Indigenous Patient Advocate Program. She advised that the program is indigenous-focused, led by indigenous staff, meeting the needs of indigenous residents, advocates to provide support in acute care facilities and regions, ensures clients are treated with respect and fairly, provides system navigation, and aims to provide a better experience for all indigenous peoples.

She advised that the anticipated results of the program for the Health and Social Services System are understanding indigenous clients and families, ensuring indigenous residents needs are met, improvements to programs and services, and a shift in systematic approach to safety.

In closing, Ms. Simon advised that when contacting the Office of Client Experience to expect a centralized in-take process and a referral to a Navigator or Indigenous Advocate. She advised that consent must be obtained, and they would discuss appropriate action or desired outcome and co-create solutions and an action plan. She advised that the Office of Client Experience commits to follow-up within 1-10 business days, the patient/client would determine if the complaint was addressed, and that there is an exit survey.

Ms. Simon advised that she has an open-door policy when not in meetings and that she invites anyone to see her whether indigenous or not.

Cr. Korol was thankful for the presentation and was pleased with Ms. Simon in the position. She thanked and welcomed her.

Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Simon for her presentation.

- b. Jean Soucy, Intermodal-Container Appeal – Jean Soucy advised that he received a notification about his sea can being in contravention of the Zoning Bylaw and that he wanted to present ways to address the esthetics to possibly keep it in place. He advised that the sea can is used as a garden shed in his backyard and that it was purchased in 2020 as a less costly solution rather than building in consideration of the increase in lumber prices. Mr. Soucy provided some examples to change the esthetics of the container such as siding and advised that he would do this right away if acceptable by Council.

Cr. Campbell asked if a development permit was obtained to place the container. Mr. Soucy replied there was not but that he would apply for one if approved. Cr. Couvrette asked for the size of the container. Mr. Soucy replied 8ft x 20ft.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Soucy for his presentation.

3. Declaration of Financial Interest

No declarations of financial interest.

4. Review

- a. Agenda –The agenda was reviewed. Cr. Campbell requested adding discussion about childcare at the CRC.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Korol

Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include discussion about childcare at the Community and Recreation Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Minutes – The Corporate Services Standing Committee Minutes of March 7th, 2023, were reviewed and adopted at the Regular Meeting of Council on March 21st, 2023.

- c. Vision and Values – The Vision and Values were reviewed.
- d. Strategic Plan – The Strategic Plan was reviewed.

5. Governance

- a. Infrastructure Renewal – Administration advised that she would give a Capital Plan update at the Municipal Services Standing Committee.
- b. Economic Growth – Administration reminded Council of the South Slave Tourism Development Workshops/Conference upcoming April 20-22nd. She advised that she would present a briefing note at Municipal Services next week with options to promote disposal of Town developed lots as residential properties.
- c. Communication – Cr. Korol advised that the Communications Committee met last week, and discussion included the upcoming Trade Show, Newsletter, Community Engagement, and the South Slave Tourism Development Workshops.
- d. Human Resources – Administration advised that she is reviewing HR policies which may need to be reviewed and updated by an external consultant.
- e. Advocacy for Excellence of Services – Administration advised that the presentation by Ms. Simon, Indigenous Patient Advocate, on behalf of the Office of Client Experience was an example of excellent services in Fort Smith.

Administration advised that the old terms of reference were found for PSEC, and the board may want to call a meeting. Additionally, she advised that Minister Thompson will be in Fort Smith on April 17th and the Mayor is working with the Executive Secretary to schedule a Community Leadership meeting.

6. Director's Report

The Director of Corporate Services gave an update on the Assessment Roll and Mill Rate. He advised that the Mill Rate Bylaw would be brought forward this month and would show how the tax burden is distributed.

The Director advised that MACA reviews assessments yearly based mainly from development permits and a general assessment is performed every 10-years of the entire community. He advised that residents have opportunity after the first revision of the Certified Assessment Roll to appeal their assessment through the Board of Revision. He continued that any adjustments are incorporated into the final, second revision of the Certified Assessment Roll and the assessment values are used to calculate property taxes. Further, he advised that the assessment roll is divided into taxable portions; private, commercial, grantable (GILT, PILT), exempt non-taxable. The Director noted that the assessment value is not the same as market value.

Mayor Daniels asked if the number of developed lands is known. The Director confirmed.

- a. Accounts Paid List – The Accounts Paid List from March 2023 was reviewed. Cr. Campbell noted purchases made outside of the community and felt that businesses could supply the items or they could be tendered locally. Administration replied that a purchasing summary was presented last month with the fourth-quarter variance and that 73% of purchases are made locally. Additionally, she advised that quotes are requested from local vendors and often they don't respond or are not interested.

