



**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH
MEETING 05-18
THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR
THE MONTH OF MAY AND THE
FIFTH FOR THE YEAR 2018**

PRESENT: Mayor L. Napier-Buckley D/M K. Smith
 Cr. B. McArthur Cr. A. Kikoak
 Cr. A. Dumont Cr. E. Bell
 Cr. R. Holtorf Cr. B. Tuckey

REGRETS: Cr. Patel

STAFF: L. Pierrot, Executive Secretary

GALLERY: Sergeant Gilbert, Matthew Fraser

Meeting 05-18
May 15, 2018

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

18-107 Moved by: Cr. Dumont
 Seconded by: Cr. Tuckey

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. PRESENTATIONS

a. RCMP Delegation

- i. Police Report – The RCMP Police Report for April 2018 was reviewed. Sgt. Gilbert advised that there are statistics that are not reflected in the report but is important to highlight. He indicated that as a result of 14 curfew checks, one youth has been sent to the Remand Centre. He added that since then he has gone to court and has been released back into the community. He highlighted that all, but one of the four youth are back in the community. There were a couple of mischiefs with vehicles being stolen on the night of Monday May 14, 2018. One of the youth has been released for compassionate reasons. He added that two of the youth have been doing very well since being released; going to school, reporting with probations and abiding by their conditions. The other two are the ones that are causing trouble and will be continuing with completing curfew checks. He advised that the RCMP is expecting more calls with the release of the youth.

Sgt. Gilbert indicated that the RCMP did receive some serious calls in May. He advised that they are also short staffed and are down to four members. One of the members is injured and is expected back to work in June. One member is on maternity leave. The only trained breath technician is also leaving the community being transferred this summer. With his departure Sgt. Gilbert was required to send out one member for breath technician training putting the detachment down to four members on duty. With the shortage of staff, they are feeling the pressure at the detachment, but he is hopeful the summer will play out well with the moving of staff. There are plans to obtain two members



and hopes that will be done throughout the summer and will have a full staff by the end of the summer.

Sgt. Gilbert advised that the Citizens on Patrol program is off to a great start and he has been working with Cr. Bell. The program is also in partnership with the Fort Smith Metis Council and the contact person is Alan Heron. Mr. Heron is in the process of meeting with the Chief of the Smith's Landing First Nations to get their involvement and support for the program. He was concerned with obtaining an executive for the COP program but advised that he received many interests for the program at the Thebacha Trade Show increasing his confidence in obtaining an executive. He advised that moving forward the press release would be submitted to the media and he will contact each volunteer to have their clearances completed. He met with the National President for the Citizens on Patrol Program who is also the President of the Alberta Chapter and is encouraging the program. He now has access to the secure site and can obtain information on the bylaws and hopes that the progress of the program will move swiftly once there is an executive in place. The goal is still to have it up and running by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Sgt. Gilbert indicated that the only other initiative that he is working on is with the Fort Smith Metis Council's Wellness Coordinator. He has received approval from the Department of Justice to provide trauma and addictions training in Fort Smith with the condition to obtain community partners. The Fort Smith Metis have been supporting him and offered to provide the space for the course. He attended the Trauma and Addictions training in Yellowknife. The training is aimed towards services providers and is a college level course provided by the Justice Institute of British Columbia. He thinks it would be beneficial to many service providers and will be having the members of the RCMP participate in the training. Cr. Tuckey thinks that the program would be beneficial to the high school as they have a counselor and offer many services. She requested that Sgt. Gilbert approach the school as it may interest them to provide this training to the students.

Cr. Tuckey advised that concerns with the Youth Criminal Justice Act have been previously discussed. The young offenders act is broken, it allows youth criminals to feel like they are right and victims to be continually victimized. She highlighted that Council needs to lobby for the revision of the act. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the Youth Criminal Act is extremely frustrating. The crown is doing everything that they can to keep the youth in the facilities and not be released back to the community. He highlighted that the Youth Criminal Act is a Federal Act and in Section 31 of the act states that if a youth does go to jail and that if there is a responsible adult that can take them and control them then the justice system is required to release them. The issue that the Crown keeps bringing up is that the youth keep getting released to the same adult who have demonstrated that they can't control them. He advised that they are doing everything they can under their ability to do so such as completing curfew checks. He added that the RCMP has no influence in the justice system. The Youth Criminal Justice Act fails in a way because it was designed to protect youth who make a mistake and they don't want that mistake to negatively impact the rest of their life. It was not designed for youth who are constantly committing crime. The major issue with the act is that it is a federal act but falls on provinces and territories to implement. Social services are also having trouble with getting youth into programs as there are no youth programs in the NWT. They have to be sent south and wait years to be accepted into the programs and youth are committing more crime waiting. Cr. Tuckey indicated that the issue sounds like a territorial problem if the territories aren't the ones offering any rehabilitative services in any way.



