



**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH  
MEETING 01-17  
THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR  
THE MONTH OF JANUARY AND THE  
FIRST FOR THE YEAR 2017**

PRESENT: Mayor L. Napier-Buckley      D/M K. Smith  
            Cr. R. Patel                              Cr. E. Bell  
            Cr. A. Kikoak                          Cr. B. Tuckey  
            Cr. R. Holtorf (Conference Call)

REGRETS: Cr. B. McArthur                      Cr. A. Dumont

STAFF: K. Morrison, Senior Administrative Officer  
          K. Reid, Executive Secretary

GALLERY: Sgt. Ryan Snodgrass, Cpl. Derek Cosenzo

Meeting 01-17  
January 24, 2017

7:00 PM  
Council Chambers

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

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

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

17-001 Moved by: Cr. Patel  
          Seconded by: Cr. Bell

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include discussion on lottery licensing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

RCMP Delegation - Sgt. Snodgrass advised that he is providing a year of training to Cpl. Cosenzo. Sgt. Snodgrass reviewed the December, 2016 Police Report. December was a busier month with 185 calls for service. He also noted that the number of calls has decreased from 2,225 in 2015 to 1,520 calls in 2016. The prisoner count has also decreased in 2016 from 2015.

There will be RCMP presentations on February 1<sup>st</sup> with respect to internet safety and fentanyl awareness at PWK High School. He noted that they will be presenting to the students in school and that there would be evening presentations targeting adults and parents.

April 1<sup>st</sup> is the start to a new fiscal year for the RCMP and a new policing plan will be identified through community consultation. The current priorities include substance abuse, violence, traffic safety and enforcement and building positive partnerships. Sgt. Snodgrass asked Council what priorities they would like for the upcoming fiscal year. He suggested ideas be brought forward at the next regular meeting during his delegation.

Cr. Kikoak asked if the reduced amount of prisoners and calls is a national formula to determine a good year for the RCMP. Sgt. Snodgrass advised there is no national formula and that it is an observation. He noted that headquarters request that the detachment provide statistics.



Cr. Tuckey noted that there were thirty-three motor vehicle thefts in 2016 compared to eleven in 2015. She also noted that there was only one case of drug trafficking in 2016 compared to eleven in 2015. She would like the DARE program implemented back in schools.

Sgt. Snodgrass advised that snowmobiles are also considered motor vehicles and that there was a high number of thefts in December. He noted that keys were left in the stolen vehicles and snowmobiles. He advised that one youth was successfully charged and remanded to Yellowknife until his trial in March. He is hoping that the young offender can be placed in treatment prior to his court date. Sgt. Snodgrass advised that officers make regular visits to the Friendship Centre and Trail Cross to represent positive role models for youth.

Drug trafficking statistics have decreased for 2016 as calls with information are not often received. He noted that drug trafficking will be a priority for the upcoming year. He noted that Cpl. Cosenzo had brought a member from Yellowknife to train in source development and acquiring credible information. Sgt. Snodgrass would like to move forward with the DARE program although he noted that an officer would have to be trained for the program.

D/M Smith noted that Constable Ramsay is being transferred soon and commended his involvement with the community and Minor Hockey.

Cr. Kikoak would like the RCMP to host an education program to let citizens know how helpful it would be to call the command center. She was disappointed to hear that bar servers had a gotten a dead line when trying to call the command center over the past weekend and noted that it might a reflection of why there hasn't been as many calls. Sgt. Snodgrass noted that if there was an issue with the line he would have been made aware to resolve the issue.

He noted that the Supervisor of the command center would be coming to Fort Smith to learn the community landmarks to help when taking calls. He is working out the logistics.

Mayor Napier-Buckley asked if there was a change to legislation with respect to picking-up intoxicated individuals. Sgt. Snodgrass advised that there hasn't been change to legislation although Yellowknife members have been escorting intoxicated individuals to shelters and hospitals to ensure safety.

Sgt. Snodgrass noted that the reduced number in prisoners could be a result of one or two individuals not being in town that are frequently in the cells.

Mayor Napier-Buckley thanked Sgt. Snodgrass and Cpl. Cosenzo. She was appreciative of the partnership between the Town and the RCMP and was pleased with the regular delegations.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

17-002 Moved by: Cr. Kikoak  
Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That the minutes of Regular Meeting 12-16 of December 20, 2016 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



E. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cr. Tuckey asked how Councillors can start getting honourarium deductions for Staff Christmas gifts. Administration would need approval from Councillors and dialogue led by Council. Mayor Napier-Buckley requested dialogue occur at the February 7<sup>th</sup> Corporate Services meeting.