Cr. Campbell asked why there were two payments for the same amount to AECOM in March. Administration replied that the project is coming to an end and the company is reaching milestones to draw payment.

- b. Correspondence – The Correspondence List from March 2023 was reviewed. Administration advised that most of the list is outgoing correspondence and that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been engaging with Community Leadership and the Territorial Government.
- c. License Report – The License Report from March 2023 was reviewed.

7. Bylaw/Policy Review and Development

Administration advised that there are multiple bylaws being reviewed. Cr. Korol responded that the Bylaw Review Committee met last week and started reviewing the procurement and purchasing policy and HR policies and are looking at Town governance policy and bylaws as well.

8. Administration

- a. Briefing Note CPI Funding 2023-24 – The briefing note was reviewed. Administration advised that CPI funding and Water and Sewer Subsidy funding have not increased. She noted an increase in O&M funding. She noted that funding agreements are require a motion number and the Mayor's signature.

Cr. Couvrette was disappointed that the GNWT has not found means to increase funding to deliver services to constituents in consideration of a 5-7% cost increase for goods and services across the board. He noted that O&M funding increased by approximately 3.3% which is half of inflation and thinks that there is a need for discussion about the funding gap. Cr. Korol suggested this be asked during the meeting with MACA Minister Thompson.

Administration advised that the Legislative Assembly allocated \$5 million across thirty-three communities in the NT in efforts to address the funding gap but they have only addressed part of inflation.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Korol

Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That Council approves the CPI Funding Contribution Agreement with MACA for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$1,446,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Briefing Note O&M Funding 2023-24 – The briefing note was reviewed. Administration advised that there was a \$73k increase to O&M funding as Fort Smith's share of the \$5 million.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Korol

Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That Council approves the Operations and Maintenance Funding Contribution Agreement with MACA for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$2,263,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. Briefing Note W&S Subsidy 2023-24 – The briefing note was reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Korol

Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That Council approves the Water and Sewer Subsidy Funding Contribution Agreement with MACA for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$606,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- d. Briefing Note DPA-012-23 Amy Weber – The briefing note was reviewed. Administration advised that Ms. Weber has applied to operate a cleaning business and no work other than desk operations would occur on premises.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Korol

Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That DPA-012-23, submitted by Amy Weber, to operate a home occupation cleaning business, Queen of Clean – Cleaning Company, from Lot 1381, Plan 1760, 439 Calder Avenue in Fort Smith be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e. Briefing Note DPA-013-23 Nilam Ambawalage – The briefing note was reviewed. Cr. Campbell asked what the business is and if there would be increased traffic. Administration replied that the application is for a catering business and that there should be little traffic but possibly more while events are being catered. She doesn't anticipate increased traffic as the application is for a catering business opposed to a homebased kitchen.

Cr. Pischinger expressed concern regarding the amount of home businesses and felt there is the need to revive downtown for commercial businesses. She asked if the health inspector inspects food businesses operating from residences. Administration confirmed that they are monitored by the Environmental Health Department under legislation. She noted that that Town bylaws could be strengthened to address this such as providing documentation on inspections and food-safe certificates. Additionally, she advised that EDAB is currently reviewing the Business License Bylaw.

Cr. Korol noted that it was on the news that the Environmental Health Office is not publishing recent inspections and the response from the GNWT is that if there are concerns, individuals may call and request the current inspection or put their concerns forward to the Environmental Health Officer. She noted that they haven't been posted for the past year due to being far behind.

Cr. Couvrette advised that he attended EDAB's last meeting and their recommendations respective to the Business License Bylaw were put forward to Administration for review and suggested provision to the bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Korol

Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That DPA-013-23, submitted by Nilam Ambawalage, to operate a home occupation catering business, NWT Hospitality Ltd., from Lot 1644, Plan 2922, 8-24 Woodbison Avenue in Fort Smith be approved.

IN FAVOUR – MAYOR DANIELS, CR. KOROL, CR.

PISCHINGER, CR. COUVRETTE

OPPOSED – CR. CAMPBELL, CR. BEAULIEU

MOTION CARRIED

- f. Briefing Note 23-092 Jean Soucy Sea Can Appeal – The briefing note was reviewed. Cr. Korol advised that Council recently denied a sea can appeal in a residential zone. Administration added that the previous appellant indicated that they would also fix the esthetics of the sea can and that sea cans are not permitted in residential neighbourhoods as per the Zoning Bylaw. She continued, that it was asked by Council how many residences were in violation and that those properties were also addressed including Mr. Soucy's.