Cr. Tuckey was concerned with the recent motor vehicle accident. He indicated that when the people that notified emergency services they were told that the accident was closer to Hay River when in fact it was significantly longer. The people that did call the Fort Smith emergency services were told that Hay River will handle it. That meant that significant amounts of time for the victims to sit in the cold and for the people that were there waited longer help to arrive. It was really disappointing to hear. There were young people involved, there was young people responding. The only thing that she could reflect upon is that perhaps if there was a 911 service they would have known which town is closer to the accident. He added that incidents like this don't happen enough but that it shouldn't happen that people are waiting an extra hour for help. She would like the concern to be addressed in some form. She was heartbroken to think about the further negative consequences by waiting. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the Fort Smith RCMP jurisdiction covers up to the junction between Hay River and Fort Smith. He was advised that the accident happened 72 km from Hay River which is 12 km into the Fort Smith jurisdiction which would be closer to Hay River. When they arrived on the scene the accident was actually 112km from Fort Smith. He was told that fire and rescue were on route from Hay River. He advised that when the call did come into the police detachment in Fort Smith they did respond but he couldn't speak on fire and rescue efforts.

Cr. Holtorf commended Sgt. Gilbert. He indicated that he has received some concerns regarding the questions that are asked when residents are calling the emergency police line. He suggested that information be provided to the public regarding the questions that they are expected to answer when calling the police emergency phone after hours. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the information has been provided in the past to the public. He indicated that the main reasoning for the questions is for the safety and preparation of the police officers that are responding to the calls. He added that the questions are also beneficial if charges are laid as they are recorded. Mayor Napier-Buckley noted that there were magnets provided in the past to the public explaining what questions residents will be expected to answer when making emergency calls and suggested providing informative material such as the magnets.

D/M Smith recognized that the RCMP department is short staffed and appreciated Sgt. Gilbert's attendance. He indicated that Parks Canada is replacing the repeater station about 100 km out of town. He indicated that there were suggestions to install cell services which could extend cell range from Fort Smith substantially. He highlighted that with the tragic events that occurred over the weekend, if there was cell service closer, that could have reduced the response time. He suggested working with Parks Canada and that maybe there is an opportunity with Bell to add cell service out to Angus Tower that may reduce emergency response times.

D/M Smith brought attention to the police report and highlighted that the Trail Cross Group Home had a substantial number of calls and asked if there is something that the community can do to help in an effective way so that they are quiet at night. He noted that there were on the land programs that were offered to youth and asked if reviving those programs will help.

D/M Smith indicated that there was a firearm that was found outside of PWK High School during the AWG, and he understands that the school has not informed students or parents on the incident. He asked Sgt. Gilbert for his insight on how the Town could deal with the issue from a community wellness perspective. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the firearm was stolen from a vehicle at Grand Detour and was left where it was found during AWG. He advised that one youth was charged for pointing that firearm at another youth. He doesn't know why the gun was left near the school but is finding that these youth are breaking in to places and stealing things and will leave it somewhere and police will find it later. He was concerned knowing that the



gun was in the youth's possession and relieved when it was found. He noted that there was also concerns that the firearm was found near the school and have taken proactive measures to have his staffed trained in a school emergency. He advised that he is also working with both schools and has access to learn the layout of the schools in case of emergency. D/M Smith appreciates the effort of the RCMP and is comforted with the proactive measures taken to prevent those tragic events. He recognized that as a community those discussions and emergency measures have not been discussed and asked Sgt. Gilbert for his perspective on what the Town can do to help in that way. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the United States has a program called 'if you see it, report it' and would like to build that kind of relationship with students. He noted that building that relationship could prevent tragedies and he is working to build that relationship with the schools and the students. He suggested that could be an opportunity for the community to address in that perspective. He is also working with the school on some bullying issues and hopes to prevent any further escalation of the situation by the students.