Cr. Patel noted that the Animal Society is holding their AGM on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Thebacha Business Development Services. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she would attend the AGM.

F. **DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**

Cr. Kikoak declared a financial interest with respect to the Accounts Paid Part II.

G. **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

Corporate Services Standing Committee

17-003 Moved By: D/M Smith  
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the attached Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from January 10, 2017, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts Paid Part I – Cr. Patel asked if cheque 32259 to outcrop was for upgrades to the website. Administration confirmed this. Cr. Kikoak asked why the Town is paying Thebacha Business Development Services for Dave's Home Repair contract. Administration advised that Dave's Home repair had a loan agreement with TBDS for the Boardwalk Repair work and an agreement was made to ensure they were paid first.

17-004 Moved By: Cr. Bell  
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That the Accounts Paid List Part I for the period ending December 31, 2016, totaling \$420,944.60 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts Paid Part II

17-005 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey  
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That the Accounts Paid List Part II for the period ending December 31, 2016, totaling \$2,365.40 be approved.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. HOLTORF, CR. BELL, D/M SMITH, CR. PATEL

ABSTAINED – CR. KIKOAK

CARRIED



#### Bylaw 969 & Bylaw 971 Land Acquisition Bylaws

17-006 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey  
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That Bylaw 969 Land Acquisition of Lot 1822, Plan 4389, in Fort Smith, and Bylaw 971 Land Acquisition of Lot 1821, Plan 4389, in Fort Smith be forwarded to the Council Meeting of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for First and Second Reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Bylaw 970 The 2017 Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw

17-007 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey  
Seconded By: D/M Smith

That Bylaw 970, The 2017 Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw, be forwarded to the Council Meeting of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for First and Second Reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### DPA-046-16 Pierre Chaillon

17-008 Moved By: Cr. Kikoak  
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That DPA-046-16, submitted by Pierre Chaillon, to operate a home occupation photography and video services business from Lot 1117, Plan 1764, 8 Dickens Street in Fort Smith be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services Standing Committee – D/M Smith requested an update on the Curling Club. Administration advised that Facilities Maintenance had determined that two staff would be required to make ice, one day per week, totaling approximately \$12,000 for the season. Administration hasn't been updated on the dialogue between the Curling Club and Day Care Society. Cr. Tuckey has been approached by Curling Club members and they are very opposed to the idea of sharing the lounge with the Day Care Society and comments were made about the ice maker not retiring. She has heard positive feedback from community members not associated with the Curling Club. Cr. Patel has also heard negative comments and asked what the contribution amount was, made by the Curling Club, for the space when the Recreation Centre was constructed. Administration advised that if an agreement isn't met between the organizations he will bring forward a briefing note for Council's decision.

17-009 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey  
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That the attached Community Services Standing Committee minutes from January 17, 2017, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wood Buffalo Frolics Half-Day Civic Holiday – Cr. Patel advised that there is a Frolics organizing meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> in the Senior's Room. She felt that it is important for Council to be involved. Administration advised that Cr. Dumont is involved with the Frolics. Cr. Bell noted that she also offered to volunteer.

17-010 Moved By: Cr. Bell  
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the afternoon of March 10, 2017 be declared a half-day civic holiday in conjunction with the Wood Buffalo Frolics activities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



### Fort Smith Ski Club Funding Support Request

17-011 Moved By: Cr. Patel  
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Council approves the funding support for the Fort Smith Ski Club drawing \$2,500 from the 2017 Donations Budget and \$2,500 from the 2018 Donations Budget.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. HOLTORF, CR. BELL, CR. PATEL, CR. KIKOAK  
ABSTAINED – D/M SMITH  
CARRIED

Snow & Ice Event Donation Request – Cr. Bell supports a monetary donation as she felt that the event is an economic driver for the community. She suggested that the \$750 be contributed annually upon the receipt of their financial records. Cr. Tuckey likes the idea of contributing the funding for advertising. D/M Smith noted that the event drew multiple people to the community last year and that they are trying to establish an annual event. Cr. Patel felt that \$750 is a large donation and that there may be other worthy organizations. Administration is in favour of the contribution as the event is an economic driver during the off-season. He noted that the Town contributes \$2500 to Paddlefest annually as a line item. Administration noted Council had thought of engaging the group to educate about winter motor sports. Cr. Kikoak asked if money was ever donated to the Dene Games at the Frolics. Cr. Holtorf would like an events policy in place for donating. Mayor Napier-Buckley requested community events donations be reviewed at Corporate Services on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Cr. Kikoak would like promotion of the Snow & Ice Event at the Frolics.