Cr. Campbell advised that he wouldn't support approval as the previous applicant was denied. He advised that he feels for him in consideration of lumber prices, but the bylaws are required to be followed.

Mayor Daniels felt that asking individuals to remove sea cans may cause hardship and in consideration of imposing a timeframe for removal and financial constraints. He advised that he would like to review the bylaw to incorporate beautification and esthetics to allow approval for sea can placement in residences.

Cr. Pischinger agreed with Mayor Daniel's comments and advised that she would like to review the bylaw as some are grandfathered and others not. Additionally, she noted that a sea can would have a longer lifespan than a shed.

Administration advised that there are no sea cans grandfathered in residential zones but some in the downtown zones combined as a business/residence, but no longer have business operations. She advised that the Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw are due for renewal as per legislation and the RFP is being developed. She advised that the Town is prioritizing when the RFP goes out in consideration of mandated consultation requirements, as well as other consultations occurring, and not wanting to over-consult the community at once.

Cr. Couvrette advised that sea cans can be purchased already modified to look like a shed and agreed that the bylaw is in need of revision. He suggested consulting the public regarding this at the Trade Show. Administration replied that the bylaw does not allow sea cans and community consultation is mandated as part of the review process. She noted that the bachelor units on Field Street look like sea cans and Housing NWT wants to place more. She suggested the possibility of developing smaller lots and finding creative ways for housing and not just accessory buildings.

Cr. Campbell was pleased with Bylaw Department's efforts in addressing unsightly properties.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Korol

Seconded by: Cr. Pischinger

That Jean Soucy's Zoning Bylaw Appeal of a storage container in Residential Zone, File #23-092, be approved.

IN FAVOUR – CR. PISCHINGER

OPPOSED – MAYOR DANIELS, CR. KOROL, CR. COUVRETTE, CR. CAMPBELL, CR. BEAULIEU

MOTION DEFEATED

9. Other Business

- a. Childcare at the CRC – Cr. Campbell advised that CRC programs were closed due to the Daycare using the space and asked why the space is being used during scheduled programming times. He felt that the Daycare is taking too much time in the gymnasium. Administration replied that the gymnasium was being used for the Afterschool Care Program during spring break and that programs are often cancelled for other programming to occur. She advised that a Circus Camp was run over the past three years during spring break in the gymnasium, and that programming is cancelled for the Laurie Hobart Memorial Volleyball Tournament, figure skating clinics, hockey tournaments, the Seniors 55+ Games, and other special events. Further, she noted that the licensed space for the Afterschool Care Program is the CRC gymnasium and foyer. She noted that the Curling Lounge is being utilized for a kid's camp hosted by the Aurora Research Institute. She noted that when the Seniors Room becomes available it may be able to be used. Additionally, she noted that the programs cancelled were rescheduled to alternative time slots.

Administration advised that she would be meeting with the SSDEC Superintendent of the schools to discuss a better reciprocated joint user agreement between the Town and PWK to run community programming. Mayor Daniels suggested working with Uncle Gabe’s Friendship Centre and request to use their space for programming.

Cr. Tuckey was concerned with childcare services operating from the CRC and suggested dropping these services. Administration replied that families using the Afterschool Care Program would be very negatively impacted and that this program has been offered for many years before the Daycare. She noted that alternative scheduling times are offered when programming is unavailable in the regular timeslot. She suggested hearing from those families impacted first.

Cr. Korol felt this was a communication issue and was not in support of cancelling the Afterschool Care Program. She advised that thirty families would be out of childcare tomorrow and does not think this is reasonable. She suggested working with the Director of Community Services and Program Coordinator to work on scheduling and communications. Cr. Pischinger agreed that this a communication issue and suggested advertising scheduling sooner in consideration of spring break. She felt that the Afterschool Program is an important and valuable program. Cr. Beaulieu agreed with Cr. Korol and Cr. Pischinger. Cr. Beaulieu suggested utilizing other spaces for regular programming and advised that Afterschool Care Program children need a safe place to be taken care of.

Administration thanked Council for their comments and agreed that there is always room for improvement with communications. She noted that there is more flexibility in the summer for Day Camp time when the children can be outside more. She advised that the Afterschool Care Program is a highly subscribed program and hopes that once the Joint User Agreement is discussed there will be more opportunities to run programming with less interference.

10. Excusing of Councillors
RECOMMENDATION
Moved by: Cr. Korol
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell
That D/M Macdonald and Cr. Fergusson be excused from the Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting on April 4th, 2023.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Date of Next Meeting
The next Corporate Services Standing Committee meeting will be on May 2nd, 2023.