Cr. Kikoak asked Sgt. Gilbert what his disappointments with the limitations of the Youth Criminal Act are. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the issues with the Youth Criminal Act limits youth to be dealt with and is aimed for rehabilitation. He advised that without the youth wanting to rehabilitate they are in a cycle that is causing them to accrue many charges and will be released back into the community to commit the same crime again. He doesn't see the benefit to the youth or the victims. He thinks that the rehabilitative issue should be identified in the act. He advised that other departments are also frustrated but with no secure facility in the north it makes it difficult to rehabilitate the youth. Cr. Kikoak asked Sgt. Gilbert if he thinks a lobbying force will be a good resource to go after reviewing or changing the act. Sgt. Gilbert highlighted that the Youth Criminal Act is a federal act and that the federal government moves slow and thinks the best way to deal with it is territorial. He thinks that on the land programs are more effective programs and that Trail Cross Group Home is also a good facility but needs to be more secure.

Mayor Napier-Buckley asked Sgt. Gilbert if the courts have tracking capabilities in the NWT. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the technology exists but was unaware of a mechanism in NWT legislation to order it through the courts. Mayor Napier-Buckley asked if the technology exists in the NWT. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the devices would require cell service and that it is possible for it to be used in the North. Mayor Napier-Buckley asked if the tracking devices would be beneficial to policing. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the device could potentially be beneficial, but he couldn't say if the judge would order it. He noted that in Fort Smith there is only one group of six youth that are problematic and with that the community can focus on dealing with the group rather than deal with the youth in a broad sense. He thinks that a facility unique to the north would be beneficial. Mayor Napier-Buckley asked if there is a facility in Yellowknife. Sgt. Gilbert advised that there is a home in Yellowknife that is similar to Trail Cross and there is also a Youth Corrections facility. Cr. Holtorf asked if there are specific judges to the Youth Criminal Court. Sgt. Gilbert advised that in the NWT all territorial judges are youth court judges and are bound by the Youth Criminal Act. Cr. Holtorf asked if recommendations have been identified from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on the youth criminal justice issue. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission provides programs and services to communities if there is a link to residential schools. They have also made those programs and services available to youth. Cr. Kikoak indicated that one of the youth at the Trail Cross Centre broke into some residence recently. Sgt. Gilbert agreed that the Trail Cross Centre is having trouble with some youth that are currently in the home. He advised that they are aware of the situation and are working on resolving the issues.



D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

18-108 Moved by: Cr. Kikoak
Seconded by: Cr. Bell

That the minutes of Regular Meeting 04-18 of April 17, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18-109 Moved by: Cr. Bell
Seconded by: Cr. Kikoak

That the minutes of Special Meeting SP-03-18 of April 24, 2018 be adopted as presented.

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

E. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

D/M Smith advised that Aurora College hasn't formally decided to do anything in particular with the position paper. He wanted to highlight that the Legislative Assembly will be sitting starting on May 24, 2018. The Aurora College program review was supposed to have gone to the Standing Committee on Social Development. He thinks this will be an appropriate time to action the Aurora College position paper given the news release of the University in Yellowknife. He suggested releasing a press release to get out in front of the story. He suggested that since the Legislative Assembly starts sitting on Thursday May 24, 2018, a press release could be sent out on the Tuesday prior to the sitting. He thinks that may be a really positive initiative for Council. Mayor Napier-Buckley thanked D/M Smith and confirmed that the Yellowknife City Council is looking to have a University in Yellowknife and that should be addressed immediately.

Cr. Holtorf highlighted that the news article indicated that a decision will be announced by the City of Yellowknife in two weeks. He noted that the City of Yellowknife is working to form a committee which will include the Mayor, one city councillor, government representative's, independent educational representatives from the University of Alberta and Aurora College, and indigenous leaders. He advised that the Yellowknife City Council has commenced with their plans by working to form a committee. He noted that they intend to have the committee hire a consultant to complete a study on the plausibility of having a University in Yellowknife. He thinks that they have made a strong effort to start this initiative and does not doubt that they will be announcing the building of a University in Yellowknife. He noted that this initiative is possible if it was done by the City of Yellowknife.

Cr. Kikoak asked if Council has any idea of who is the volunteer representative from Aurora College that will be attending the meeting with the City of Yellowknife. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she does not know. Cr. Kikoak asked Council can find out who is the representative from the Aurora College that will be attending the meeting. She thinks we should appeal to them that maybe they shouldn't go because of the state that Aurora College is in right now. She suggested that may be make it apparent that between Aurora College and the GNWT they have created quite a mess and they shouldn't sit down with the City of Yellowknife like they are a bunch of experts. She thinks that they don't have value to talk about education and starting a new university.

Cr. Tuckey noted that potentially, depending on the representative, that the Aurora College could be against the University and realizes that the University will affect them unless they are carrying out the delivery and thinks that finding out who the



representative is will help.

Cr. Holtorf highlighted that at the final paragraph of the article indicates that the City of Yellowknife is exploring at building a University or a post-secondary institution and that they also explore the idea of a private one.

D/M Smith noted that Council can't control what another municipality is doing, and we can't control what other government departments are doing, but we can control what we are doing and if we have the message and have we invested some of our own money into crafting a message then, we need to actually communicate that message. He thinks now is the time to communicate that message because there is a happening debate about the post-secondary education in the NWT and if it doesn't involve Aurora College then the City of Yellowknife will explore whatever options that might involve. He thinks that Fort Smith has a strong Aurora College and that there is no University that exists anywhere else in the NWT. He thinks we need to communicate that the Aurora College remains a vibrant part of the community and our economy, before the Legislative Assembly starts sitting so that when they get into session they are answering questions about what's going on with the Aurora College rather than them controlling the message, putting them on the defensive. He suggested that a position paper be released in a press release next week to garner some publicity around it.

Cr. Kikoak doesn't think the position paper outlines the problems and what's been going on with the Aurora College well enough and their relationship with the GNWT. She feels that we have to have a strong say that resources should remain in a small community and not in the capital city.

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she will definitely be acting on the issue this week and will look to Council for direction.

F. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Cr. McArthur entered the meeting.

D/M Smith, Cr. Dumont, and Cr. McArthur declared a financial interest with respect to Accounts Paid Part II.

G. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

Corporate Services Standing Committee – Cr. Bell provided an update on the Citizens on Patrol program and youth crime. She advised that she has emailed the press release to Mayor and Council on May 15, 2018 which has also been reviewed by the Fort Smith Metis Council. She asked Mayor Napier-Buckley to arrange for the document to be released to the press. Cr. Bell advised that the volunteer list has been submitted to Sgt. Gilbert and will be advertising on bulletin boards.



D/M Smith advised that he has reviewed the updated strategic plan and is pleased with the updates being completed in a timely manner. He found that the document is not easy to digest for someone who is not familiar with Council procedures. He thinks the Council priorities should be better identified and prioritized for the public. He encourages Council discussion on those issues. Cr. Holtorf indicated that more work needs to be completed on the strategic plan and thinks there is information that was not emphasized in the plan which was highlighted in the meeting. He recognized that a motion was passed to provide additional funds for the consultant's fee and thinks that all conferences with the consultant can be done through teleconference. He didn't see the need for the consultant to come to Fort Smith to gather the information required for the strategic plan. Cr. Kikoak agreed with Cr. Holtorf.

18-110 Moved By: D/M Smith
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the attached Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from May 1, 2018, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts Paid Part I

18-111 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the Accounts Paid List Part I for the period ending April 30, 2018 totaling \$908,120.10 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts Paid Part II

18-112 Moved By: Cr. Holtorf
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the Accounts Paid List Part II for the period ending April 30, 2018 totaling \$1,546.82 be approved.

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

Community Services Standing Committee – Cr. Kikoak indicated that there is a discussion on updating the track field and asked if the soccer nets could be replaced. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the issue could be addressed to the Director of Community Services.

18-113 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That the attached Community Services Standing Committee minutes from May 8, 2018, be adopted as presented.

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

TTAB Appointment – Maxwell Gardner

18-114 Moved By: Cr. McArthur
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

That Maxwell Gardner be appointed to the Tourism and Trade Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



SRFN Donation Request – Cr. McArthur noted that he should have abstained in the vote for the recommendation as he works at Kasear’s and has family interest.

18-115 Moved By: Cr. Kikoak
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That for the reason of public safety during the SRFN Treaty Land Entitlement Celebration, Council approves the road closure of McDougal Road between Breynat Street and the Northwestel building and from McDougal Road to the exit of Kaeser’s parking lot for Friday, June 22nd from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturday, June 23rd from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

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

Municipal Services Standing Committee

18-116 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
Seconded By: Cr. McArthur

That the attached Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from May 8, 2018, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Appointments

Appointment of Acting Mayor – Cr. Dumont advised that he will be out of town during the proposed dates. D/M Smith suggested that with the wildfire season, in case there is an emergency to have a special meeting, that councillors and Mayor Napier-Buckley be available for tele-conference to ensure there is quorum.

18-117 Moved By: Cr. McArthur
Seconded By: Cr. Kikoak

That Cr. Tuckey be appointed Acting Mayor for the period of May 29, 2018 at 12:00 pm to June 5, 2018 at 8:30 am.

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

c. Mayor and Council

- i. Cr. Tuckey – Cr. Tuckey offered her condolences to the people of the community that have encountered tragic losses in the past month. She indicated that Council needs to think about their roles as councillors and representatives of the community. She thinks Council needs to remember that we don’t want to come in and we don’t want to side swipe our Administration. She thinks it will only be polite to ask or let them know if we have a topic we want to bring up because they can be prepared and have all the facts ready for Council. There may be times that our questions are answered but would still like to raise the issue and that way we are not ambushing Administration because they are prepared. She indicated that they may be prepared with the facts and doesn’t mean we should be undermining Administration in a public setting. She thinks it would always be best to remember we can discuss things with the Mayor and Administration and would only be fair to discuss with the Mayor before we might say something that would be less than true or slanderous. She thinks Council needs to remember to be respectful of how we say things and how we do things.



- ii. Cr. Holtorf – Cr. Holtorf commended Cr. Bell on her efforts with the Citizens on Patrol initiative. He added that he received positive feedback from residents and looks forward to the implementation of the program. He indicated that with the Yellowknife announcement he thinks that that we have to move with the strategic plan and that priorities may change and encourages completing periodic environmental scans that identify threats and opportunities and if they change to review the plan and garner to the changes. He thinks that with the concerns brought to him regarding the questions being asked by the emergency after hours operator, information be made available to the public so that residents are aware of the questions that they are expected to answer when making emergency police calls.
- iii. Cr. McArthur – Cr. McArthur advised that the Yellowknife Council has announced that they are working on opening a University in Yellowknife and that we have to really be careful and watch what's going on because we don't lose any more programs at Aurora College. He commended the public works, the town and highways crews for keeping the ditches clean. He added that the Director of Municipal Services and the Director of Corporate Services will be in Yellowknife during the award ceremony recognizing the AWG Host Society and suggested asking them to attend on behalf of the Town of Fort Smith.
- iv. Cr. Bell – Cr. Bell was happy with the outcome of the Citizens on Patrol Program at the Thebacha Trade Show. She was happy with the summer calendar and the initiatives for expanding summer programs by the Director of Community Services. She agreed with D/M Smith on the push for the Aurora College review. She would like to propose that Council have two meetings per month one regular and one special each one week apart and suggested that be a discussion item for the next meeting.
- v. D/M Smith – D/M Smith offered his condolences to the families involved in the recent tragedies. He indicated there are a number of individuals in the community that have contributed years to the building of the local economy through tourism. He highlighted that the doesn't do a good job on recognizing key people in the community and the tourism companies. He would like to see Town Council recognize their achievement in some way and how they have made this place a great place to live with their contribution to the community's economy. He asked for Council's input on what would be the best way to recognize their contributions. He indicated that Youth Parliament is underway in Yellowknife and that Fort Smith is represented by two youth. The AWG host society has been recognized for the outstanding volunteer group award for 2018 by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. The award ceremony will be the week of May 22, 2018 and there are two representatives from the host society attending. He added that there is currently no representative from Fort Smith that is able to attend. He thinks it is important that a representative from both Fort Smith and Hay River attend the ceremony as there is a partnership with the communities on the AWG. He highlighted that the Mayor and Council salaries have been previously brought up and noted that the Fort Smith Mayor is the least paid Mayor in the NWT. He thinks that the per meeting honorarium is not working. He thinks that the extra volunteering and low pay is narrowing the scope of candidates for Mayor and Council. He thinks that with the Mayor being the least paid in the NWT it's more of a financial burden rather than a positive contribution to the community and thinks it needs to be tackled in a proactive way. He added that the Livery License Bylaw has been a source of contention and thinks it should be reviewed.



Perhaps the Town shouldn't have a Livery License Bylaw given the struggles with enforcing the bylaw. He suggested having a public debate regarding the Livery License Bylaw and if it still serves a purpose.

- vi. Cr. Dumont – Cr. Dumont highlighted that Yellowknife is trying to get a University. He thinks Council will need to work to have input on the University as it will hurt the Fort Smith Aurora College if that is built. He thinks Council needs to build support for the Aurora College in Fort Smith and emphasize on the fact it is not time for a University in Yellowknife. He indicated that there were previous discussions on purchasing a building for the Ambulance Department and that the anticipated building may have been sold. He requested if the Mayor or any councillors had any information regarding the building. He added that the Ambulance Department is still in need of a building. He commended and supports Cr. Bell for her efforts with the Citizens on Patrol program initiative.
- vii. Cr. Kikoak – Cr. Kikoak noted that in the last 20 years she has observed efforts focused on recreation and wellness for the youth in the community. She was troubled with the youth problems that have been occurring when there are so many programs and services available from the municipality. She thinks as Council we should support parents that want to take up leadership roles. She would like the council eligibility to be amended to include those that owe maintenance payments are not eligible to run for Council. She suggested that the issues with the Youth Criminal Act be brought forward to the FCM AGM to get support for the revision of the act as it is a federal act. She would like to enforce the Towns mandate that welcomes children into the Recreation Centre by offering free wifi at the Recreation Centre and may be install some computers in the game room. She offered her condolences to the families for the untimely deaths that have brought so much grief.
- viii. Mayor Napier-Buckley – Mayor Napier-Buckley offered her condolences to the families affected by the recent tragic events. She indicated that she will be acting on the news of Yellowknife Council pursuing a University. She indicated that further discussion with different interested parties has been underway regarding the road to Garden River. She commended Cr. Bell, the RCMP and the Fort Smith Metis Council for their involvement with the Citizens on Patrol program. She added that there will be a further roll out of the emergency notification system and requested assistance from any Councillors that are able to assist. She indicated that Council will have to set dates for the final meeting with the strategic planner.

d. Administration

Briefing Note Hay River Pine Point Bridge – Cr. Dumont was not happy with the reason for the bridge construction. He wondered if there would be efforts to reroute traffic and suggested that the Department of Transportation consider constructing an ice crossing to avoid limiting the access to Fort Smith. Mayor Napier-Buckley indicated that the Hay River Pine Point bridge is the bridge that is outside of Hay River near the turn off to the Hay River Reserve. She indicated that there is the option for vehicles to cross at the ice crossing to the Hay River Reserve that would bypass the Pine Point Bridge, but she was unaware of the restrictions of the ice crossing. Cr Dumont suggested finding out the restrictions of the ice crossing. Cr. Tuckey was not sure about that ice crossing as the banks are quite steep. She noted that the NWTAC AGM the bus that transported delegates to the Hay River Reserve could not cross the ice road legally and had to drive around by the Pine Point Bridge. She indicated that there may be other reasons why larger vehicles are not able to use the ice crossing. She thinks that the public, town



partners and the business community should be informed on the construction of the bridge that would limit the access to Fort Smith. She indicated that the Department of Transportation needs to provide an alternative given that Fort Smith has already been limited for the last three years restricting the growth and business of the community. Cr. Dumont suggested getting a professional to do an assessment of the bridge provide expertise on ice bridge capacity. Cr. Holtorf suggested writing a letter to the Minister of Infrastructure requesting an assessment of the bridge and its limitations during construction and providing an alternative. Cr. Tuckey supports writing a letter and suggested providing a solution in the letter that is suitable for the community. Cr. Kikoak asked if there has there been an official notice to Fort Smith. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she receive verbal confirmation from the minister and added that there was no written notice. Cr. Holtorf thinks that the information is on the Department of Transportation website. Mayor Napier-Buckley indicated that information will be gathered on what alternative means are available and will be provided at the next meeting.

H. ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

18-118 Moved By: Cr. Bell
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That Cr. Patel and Cr. Dumont be excused from the Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting on May 1, 2018.

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

18-119 Moved By: Cr. Holtorf
Seconded By: Cr. McArthur

That D/M Smith and Cr. Patel be excused from the Community Services and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings on May 8, 2018.

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

18-120 Moved By: Cr. Tuckey
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Cr. Patel be excused from the Regular Meeting of Council on May 15, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



I. **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting – June 5, 2018
Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings – June 12, 2018
Council Meeting 06-18– June 19, 2018

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

18-121 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

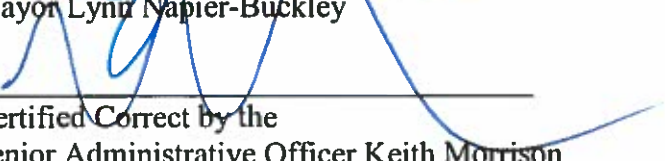
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 19th day of June, 2018.



Mayor Lynn Napier-Buckley



Certified Correct by the
Senior Administrative Officer Keith Morrison

K. **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question period was offered in accordance with policy.