17-012 Moved By: Cr. Bell  
Seconded By: D/M Smith

That Council approves the in-kind donation request of ambulance services totaling \$740; and

That Council approves advertising in the amount of \$750 for the Snow & Ice Event on February 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NWTAC AGM – Cr. Bell is interested in going. D/M Smith is concerned with the cost of sending four Councillors to Inuvik for the AGM. Cr. Patel agreed and suggested that Council go prepared with resolutions to lobby. D/M Smith noted that the NWTAC is heavily represented by the Sahtu Region. Additionally, he noted that there is a long list of standing resolutions although the Town has been successful in bringing resolutions forward in the past. D/M Smith felt that the Town may be more successful with a unified stance with other Mayors from the region. Administration advised that NWTAC does a better job at representing communities with a population below 500 than larger communities. He noted that the NWTAC was responsible for negotiating the funding formula which benefits smaller communities with larger pots of money at the detriment of larger communities.

17-013 Moved By: Cr. Bell  
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That Mayor Napier-Buckley and three Councillors attend the NWTAC AGM on May 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Municipal Services Standing Committee**

17-014 Moved By: D/M Smith  
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That the attached Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from January 17, 2017, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b. Enactment of Bylaws:**

Briefing Note RAB Recommendation of Rental Fees – Administration advised that there is a recommendation from RAB that the mezzanine be included in tournament arena rental rates at no extra cost. He noted that the Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw specifies specific rates for youth and adult tournaments. Administration advised that approving their recommendation will relieve pressure from the donations budget. Cr. Patel asked if there are any additional costs to the Town for clean-up. Administration advised that it is dependent on the schedule of the tournament and noted that the Town is in the process of switching to locking doors for less burden on staff. Mayor Napier-Buckley asked how music festivals would be billed. Administration advised that it is often given as a donation in partnering for a community event or billed at an adult party rental rate. Cr. Kikoak asked if there are additional insurance costs when serving alcohol. Administration advised that the tenant is required to provide insurance for incidents that may occur. Cr. Holtorf asked if there is a contract to sign when using the facility. Administration confirmed this and advised subletting without permission is against policy.

17-015 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey  
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That arena mezzanine rental fees be included for youth and adult tournaments as recommended by RAB.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Lottery License Bylaw – Administration advised that the Bylaw Review Committee met on January 20<sup>th</sup> to review the Lottery License Bylaw to accommodate Chase the Ace. The advice from the committee was to leave the bylaw as is until it can be reviewed in depth, and that the Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw be modified to accommodate the game. He noted that the current Lottery License Bylaw is dated and not reflective of current legislation. Administration advised that most lotteries have fixed prize amounts. However, Chase the Ace is an accumulating jackpot without a fixed prize or end date. He noted that this is an issue with the current fee structure as the lottery license fee is calculated by a percentage of the prize value. The other issue with an accumulating jackpot, with no end date, is that legislation limits a six-month license period. He noted that the Lottery License Bylaw would require to be changed to accommodate releasing the jackpot at the end of the six-month license period. Administration will also be reviewing Yellowknife's Lottery License Bylaw. He noted that the current bylaw is difficult to enforce. He noted that it is not possible to accommodate Chase the Ace to follow legislation without adjusting the bylaw. Administration advised that the Royal Canadian Legion currently does an accumulating lottery, which is treated as a raffle, and in violation of the bylaw. He noted that when changes are made to the bylaw minimal impact will be on the Legion. D/M Smith doesn't think the Town can enforce the bylaw and legislation independently. Administration advised that MACA does not actively regulate lottery legislation. D/M Smith noted that MACA administers lottery licenses for communities without a lottery bylaw. Administration felt that the bylaw would be worth revising as lottery is a source revenue generation.



Bylaw 970 The 2017 Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw First Reading

17-016 Moved By: Cr. Bell

Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Bylaw 970 The 2017 Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw be introduced and given First Reading as amended by motion 17-015.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, in the Northwest Territories, deems it to be expedient and wishes to both consolidate and update the various fees and charges collected by the Town of Fort Smith;

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

1. That this Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw**”.
2. The Council of the Town of Fort Smith does now set the rates and fees for services described in the schedules attached to this by-law as Schedules A to K.
3. That Schedules “A” to “K” attached hereto form part of this bylaw.
4. Repeal:  
That Bylaw 964 with Schedules “A” to “L” is hereby repealed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 970 The 2017 Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw Second Reading – Administration asked if Council would be willing to have a Special Meeting to pass Third Reading of the 2017 Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw. D/M Smith requested that Bylaws 969 & 971 be given Third Reading at the Special Meeting as well. Council agreed to have a Special Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