12. Adjournment
RECOMMENDATION
Moved by: Cr. Campbell
Seconded by: Cr. Beaulieu
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Town of Fort Smith
Community Services Standing Committee
Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Council Chambers

Chairperson: Cr. Tuckey
Members Present: Mayor Daniels, D/M Macdonald, Cr. Couvrette (Conference Call),
Cr. Pischinger, Cr. Beaulieu
Regrets: Cr. Korol, Cr. Campbell, Cr. Fergusson
Staff Present: Cynthia White, Senior Administrative Officer
Katie Reid, Executive Secretary
Guests:

1. Call to Order

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and gave his condolences to the McSwain and Shott families. He handed the Chair to Cr. Tuckey.

Cr. Tuckey read the acknowledgement of First Nations.

2. Declaration of Financial Interest

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

3. Delegation

- a. FSDEA Town of Fort Smith Representative, Hilary Turko – Hilary Turko, FSDEA Town of Fort Smith Representative, gave an update on what has been discussed in meetings.

Ms. Turko responded to a question from Council about JBT Elementary School Friday STIP days and PWK High School aligning their schedules. She advised that the principal's develop their schedules to work best for them while abiding with the Union and ECE. She noted that they develop their calendars together and the FSDEA reviews the calendars and approves them, but that ultimately the schools determine the days off. She advised that teenagers do better with a later start time at PWK and that they work their schedule around departmental exams. She advised that JBT STIP days allow teachers with more time to prepare, and they work to align their schedule with PWKs schedule.

Ms. Turko advised that there hasn't been a FSDEA meeting since February as there wasn't quorum for the March meeting. She noted that the next meeting is scheduled for April 20th. She noted that they have been discussing reinstating lunch-hours at JBT, and how to accomplish this. She advised that there is a staffing shortage and teachers are required a lunchbreak as per the Union. She continued that they are reviewing what other schools are doing to accomplish this and suggested parent volunteers as a possibility. Additionally, she advised that both schools need to hire several teachers for next year and they have already begun the interview process.

Ms. Turko asked if there were any questions, and she would bring them to the next FSDEA meeting. D/M Macdonald thanked Ms. Turko for attending and asked if there is a timeline being considered to reinstate lunch-hours at JBT. Ms. Turko didn't have a timeline and advised that there are not enough teachers at the school, but it is being reviewed to determine how they can make it work. She advised that Hay River and Yellowknife students stay over lunch hour and Fort Smith is a similar sized school not implementing this.

Cr. Pischinger thanked Ms. Turko for attending. She advised that PWK students stay for lunch and sometimes offer a hot lunch to buy or for free. She advised that the principals can place staff on lunch hour duties by allocating staggered lunches and suggested starting a lunch program at JBT as well.

Cr. Pischinger advised that most or all classes in JBT this year are split grades. She asked why not have dedicated classes for grade levels with the odd split class. She noted that schools in the north are behind grade levels and thinks split classes are harder on the teachers and to keep students at grade level. She asked how student will be kept at grade level if split classes continue. Ms. Turko replied that she would bring this forward to the next meeting and advised this has been a topic of discussion at past meetings. She believes that placement is based on the Principal and Vice Principal review of how well students and teachers work together.

Cr. Pischinger asked in consideration that there hasn't been a FSDEA meeting since February, and as the schools run on a March 31st fiscal year, if the school calendars/assignments have been finalized. Ms. Turko replied that the staffing and calendars have been signed off/approved.

Administration advised that a report was created by the GNWT Director of Finance indicating new SSDEC jobs and thinks there were only two new jobs and other positions were filled to indeterminate. She asked what the long-term plan is to sustain externally funded positions, such as through Jordan's Principle, and how the FSDEA is addressing this with the ECE. Administration thinks it is important to determine a long-term plan to ensure the positions remain in the school system. Ms. Turko advised that she would bring the question to the meeting.

Ms. Turko provided an update on the French Immersion Program. She advised that a parent delegate group presented at the last FSDEA meeting regarding future students and concerns with the enrollment in the program dropping. She advised that they asked questions such as what the program would like next year and, in the future, and that the parent group has been meeting with the Principal as well. Ms. Turko advised that there is currently an intake for Grade 1 French Immersion, and she stated that they hope to see the program continue.

D/M Macdonald advised that he attended a meeting with the Director of the FSDEA and they indicated that there were discussions about the future of the French Immersion program. He asked if there were components of the French Immersion program that were not filled at that time and that are filled now. Ms. Turko replied that she was unsure if the teachers have the program's teaching assignments for next year and that there may be a Grade 1/2/3/4 split again. She advised that it comes down to student enrollment if the program is to be successful. Ms. Turko advised that they would like to build the program by finding additional funding to create more positions and opportunities and that they are working with the Francophone Association to look for additional funding.

Cr. Pischinger advised that she sat on the FSDEA when the French Immersion program started, and that there was input from the Francophone Association and the parents looked for funding from other sources. She felt that the French Immersion program is a great program and hopes it continues.

Cr. Pischinger asked in consideration of classes being assigned, how many split classes there would be in the upcoming school year. Ms. Turko advised that she would follow up with his information.

D/M Macdonald noted declining numbers with the French Immersion program and asked if external factors have been considered such as COVID-19. He asked if there is a strategy to revive the program. Ms. Turko confirmed this and thinks COVID-19 did impact the program. She hopes that with a strong parent group and meetings with new perspectives will increase numbers in the program.

Cr. Tuckey asked if the Cree/Chipewyan programs are experiencing the same decline in enrollment. Ms. Turko advised that she would follow up with more information on this program but thinks cultural programs are doing well and advised that JBT is making good use of the outdoor cultural space. She believes enrollment is steady and the programs are doing great at both schools.

Mayor Daniels asked when hiring teachers if locals are considered first. Ms. Turko confirmed that priority hiring is in place given they pass the interview process.

Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Turko for the delegation.

4. Review

- a. Agenda – The agenda was reviewed. Administration requested adding Canada Day planning, a Mill Rate Briefing Note, and appointment of an EDAB Council Representative to the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: D/M Macdonald

Seconded by: Cr. Beaulieu

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include Canada Day planning, a Mill Rate Briefing Note, and appointment of an EDAB Councillor representative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Minutes – The Community Services Standing Committee Minutes of March 14th, 2023, were reviewed and adopted at the Regular Meeting of Council on March 21st, 2023.
- c. Vision and Values – The Vision and Values were reviewed.
- d. Community Services Master Plan – The Community Services Master Plan was reviewed.
- e. Economic Development Plan – The Economic Development Plan was reviewed.

5. Directors Report

- a. CRC Statistics March 2023 – The CRC Statistics for March 2023 were reviewed. Administration advised that there is steady usage at the CRC. She advised that Curling Rink and Arena ice plants were decommissioned the first week of April and that there was a skating carnival and mixed tournament prior.
- b. Mary Kaeser Library
 - i. Library Statistics March 2023 – The Library statistics for March 2023 were reviewed.

- ii. Library Activity Report March 2023 – The Library Activity Report for March 2023 were reviewed. Administration advised that the library has seen incredible usage in March with over 2,000 visitors. She doesn't think library usage has ever been this high and noted that usage has been steadily increasing since moving the Library to the CRC in November 2022. Additionally, Administration was pleased to see regular youth users of the Library utilizing the gymnasium and being more physically active.

6. Economic Development

- a. Economic Development Report – Administration advised that instead of providing a report the EDO provided information on two big projects.
 - i. Youth Entrepreneurship Showcase – Administration advised that the Mayor was one of the guest speakers for the Youth Entrepreneurship event and advised that each of the Grade 7/8's had to create a product to develop, market, and sell. She noted that this was an incredible opportunity for them to learn entrepreneurship and how to be a businessperson. She noted that most sold out of their products at the showcase event and that they made pocket money and donated portion to either the Food Bank or Animal Society.
 - ii. South Slave Tourism Development Workshops – Administration advised that the Town has partnered with the SRFN, ITI and the Town of Hay River on the South Slave Tourism Development Workshops to bring individuals to the community to help guide potential tourism operators and further promote the tourism industry.

7. Advisory Boards

- a. Economic Development Advisory Board
 - i. EDAB Minutes March 16th, 2023 – The EDAB minutes from March 16th, 2023, were reviewed. Cr. Couvrette advised that he attended the last EDAB meeting and that the board has put forward recommendations regarding the revision of the Business License Bylaw. Administration advised that she has the recommendations and will be reviewing how to incorporate them into the bylaw while ensuring there is no conflict with other legislation before they are brought to the Bylaw Review Committee.

Cr. Couvrette advised that he hasn't officially been appointed to EDAB but has been in discussion with the Cr. Fergusson, EDAB Council Representative, and felt that he would be better to sit as the representative due to conflicting scheduling.

- b. Fort Smith Housing Plan Advisory Board
 - i. Fort Smith Housing Plan Advisory Board Minutes January 18th, 2023 – The Fort Smith Housing Plan Advisory Board minutes from January 18th, 2023, were reviewed. Administration advised that the board would be having another meeting soon. She added that they have released a community survey and are planning consultations at the Trade Show.

Mayor Daniels asked what will be done with the housing strategy once completed. Administration advised that Housing NWT will help prepare the document followed by an action plan to the address housing needs identified.