17-017 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey

Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That Bylaw 970 The 2017 Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw be given Second Reading by title only as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Bylaw 969 Land Acquisition of Lot 1822, Plan 4389 First Reading**

17-018 Moved By: Cr. Bell

Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Bylaw 969 Land Acquisition of Lot 1822, Plan 4389, in Fort Smith be introduced and given First Reading.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, in the Northwest Territories, deems it to be in the public interest to acquire the lands described hereunder, and

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

1. THAT the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith is hereby authorized to acquire a freehold interest or fee simple title in the following parcel of land from THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES the whole of Lot 1822 Plan 4389 FORT SMITH FORT SMITH, and as shown outlined in red on the attached sketch in "Schedule A" for certain, in consideration for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00)
2. THAT the Mayor and Senior Administrative Officer of the said Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, or lawful deputy of either of them are hereby authorized in the name and on the behalf of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, to execute all such forms of application, deeds, indentures, and other documents as may be necessary to give effect to this Bylaw and to affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith as the act and deed thereof, subscribing their names in attestation of such execution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 969 Land Acquisition of Lot 1822, Plan 4389 Second Reading**

17-019 Moved By: Cr. Kikoak

Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Bylaw 969 Land Acquisition of Lot 1822, Plan 4389, in Fort Smith be given Second Reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY





**Bylaw 971 Land Acquisition of Lot 1821, Plan 4389 First Reading**

17-020 Moved By: Cr. Kikoak  
Seconded By: D/M Smith

That Bylaw 971 Land Acquisition of Lot 1821, Plan 4389, in Fort Smith be introduced and given First Reading.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, in the Northwest Territories, deems it to be in the public interest to acquire the lands described hereunder, and  
NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Fort Smith, at a duly assembled meeting enacts as follows:

1. THAT the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith is hereby authorized to acquire a freehold interest or fee simple title in the following parcel of land from THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES the whole of Lot 1821 Plan 4389 FORT SMITH FORT SMITH, and as shown outlined in red on the attached sketch in "Schedule A" for certain, in consideration for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00)
2. THAT the Mayor and Senior Administrative Officer of the said Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, or lawful deputy of either of them are hereby authorized in the name and on the behalf of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, to execute all such forms of application, deeds, indentures, and other documents as may be necessary to give effect to this Bylaw and to affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith as the act and deed thereof, subscribing their names in attestation of such execution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 971 Land Acquisition of Lot 1821, Plan 4389 Second Reading**

17-021 Moved By: D/M Smith  
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Bylaw 971 Land Acquisition of Lot 1821, Plan 4389, in Fort Smith be given Second Reading by title only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



c. Appointments:

TTAB Appointment – Administration advised that the Bylaw Review Committee has also been tasked with review of the Advisory Board Bylaw 874 and coinciding policies. He noted that TTAB had presented a discussion paper, which was forwarded to the Bylaw Review Committee, in regards to ex-officio positions on the board. After thoughtful review of the discussion paper, it was determined that if the board was filled with voting, ex-officio positions there would be no room for operators on the board. Also, ex-officio band positions are often not interested in being non-voting members. Increasing voting membership would make meeting quorum requirements more difficult. Administration advised that the direction from the Bylaw Review Committee was not to implement ex-officio positions on the board and that advisory board are to consist of community members to represent and provide advice to the Town. The Committee felt that ex-officio involvement should happen at a government to government level. Administration asked Council if by approving the appointment, are Council approving appointment of Mr. Soochit or the SLFN EDO. D/M Smith doesn't want to be in the position of determining who is ex-officio.

17-022 Moved By: D/M Smith  
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Anand Soochit be appointed to the Tourism and Trade Advisory Board for a period ending December 31, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Mayor and Council

- i. Cr. Tuckey – Cr. Tuckey would like a delegation scheduled with the SSDEC during a Council meeting for formal dialogue regarding Junior Kindergarten. Cr. Tuckey is looking forward to the press release regarding the tax revenue increase and the newsletter from Council.
- ii. Cr. Holtorf – Cr. Holtorf is looking forward to reviewing portions of the 2017 Capital Plan at Corporate Services meetings. Additionally, he commended the Director of Corporate Services on the 20 Year Capital Plan. He requested that the plans be circulated before the meetings. Cr. Holtorf requested that Administration contact ENR in regards to fire abatement work planned for the summer. Cr. Holtorf asked if the Host Society has a reporting schedule and requested they provide an update on financials and progress. D/M Smith advised that the Host Society does have a reporting schedule. Administration advised that there will be briefing note coming forth at Corporate Services with review of the Tax Relief Program for Seniors. He also noted that the intent is to discuss portions of the O&M Budget at each Corporate Services meeting. He noted that the 2017 Capital Plan, 20 Year Capital Plan and Financial Management Bylaw would be brought to Council for review. Administration advised that the Town has requested a meeting between ENR and MACA to be updated on fire initiatives. Administration advised that there is still no AWG agreement between Fort Smith and Hay River. He noted that Hay River still needs to complete an agreement with the Host Society.



- iii. Cr. Bell – Cr. Bell wished Council a Happy New Year. She congratulated the newly elected Metis Council. Cr. Bell commended Chief Martselos for developing her bands lands and for opening a Tim Hortons. Additionally, she thanked the UNW for sponsoring free skating and swimming. Cr. Bell noted that recreation programs in Fort Smith are excellent and affordable, although she would like rates reduced for adults to promote healthy living. Additionally, she would like library funding increased to support additional programming. She looks forward to working with Council in 2017.
- iv. D/M Smith – D/M Smith suggested that the SSDEC and DEA be requested to hold a public meeting in regards to the Junior Kindergarten and the two-million-dollar shortfall. He noted that there are lots of events going on in the community and he has concerns about volunteers burning out prior to the AWGs. D/M Smith recommended Fort Smith increase publicity of its recreation facilities. He is also looking forward to Timbits Hockey. D/M Smith congratulated Olivia Villebrun on her appointment as the NWT representative for the Daughters of the Vote Conference. He also acknowledged Team Kaeser for Men's Under 21 Curling in Victoria, BC. D/M Smith noted that Administration has created a financial update for the newsletter. D/M Smith provided an AWGs Update. He noted that the Host Society met over the past weekend and that some sports will be switching communities due to the lack of large gymnasiums. He noted that the cultural programming in Fort Smith will be very strong. He noted that there are concerns around sponsorship and that the Host Society is working to improve this. Additionally, he noted that the draft agreement between the Host Society and the Town of Hay River requires quarterly reporting, although noted that this could be changed to monthly.
- v. Cr. Patel – Cr. Patel congratulated Team Kaeser and congratulated Calista Burke. She noted that the Hay River arena construction is on schedule. She predicts significant cuts and job losses in the GNWT Budget Address.
- vi. Cr. Kikoak – Cr. Kikoak commended Mayor and Council for researching different agenda items. She also commended Administration for his time in meetings and review of agenda items. She felt that it is important for the Town to meet with other governments on a government to government level.



- vii. Mayor Napier-Buckley – Mayor Napier-Buckley noted that Fort Smith is losing an RCMP member this week, although two new members will be transferred to Fort Smith in February. Mayor Napier-Buckley congratulated Team Kaeser on their curling accomplishments. She was also pleased to see the number of skiing officials that were trained for the AWGs. Mayor Napier-Buckley requested Council’s presence at the Federal Infrastructure Announcement at the Recreation Centre on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Napier-Buckley thanked Lana McNeill for her long service with the Town. Additionally, she thanked D/M Smith for his report on the AWGs and advised that she has met with Mayor Mapes in Hay River regarding the agreement between Fort Smith and Hay River. Mayor Napier-Buckley noted that 2017 is Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday and requested that ABC be requested to determine how to implement recommendations from TRC. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she had travelled Hay River on January 20<sup>th</sup> for meetings regarding coordinating regional events and partnering communities. Mayor Napier-Buckley has had conversations with MACA in regards to fire smarting Commissioner’s lands and they have advised that the Lands Department needs to be included in discussions.

#### H. ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Napier-Buckley requested that Councillors advise of their absence prior to meetings to be excused.

17-023 Moved By: Cr. Bell  
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That Cr. Holtorf be excused from the Community Services and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings on January 17, 2017.

IN FAVOUR – CR. TUCKEY, CR. BELL, D/M SMITH, CR. PATEL, CR. KIKOAK  
ABSTAINED – CR. HOLTORF  
CARRIED

17-024 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey  
Seconded By: Cr. Patel

That Cr. McArthur and Cr. Dumont be excused from the Regular Meeting of Council on January 24, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### I. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting of Council – January 27, 2017  
Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting – February 7, 2017  
Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings – February 14, 2017  
Council Meeting 02-17– February 21, 2017



J. **ADJOURNMENT**

17-025 Moved By: Cr. Patel  
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017.

  
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Mayor Lynn Napier-Buckley

  
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Certified Correct by the  
Senior Administrative Officer Keith Morrison

K. **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question period was offered in accordance with policy.