D/M Macdonald asked for a timeline for completion and noted that the future success and expansion of Fort Smith is impacted by the housing situation. He asked that the strategy be shared with Community Leadership once completed. Administration anticipates a draft document in the fall and completion later this year and doesn't think completion precludes the Town from dealing with housing issues now.

Administration advised the project is funded by Housing NWT and would provide concrete data. She thinks Mayor and Council are already addressing items that would result from the action plan. She continued that the data resulting from the strategy would support funding applications and preparedness.

D/M Macdonald felt the housing situation is time sensitive with summer approaching and in consideration that the board hasn't met since January. Administration will follow up regarding this.

8. Administration

- a. Briefing Note Slave River Paddlefest Donation Request – The briefing note was reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: D/M Macdonald

Seconded by: Cr. Pischinger

That Council approve the South Slave Paddlefest's Donation Request for \$2,500 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Briefing Note Fort Smith Ski Club Donation Request – The briefing note was reviewed. D/M Macdonald was pleased to see community organizations follow the process to ensure they receive funding and for accountability.

Mayor Daniels valued community organizations efforts in bringing people to the community and promoting economic development through their events.

Administration advised that there is a \$1,500 budget for non-profit groups wishing to participate in spring clean-up and that they would be assigned a portion of the community.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: D/M Macdonald

Seconded by: Cr. Pischinger

That Council approve the Fort Smith Ski Club Donation Request for \$5,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. Canada Day Planning – Administration requested direction on the level of planning required for Canada Day and noted that \$7,500 in funding is received from the federal government for the event. She asked if the event should be scaled down or request support from community groups. She noted that \$25-30k was budgeted in the past for Canada Day. She noted that the fist for the fish fry tends to cost approximately \$3,500 and has likely increased and has been challenging to get to Fort Smith from Hay River in past years.

D/M Macdonald suggested reaching out to indigenous governments for their input on Canada Day celebrations. He suggested engaging with Community Leadership at an upcoming meeting to see if there is opportunity to work together. Cr. Pischinger agreed to collaborate with different organizations.

Cr. Couvrette suggested requesting support from groups who receive Town funding for partnership and suggested also contacting the Francophone Association. Mayor Daniels suggested working with Community Leadership to support Aboriginal Day.

Administration will follow up after the Community Leadership meeting. She noted that other countries do not celebrate these days besides Canada and the United States and thinks Canada Day celebrations have decreased in consideration of reconciliation. She added that SRFN is planning a large Treaty Day this year and there may be opportunity to partner.

Cr. Beaulieu advised that in her experience, Canada Day celebration events are for younger generations and Aboriginal Day for adults. Administration replied that SRFN held more youth games at their last event and that the Town could collaborate to assist.

- d. Briefing Note Mill Rate Bylaw – The briefing note was reviewed. Administration advised that Council approved a 2.5% property tax revenue increase to support a \$3.8 million in the approved 2023 Budget. She noted that there wasn't a significant increase in the total assessed value as per the Certified Assessment Roll.

Administration advised that the Mill Rate weighted to increase undeveloped, telecommunications, and institutional properties. She advised that Council may wish to weight properties again to increase the burden on some while reducing the burden on others.

Cr. Couvrette advocated for increasing residential undeveloped properties in consideration of housing issues in Fort Smith and noted that the amount of private land held is substantial and suggested incentivizing landholders to develop or sell.

Cr. Macdonald noted that the proposed rates are slightly under 2.5% and supports comments to encourage landholders to move property to allow for development. Additionally, he suggested increasing the Mill Rate for institutional and telecommunications properties and as a means to address the GNWT funding gap.

Cr. Macdonald asked if the school tax levy at 2.77% is based on annual projections. Administration replied that MACA provides the school tax levy amount.

Administration advised that an underused housing tax could be applied, separate from the Mill Rate, as incentive for government agencies to maintain/utilize vacant housing. D/M Macdonald suggested further discussion and that he doesn't want to negatively impact private citizens.

Administration advised that she would make weighting adjustments to institutional developed and undeveloped, and telecommunications properties.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: D/M Macdonald

Seconded by: Cr. Pischinger

That the 2023 Mill Rate Bylaw be approved pending updating and weighting of Institutional Developed, Institutional Undeveloped, and Telecommunications by Administration and pending review by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e. EDAB Council Representative Appointment – Administration advised that due to conflicting schedules Cr. Fergusson has agreed stepdown as the Councillor representative on EDAB as Cr. Couvrette would like to be considered for the position. She suggested doing a call for interest amongst Council.

Cr. Tuckey did a call for interest for a Councillor to sit as the EDAB representative. Cr. Couvrette advised that he would like to be considered for the position.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: D/M Macdonald

Seconded by: Cr. Pischinger

That Cr. Couvrette replace Cr. Fergusson as the Council Representative on the Economic Development Advisory Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration advised that she has a list of board appointments that she would circulate to Council incase there was interest in switching committees/boards/chairs.

9. Excusing of Councillors

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: D/M Macdonald

Seconded by: Cr. Pischinger

That Cr. Campbell, Cr. Korol, and Cr. Fergusson be excused of the Community Services Standing Committee meeting on April 11th, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Services Standing Committee meeting will be held on May 9th, 2023.

11. Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Pischinger

Seconded by: D/M Macdonald

That the meeting be adjourned at 818 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Town of Fort Smith
Municipal Services Standing Committee
Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, at 8:30 pm.
Town Hall Council Chambers

Chairperson: D/M Macdonald
Members Present: Mayor Daniels, Cr. Fergusson, Cr. Tuckey, Cr. Couvrette
(Conference Call), Cr. Beaulieu, Cr. Pischinger
Regrets: Cr. Korol, Cr. Campbell
Staff Present: Cynthia White, Senior Administrative Officer
Katie Reid, Executive Secretary
Guests:

1. Call to Order

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order at 8:27 pm and handed the Chair to D/M Macdonald.

2. Declaration of Financial Interest

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

3. Review

- a. Agenda – The agenda was reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Pischinger

Seconded by: Cr. Beaulieu

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include discussion about the Old Fire Hall Building, a Briefing Note with strategies to move Town Lots, and NLMCC in-kind support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Minutes – The Municipal Services Standing Committee Minutes of March 14th, 2023, were reviewed and adopted at the Regular Meeting of Council on March 21st, 2023.
- c. Vision and Values – The Vision and Values were reviewed.
- d. 2023 Capital Plan – The 2023 Capital Plan was reviewed.

4. Directors Report

- a. Municipal Services Director Report April 2023 – The Director of Municipal Services' Report from April 2023 was reviewed. Administration advised that the Water Meter Replacement project continues and that approximately 140 meters were installed in March and continue to be installed daily. She anticipates the project will be substantially done by mid-June. Additionally, she advised that three commercial meters were received, one has been installed, and the rest are on backorder.

Administration advised that the Neptune 360 program will allow residents to access water accounts to review usage for improved monitoring and reduced water loss. Additionally, meter readings can be performed remotely which will reduce staff input.

Administration advised that the new compactor has arrived last week and already there is significant changes in the level of refuse at the Landfill. She advised that the Director anticipates \$16-20k worth of work has been performed that would have been paid to a contractor.

Administration advised that Public Works are out with the Hotsy and Vac Truck removing water from the spring melt. She noted they are seeing good results from snow removal efforts and the culvert and ditching projects are improving drainage flow management. Additionally, she advised that the green space used a trial snow dump on Wilderness Road/Calder Avenue is being monitored and they are not seeing excessive water build-up.

Administration advised that the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is still waiting on parts for the Tamarac Lift Station, and it continues to be pumped out regularly to ensure no disruption of services. She noted that they are still waiting for parts for the Primrose Lane lift station as well.

Administration advised that the chlorinator at the WTP was not working properly but is repaired and running normal again. The Water Plant Supervisor attended a water conference in Banff, AB, and he learned valuable information to support the department. Additionally, while at the conference he attended a workshop on variable speed pumps, which are being installed at the WTP, as well as a management and water reporting course.

Administration advised that Facilities Maintenance provided support for multiple events in March. She gave a shout out to the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor for assisting with the skating carnival curtain.

Administration advised that the Arena elevator is repaired and waiting for inspection to reopen. She noted that the ice plant has been decommissioned and the Arena is being prepped for the Trade Show.

Administration advised that the sand for the Pool filters have arrived, and the sand being removed will be mixed with playground sand to reduce compaction. Additionally, the Pool liner would be replaced during the shutdown.

Administration advised that water was leaking into the electrical room while the ice was still in the curling rink. She noted that it is an external issue and there may be an underground conduit.

Cr. Pischinger asked if the NTPC has been engaged regarding damages resulting from power surges including Tamarac Lift Station. She noted that the additional staff time and pump-outs is costly, along with additional wear and tear on equipment. Administration replied that the parts are on backorder and that she has the costs for the damages/repairs to the HVAC system at the CRC. D/M Macdonald suggested proceeding with a letter to NTPC.

Mayor Daniels suggested reusing road gravel for next year. Administration advised that the Multihog would be picking up gravel and Public Works will determine if the mixture is adequate for reuse.

5. Protective Services

- a. Fire Department Statistics March 2023 – The Fire Department Statistics for March 2023 was reviewed.
- b. Ambulance Department Statistics March 2023 – The Ambulance Department Statistics for March 2023 was reviewed. Administration advised that March was a busy month with twice the number of calls as February. She noted that there were eighteen medivacs which can be consuming.
- c. Fire/EMS Training Report March 2023 – The Fire/EMS Training Report for March 2023 was reviewed. Administration advised that the department has internal trainers so that members do not need to be sent out of the community for training initiatives.

- d. Fire/EMS Graphs March 2023 – The Fire/EMS Graphs for March 2023 were reviewed.
- e. Lands Enforcement Report March 2023 – The Lands Enforcement Report for March 2023 was reviewed.
- f. Bylaw Enforcement Report March 2023 – The Bylaw Enforcement Report for March 2023 was reviewed. Administration advised that the Bylaw Officer has been busy enforcing various bylaws.

6. Administration

- a. Old Firehall Building – Administration noted that a quote of \$75k was previously received from a contractor to make the building structurally safe. She asked what action should be taken regarding the old firehall building. D/M Macdonald suggested discussing with the Fort Smith Metis Council regarding their interest with the building. Administration advised that a motion/bylaw would be required to dispose of the property and that action is required as the building is a liability. Mayor Daniels advised that he would bring this forward to Community Leadership.
- b. NLMCC In-kind Support – Mayor Daniels advised that he was asked by the Northern Life Museum and Cultural Centre (NLMCC) Chair for the Town to contribute to the Indigenous Cultural Centre at the NLMCC. He noted that SRFN is contributing lumber and that SLFN and the Fort Smith Metis Council are also contributing. Mayor Daniels advised that he offered staff support.

D/M Macdonald advised that revamping the Indigenous Cultural Centre at the NLMCC was brought forward at the first Community Leadership meeting. He noted that the building would be used as a cultural resource and would be a focal point for the Dene National Assembly in July. Additionally, there are plans to use the building for a ceremony for Treaty 8 and that one of the true copies is being held at the NLMCC. D/M Macdonald indicated that Council had identified the need to be a part of reconciliation process and supports participating in rejuvenating the cultural area for the community.

Administration advised that the process for staff support is handled by Administration as timing and scope must be identified as to not disrupt other services and operations. She advised that if Council has identified an individual for staff support, she would work to have that employee support the project.

Cr. Pischinger would like to support the project by providing staff support and thinks this is a step towards reconciliation.

- c. Briefing Note Westgrove Phase III Land Sales and Pricing – The briefing note was reviewed. Administration provided strategies to encourage the sales of undeveloped lots in the Westgrove Phase III subdivision and to identify other undeveloped and municipally owned lots that Council may wish to develop.

Administration advised that the cost to develop the lots was \$979k and the total sale price is \$1.15 million, resulting in a total revenue of \$170k. She noted that eight lots were sold; five privately and three to Housing NWT.

She provided a few approaches to ensure the lots sell and promote additional residential development; reduce the cost of the lots, introduce a purchase payment plan, tax relief for development, or set the price per square meter. She suggested also considering rules purchases to ensure they are not purchased in bulk, left undeveloped, or resold at a higher cost.

Cr. Couvrette felt that if lot prices were decreased that compensation should be made to the individuals who purchased lots at full price. He advised that he wouldn't support significant price reductions as there is many other undeveloped private lots and would like to find ways to promote development or bring them to the market. He requested information on how many other undeveloped residential lots exist in the community and suggested asking contractors what the current cost is for developing in consideration of future development.

D/M Macdonald thinks this would address a housing need now as the lots are ready to develop and as there are developers in the community that are interested. Further, he noted that the housing issue is hurting the community by losing positions and opportunities.

Cr. Couvrette agreed that the community is impacted economically along with future growth. He requested additional information be brought to the next Municipal Services meeting.

Cr. Pischinger agreed that housing is impacting the community and to move forward with this as developers are interested in serviced lots. Mayor Daniels agreed with the comments and advised that there are numerous institutional houses that can fixed and sold or rented. He added that he would like to write letters to the territorial and federal governments to dispose of the units.

D/M Macdonald suggested Council provide a response prior to next Tuesday's meeting with direction.

7. Excusing of Councillors

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Pischinger

Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That Cr. Campbell, Cr. Korol, and Cr. Fergusson be excused from the Municipal Services Standing Committee meeting on April 11th, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next Municipal Services Standing Committee meeting will be held on May 9th, 2023.

9. Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Cr. Tuckey

Seconded by: Cr. Pischinger

The meeting be adjourned at 9:20 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY