



live in Hay River as it would be easier for family to visit. He indicated that there were not enough patients in the past to have dialysis in Fort Smith and thinks it would be difficult to get that service back in the community.

MLA Sebert indicated that there are also many issues raised at the NWTAC AGM and looks forward to Council's input at the AGM. He added that there is always a funding issue that is raised at the AGM. He added that the infrastructure funding gap was raised in the last sitting of the Legislative Assembly which is a problem throughout the NWT. He urged Council to work with other communities on this issue and approach it with a unified front.

MLA Sebert understands that the Town is dealing the difficult issue of delinquent property tax payments. He recalled from a notice that was sent out to the public notifying of property tax arrears will be taken to court after the new year. He hopes that some of the arrears will be redeemed and not have to go to court. He understands that one property is in dispute between the federal government and the municipality. He indicated that the GNWT will have to do something with the old theatre building.

MLA Sebert indicated that a major issue is the ongoing discussion about the future of Aurora College. He read the latest document submitted by the Town and agrees with the conclusion of gradually transforming to a university along with the recommendation on board structure. He advised that the GNWT has formulated a response and understands that many of the issues will have yet to be determined. The main campus will yet to be determined along with the headquarters of the Aurora College along with the executives to manage the college. He was surprised that there were no questions from regular members in the last sitting of the Legislative Assembly. He advised that the Department of ECE is in the process of hiring an Associate Deputy Minister at which time some decisions will have to be made. He indicated that good arguments have been made in both documents submitted from council. He thinks the Towns position on this is well understood.

MLA Sebert advised that there were a lot of time spent in the last sitting of the Legislative Assembly on maintaining acts that he is responsible for. He advised that there was a minor shuffle in the house and that he is no longer responsible for the power corporation portfolio. He advised that the amount of power they actually sell is in a decline and may have to increase prices unless we find a new customer. There have been discussions on taking on another province and that Saskatchewan or another mine are considerations. He added that a mine would not be equivalent to another town but could help. Those are some of the issues that he is dealing with and would like to hear from Council on some of these issues.

Cr. Westwell advised that he is concerned that the potential of a strike for GNWT employees is not an issue raised as it would affect over four hundred employees in Fort Smith. He indicated that the Town has contributed a lot of funds in the lobbying efforts for the Aurora College and asked if there is any support that the MLA can provide the Town in their efforts moving forward. He understands that the majority of MLAs and members living in Yellowknife along with the City of Yellowknife are moving forward to have the College centralized in Yellowknife. MLA Sebert indicated that the Yellowknife leaders are pushing to have the college centralized in Yellowknife and have committed funds in their lobbying efforts. He advised that the City of Yellowknife began their commitment before the report came out. He thinks the meetings attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were effective and that their concerns have made an impact. He knows the Yellowknife members want the college headquarters in Yellowknife. He thinks the Yellowknife campus has to be approved as NUP building is not a suitable building to host the headquarters. He thinks that lobbying efforts should be focused on changing the minds of those in Cabinet.

Cr. Westwell understands that the formula on the requirements for dialysis has changed and asked for information on that. MLA Sebert advised that the formula has changes and is now finding that the situation where people change locations and no longer qualify for dialysis. He indicated that patients from Hay River were flying to Yellowknife for dialysis. He indicated that maybe a larger facility in Hay River is what is needed and could be more acceptable and would like to know Council's thoughts on that. He indicated that at the last union bargaining mediation both sides could not come to an agreement. He advised that it has been two and half years without an agreement with

GNWT employees and hopes that it will be resolved without having to go to strike.

Cr. Cox asked if the GNWT has an overall strategy on how to prevent the issues leading to dialysis. She expects most of the cases are type II diabetes related which could be preventable and asked if there could be an overall strategy that transcends departments at a territorial level to try and deal with this. MLA Sebert indicated that most of the cases start out with diabetes and is unsure if there is a strategy to prevent it. He will find out more information and provide to Council.

Cr. Smith clarified that there are close to five hundred GNWT employees in Fort Smith that will be affected by the strike. He understands that MLAs voted to increase their own salaries by 1.6% yet the GNWT's offer to the employees is slightly over 2% over four years. He asked how politically sensible this would be if MLAs voted to increase their own salaries as they discuss the needs for fiscal restraints and the need for prudence. He understands that both sides have expressed the need for continued mediation but, yet the mediation is not continuing. He asked MLA Sebert what you can provide us in insurances that this will be resolved in a timely fashion as you enter into an election year. MLA Sebert advised that he can't give the assurance that it will be resolved. He advised that the MLA salaries have increased but if you look at the last ten years the GNWT employee's salary increase has far exceeded the MLAs. He indicated that discussions have included inflation rates depending on how far back it is reviewed and the GNWT's revenues which remain the same. He is optimistic that there is a resolution and hopes there is no strike. Cr. Smith indicated that in 2012 he was a councilor when the Town went on strike which can be deeply divisive. There are a lot of interrelations which impacts the community. He would like to advise the MLA as a Councillor please avoid that at all costs nothing good can come out of it. MLA Sebert really hopes that this will be resolved and realizes each side has their position. He advised that he is not directly involved with discussion.

Mayor Napier-Buckley indicated that the dialysis issue was brought to the last constituency meeting. She indicated that the formula has to be changed to include those that were patients treated but are now deceased. MLA Sebert advised that the formula also has to consider those that moved to be near dialysis. He indicated that apparently some people can do the treatment at home but not everyone. He advised that there was some discussion on that issue in the last session and will get back to Council on the formula information. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the objective of keeping elders in their own home and if we are looking at expanding the Hay River dialysis centre our community members will be moving to Hay River resulting in losing our community members. MLA Sebert advised that if it appears that the Cabinet just won't go for Fort Smith as an ideal place would Council be ok with pursuing Hay River. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the Town will prepare an official response.

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that with respect to the NWTAC and the funding gap that is something we have addressed. She asked what other ways the MLA thinks Council can provide unified front. MLA Sebert suggested that working with other communities at having the funding on the forefront. He thinks it is an incredible cost to increase municipal services which is a very important and will come up at NWTAC and will be raising with his colleagues.

Cr. Smith indicated that if self-government is successful across the NWT schools will be built by the federal government. MLA Sebert indicated that self-government is one of the main things the Premier has been working on and advancing the negotiations.

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that a few years ago the Prime Minister had made an announcement of funding that will go to urban indigenous. We have since learned that the NWT doesn't qualify for those funds as a territory and asked if that is something the GNWT is working on. MLA Sebert advised that the GNWT is aware of those issues and that is something we are working on. He understands that those issues are also concerns of the Salt River First Nations and the Hay River Reserve. He advised that he will request more information and an update on that issue and will get back to Council.

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that with respect to delinquent taxes that is something that we addressed in the last term of Council and will continue to address. She advised that Council has had some meetings to look at some of the long outstanding issues. She indicated that another property is a leased property on commissioner's land is that being

dealt with. MLA Sebert advised that with respect to the old theatre building, he hasn't heard of any recent progress on it. He hasn't checked the title and that nobody will buy it as there is an asbestos issue and it was burned. He doesn't know the Town's likelihood of getting the money back on those taxes. He suggested the Town send a letter to himself or Minister Schumann as he is the minister responsible for that. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that with the property taxes owed on that building the Town will not take on the demolition responsibilities of that building and indicated that is the GNWT's responsibility. MLA Sebert requested time to follow up with Minister Schuman on that issue and will provide a response.

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the Town has created a bylaw and policy to accommodate the legalization of Cannabis. She indicated that the Cannabis Act will be reviewed in six months and asked who will qualify to sell the product at that time. MLA Sebert advised that that is a federal act and will have to decide at that time. He advised that other products will also be considered such as edibles. He couldn't recall the final decision on how that will work. He advised that the request will have to go to the Minister of Finance to allow for more retailers into the field. Mayor Napier-Buckley asked if there was any discussion to allow growing the product commercially. MLA Sebert advised that is a federal government decision. There is discussion on it and thinks it would be pretty demanding to set it up.

MLA Sebert indicated that with respect to the daycare issue, he understands that the Fort Smith Daycare Society was working with the YWCA on providing a Daycare in Fort Smith. He understands that has halted due to the YWCA losing their tenant building to a fire. He advised that the YWCA was getting the tenant building from GNWT for a dollar and renting it to tenants which were major revenue sources to the organization. He advised that he did receive inquiries for buildings for a daycare; the court house and the women's jail. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the Town has met with the President of the Fort Smith Daycare Society and has identified the current facility for women's corrections as an option to pursue to house the daycare. She asked when the new Women's Correction building will be opened. MLA Sebert advised that the inmates will be moving into the new facility in one year. He was unsure on the condition of the current women's correction facility and doesn't know how much space the daycare would require. He asked for an update on the Trial Cross and if there was a bidder to take over the program. Mayor Napier-Buckley thinks there was a bid received on the last call for bidders. MLA Sebert doesn't know if the bid is being considered and will find out more information. He suggested that the building could also be a good building to be considered for a daycare. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the building could be, but Fort Smith will also lose a valuable service to the NWT. MLA Sebert understood and will find out more on the bidder. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the youth of NWT would lose this service and is also additional jobs we have lost in our community.

MLA Sebert advised for information on what happened to the building where the Our Babies Our Future program was hosted. Administration advised that the property is not the Towns and is trying to find out what happened to the funds. He highlighted that the community is losing all the facility's, youth are vandalizing and getting into trouble and yet there is no facility to house them in. MLA Sebert was under the impression that the band was running the program. MLA Sebert asked if Council knows why the GNWT decided to cease the funding for the program. Cr. Pischinger understands that it the program was federally funded, and it was funneled through an organization. MLA Sebert requested time to find out more information on the issue.

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised with respect to the Towns Collective Agreement, at this point we are fairly confident going into negotiations with employees. MLA Sebert hopes the issues will be straightened out with the employees with GNWT and that it will happen sooner rather than later.

Mayor Napier-Buckley asked what next steps is the MLA looking at as far as Cabinet in the process moving forward with Aurora College. She indicated that one of the recommendations the Town made is a territory wide response before changing or moving forward. She asked who is the GNWT targeting to educate is it northerners or southerners. MLA Sebert advised that he would like it to be both as many of the colleges in the south have become universities. A challenge we didn't know we had with the Yukon as there is a bit of a challenge because there is a road. He highlighted that people know Yukon better than they know Fort Smith. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that our

point is that the college is already a polytechnic and does have degree granting programs. When you're looking at the education in the NWT about the graduations rates within the communities and the failure of child protective services, what we want to have teachers teaching in the north and social workers in the north where we are able to provide quality of service in the north. Our community members are able to get an education at the college and be able to bring that back to their community. She noted that considering dialysis issues, residents can get the education in the north and bring that back to the communities' where they can provide that service. She advised that the vision is not just where the headquarters will be but the vision of education in the NWT. MLA Sebert indicated that if residents complete the Bachelor of Education program and Social work programs there is a limitation on what they can do in the workforce. He indicated that with the TEP Degree offered through Aurora College teachers would qualify to teach up to a certain grade level in elementary school. He advised that the NWT is incredibly generous sending students outside of the NWT for school. Mayor Napier-Buckley would like to clarify that Fort Smith should remain the education capital and headquarters should remain here which should be the recommendation from the governments and not a consultant. MLA Sebert advised that there were critical comments from the members on the foundational review and that maybe GNWT put too much pressure on the consultants to have it completed. He indicated that the foundational review is not a financial document. He advised that most concerning recommendation was centralizing everything in Yellowknife and we will see how that works out. He hopes to have further communications with the Mayor and Minister of ECE. He indicates that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's presentation to Cabinet was effective. He noted that the foundational review and that GNWT response is not making people happy. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that Council has invited the Minister of ECE to meet with Council when she's in the community to open the new training centre. She asked that with the document that the Town has presented is there an area where we are not looking to get support. MLA Sebert thinks the document is good and doesn't feel the original approach was not going to get anywhere. The change of strategy was a good idea rather than just saying no to a university. He advised that he will be in attendance of the meeting with the Minister of ECE meets.

### **C. DISCUSSION**

- i. Meeting Structure of Committee and Council Meetings – Administration advised that what we do here is a real and immediate impact on your neighbors and the community. We make decisions on recreation, corporate and municipal services. He advised that Council is not typically expected to make decisions without being provided information. He advised that he is the Senior Administrative Officer and is Council's only employee. He highlighted that Councillors are the leaders who are the voice for the community. Together we work as a team to keep people happy and take that responsibility seriously. This meeting is all the preparing to be a council and structures. He advised that the Town is required by law under the CTV Act to have a Council meeting once a month. He advised that historically Council meets the third Thursday of the month. He advised that in order to make informed decision Council has committee meetings before hand to discuss and have more dialogue before actioning items in Council meetings. He advised that the meetings are scheduled from 7:00 to 10:00 pm and requires a motion to go past 10:00 pm. He advised that briefing notes are brought forward Council and motions are not passed until we get recommendations on items and that the information has been discussed. He advised that he has three employees who are directors; the Municipal director who deals with the water plant, the roads, ditches and facility maintenance. The second Director is Community Services which includes the library, recreation and community centre, Arena, arts and culture. The third Director is Corporate services which operates out of the office and deals with all the finance. He advised that the committee meetings are divided by each department. He advised that the first committee meeting is typically Corporate Services where budgets, money, property taxes, are discussed and happens on the first Tuesday of the month. He advised that the second Tuesday is Community and Municipal Services committee meetings. This is where we bring information to Council on what is going to happen and what we need decisions on regarding Recreation, Arts and Culture, Public events etc. He advised that there is also the option of having a committee of the whole meeting that includes all three departments. He advised that typically an ad hoc committee can be created to achieve a certain task and exists long enough to achieve that task whereas a standing committee is ongoing. He advised that Council may find that is a lot of time to commit to those meetings and may consider moving to only two nights a month which is a decision of

Council. He advised that agendas are sent out the Friday before the meetings and that the backers provided to Council helps aid Council in the logistics of the meeting which will eventually turn into minutes.

Cr. Smith highlighted that the three directors are local hires which is very unusual in the NWT. The committee structure is also unique previously in 2010 there would be committee of the whole which would be chaired by the Mayor. He highlighted that the standing committee meetings allows for the discussion of all as councilors are appointed to chair the standing committee meetings. He advised that in his experience the time duration to work through the issues saves the Town money to cut down to two meetings. He recommends it stays this way for a couple of months. Cr. Westwell would like the opportunity to become a chair. He asked if having three standing committee meetings is the most efficient way to conduct business and being informed as Council may end up reviewing a lot of the same stuff. He supports the current structure.

18-234 Moved by: Cr. Smith  
Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That the meeting structure for Council be as follows:

That Corporate Services meetings be on the first Tuesday of the month;  
That Community Services and Municipal Services meetings be on second Tuesday of the month; and,  
That through bylaw 902 the Regular Meeting of Council be on third Tuesday of the month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- ii. Council Procedures Bylaw 902 – Administration advised that the councilor bylaw is supported by a policy and a code of conduct. These bylaws are your rule book what you can and can't do. We are going to plan a workshop and provide training on these documents. He advised that Council will have to work on completing the budget to be approved for the next fiscal year. He advised that these documents are the rules and asked if Council has any questions, they can call him. He advised that there is an oath and statement code of conduct that has to be signed by Council.
- iii. Appointment of Deputy Mayor – Mayor read out the requirements for the Deputy Mayor. She advised that during the last Council term, Cr. Smith acted as Deputy Mayor and recommends that Cr. Smith be reappointed. Cr. Westwell supported reappointing Cr. Smith as he has done an admirable job.

18-235 Moved by: Cr. McArthur  
Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That Councillor Smith be as appointed Deputy Mayor in accordance with the Cities, Towns and Villages Act Section 39 and the Council Procedures Bylaw 902 for the term ending November 6, 2019.

IN FAVOUR – CR. COX, CR. WESTWELL, CR. CAMPBELL, CR. COUVRETTE, CR. PISCHINGER, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. BEAULIEU  
ABSTAINED – CR. SMITH  
CARRIED

- i. Appointment of Committee Chairs – Mayor Napier-Buckley requested any expression of interests for the committee chairs. Cr. Westwell would like to express interest for the committee chair of Municipal Services Standing Committee. D/M Smith is interested in returning as chair of Corporate Services.

18-236 Moved by: Cr. Cox  
Seconded by: Cr. Pischinger

That Deputy Mayor Smith be appointed as Chair of the Corporate Services Standing Committee.

IN FAVOUR – CR. COX, CR. WESTWELL, CR. CAMPBELL, CR. COUVRETTE, CR. PISCHINGER, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. BEAULIEU  
ABSTAINED – D/M SMITH  
CARRIED

Cr. McArthur expressed interest in the chair for the Community Services Standing Committee.

18-237 Moved by: Cr. Couvrette  
Seconded by: Cr. Westwell

That Cr. McArthur be appointed as Chair of the Community Services Standing Committee.

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. COX, CR. WESTWELL, CR. CAMPBELL,  
CR. COUVRETTE, CR. PISCHINGER, CR. BEAULIEU  
ABSTAINED – CR. MCARTHUR  
CARRIED

Cr. Westwell expressed interest in the chair for the Municipal Services Standing Committee.

18-238 Moved by: D/M Smith  
Seconded by: Cr. Couvrette

That Cr. Westwell be appointed as Chair of the Municipal Services Standing Committee.

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. COX, CR. CAMPBELL, CR.  
COUVRETTE, CR. PISCHINGER, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. BEAULIEU  
ABSTAINED – CR. WESTWELL  
CARRIED

- iv. Appointment of Advisory Board Council Representatives – Administration advised that the Town tries to touch base with public in other mechanisms as well through advisory boards. These boards are made up of volunteer members of the community. The Advisory Board on Culture (ABC) is designed to look at the community services component with arts and culture. Recreation Advisory Board (RAB) is also associated with community services and focuses on activities. Sustainable Development Advisory Board (SDAB) can be very broad and have been involved in recycling and are now involved in zoning. Trade and Tourism Advisory Board (TTAB) is trade and tourism tied to economic development. There are 10 members of the public along with one Council representative on each board. These boards are highly functioning. These are important boards and are very effective; they discuss items and make recommendations to Council. The minutes are read by Council and acted on. Cr. Cox expressed interest to be the Council representative for RAB. Cr. Couvrette expressed interest to be the Council representative on TTAB. Cr. Westwell expressed interest to be the Council representative on SDAB. Cr. Beaulieu expressed interest to be the Council representative on ABC.

Advisory Board on Culture

18-239 Moved by: Cr. Cox  
Seconded by: Cr. Campbell

That Cr. Louise Beaulieu be appointed as the Council representative on the Advisory Board on Culture (ABC).

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. COX, CR. WESTWELL, CR. CAMPBELL,  
CR. COUVRETTE, CR. PISCHINGER, CR. MCARTHUR,  
ABSTAINED – CR. BEAULIEU  
CARRIED

Recreation Advisory Board

18-240 Moved by: Cr. Couvrette  
Seconded by: Cr. McArthur

That Cr. Cox be appointed as the Council representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (RAB).

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. WESTWELL, CR. CAMPBELL, CR.  
COUVRETTE, CR. PISCHINGER, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. BEAULIEU  
ABSTAINED – CR. COX  
CARRIED

Sustainable Development Advisory Board

18-241 Moved by: Cr. Cox  
Seconded by: Cr. Pischinger

That Cr. Westwell be appointed as the Council representative on the Sustainable Development Advisory Board (SDAB).

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. COX, CR. CAMPBELL, CR. COUVRETTE, CR. PISCHINGER, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. BEAULIEU  
ABSTAINED – CR. WESTWELL  
CARRIED

Tourism and Trade Advisory Board

18-242 Moved by: D/M Smith  
Seconded by: Cr. Cox

That Cr. Couvrette be appointed as the Council representative on the Tourism and Trade Advisory Board (TTAB).

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. COX, CR. WESTWELL, CR. CAMPBELL, CR. PISCHINGER, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. BEAULIEU  
ABSTAINED – CR. COUVRETTE  
CARRIED

- v. Advisory Board Bylaw 874 – Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the Advisory Board Bylaw 874 is provided in the meeting package for information purposes.
- vi. Appointment of Signing Authorities – Administration advised that signing authorities are required to sign cheques. He advised that the requirement for the Town is that one member of Administration and one Councillor is required for signing and would like to have members in the case that regular signing authorities are out of town. Mayor Napier-Buckley recommends a councillor that does not do a lot of traveling. Cr. Westwell would be interested in the role again.

18-243 Moved by: Cr. Couvrette  
Seconded by: Cr. Cox

That the signing authorities for the Town of Fort Smith shall be Mayor Lynn Napier-Buckley, Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith and Councillor Chris Westwell on behalf of Council, and

That the signing authorities for the Town of Fort Smith shall be Keith Morrison, Senior Administrative Officer; Jim Hood, Director of Corporate Services; Cynthia White, Director of Community Services; and Paul Kaeser, Director of Municipal Services on behalf of Administration, and

That all documents must be signed by two officers; one from Council and one from Administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- vi. Councillor Workshop and Training – Administration advised that there is a need for training workshops where we bring in MACA who provides training to new council. He requested Council input on when to complete the training. He advised that when done properly it is a full day. There is a need to start talking finance right away. There is an opportunity to do this as a retreat or to do this in one day at a time. This has to happen outside of regular scheduled meetings and is a discussion topic for Council. He requested direction from Council.

Cr. Cox advised that she is not available on Wednesdays as she volunteers to run the Chase the Ace. She requested volunteers from Council as the fundraising will help offset the deficit incurred by the AWG. Cr. Westwell didn't know that tours of the grave yard are included in the training. The training that he found valuable was conflict of interest and budget training and would like to recommend it. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she can gather the information on Council's schedule and availability.



viii. Council Remuneration

1. Council Honourarium Bylaw 903 – Administration advised that the mayor is a half time employee. He advised that Councillors get paid \$6000.00 a year. There are three meetings a month and if anyone missed all three, they will not get paid. He advised that there has been a call for expression of interest for public members to review bylaw 903. He advised that the Town has the lowest paid mayor in the NWT and that Councilors may not be getting paid what they should. He advised that as per the direction of the past Council the hours of work would also be reviewed by the ad hoc committee along with the potential to look at other benefits. The expression of interests has closed and will bring to committee meeting next week to determine the committee. The federal government has also decided to tax that base amount Councillors get paid. Cr. Westwell clarified that the base amount would be paid per month along with an additional amount for the three meetings attended. Administration advised that if special meetings are additional to the regular scheduled meetings then a additional \$100.00 will be paid to those that attend. He advised that for those sitting on advisory boards or subcommittee there is no additional pay for that. D/M Smith clarified that if you miss all three meetings you lose out the base amount. He added that 1/3 of Council honorarium is tax free and no change to being taxed on the full amount. Mayor Napier-Buckley asked when the forms are due. Administration advise that the forms are due as soon as possible if Council wants to get paid.
  2. Federal and Territorial TD1 Forms – Administration advised that TD1 forms are provided in the package and requested Council complete and return to the Finance Officer.
  3. Direct Deposit Authorization Form – Administration advised that direct deposit forms are provided in the package and requested Council complete and return to the Finance Officer.
- ix. NWTAC – Administration advised that this is the municipal lobbying group on behalf of municipalities to the GNWT. The NWTAC administers the insurance program to all municipalities. The NWTAC has a board of directors that included one of the Town of Fort Smith councilors. He added that the Mayor will assume that role. He advised that Council has to determine attendance to the NWTAC AGM. He advised that the NWTAC passes resolutions that are provided by municipalities and that Council will have to submit resolutions. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the NWTAC AGM is February 28 to March 2, 2019 and copies of past resolutions can be provided to Council to ensure there are no duplications. The resolutions will have to be passed by all community representatives.
- x. Board Membership – Administration advised that what we see is that Council is often solicited to appoint representatives to community boards. The three before you are DEA, Health and Social Services and the Fort Smith Housing Authority. He advised that most communities have DEA elections held with municipal elections, but Fort Smith is different as we have three governments in the community. What was decided that three governments nominate three people and that the decision of past Council is that we request expression of interests on who wanted to sit, and Council created the ad hoc committee to complete the selection. There is a briefing note to give you information on dates and those who have expression of interest forms submitted. There are past members and new members. Cr. McArthur would like to make a comment he went and sat in a DEA meeting and was asked to leave. Cr. Pischinger advised that the only things that are in-camera is personnel, so he should have been allowed to attend the meeting. D/M Smith advised that he recommends creating an Ad Hoc Committee. The previous Council has had a discussion with the Minister of MACA on the elected DEA. There is no reason that the Town of Fort Smith can't have an election for the three members representing the Town. Cr. Westwell asked if the museum board will require board members representing the Town. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised we did find that an Ad Hoc Committee was successful in the past. Cr. Cox, Cr. Campbell, and Cr. Westwell are interested in being on the Ad Hoc Committee for the DEA board member selections.

Fort Smith District Education Authority

18-244 Moved by: D/M Smith  
Seconded by: Cr. McArthur

That an Ad Hoc Committee be created consisting of Cr. Cox, Cr. Campbell and Cr. Westwell to review the applications for representatives for the DEA.

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. COX, CR. WESTWELL, CR. CAMPBELL, CR. COUVRETTE, CR. BEAULIEU, CR. MCARTHUR,  
ABSTAINED – CR. PISCHINGER  
CARRIED

Department of Health and Social Services – Administration advised Cr. Dumont was the previous councilor representing the Town on the Health and Social Services Board but has now resigned. He advised that he will be requesting more information and provide to Council. D/M Smith stressed the importance of this position as centralization is a huge issue as the super board was implemented resulting in the loss of many positions in Fort Smith. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she will gather more information and provide to another meeting.

Fort Smith Housing Authority – Administration advised that Cr. Tuckey was the previous councilor representing the Town and is now resigned. He requested expression of interest from anyone interested in being the Town representatives on the Fort Smith Housing Authority.

18-245 Moved by: Cr. Couvrette  
Seconded by: Cr. Westwell

That the Town of Fort Smith recommend Cr. Campbell be appointed to the Fort Smith Housing Authority.

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. COX, CR. WESTWELL, CR. BEAULIEU, CR. COUVRETTE, CR. PISCHINGER, CR. MCARTHUR,  
ABSTAINED – CR. CAMPBELL  
CARRIED

D. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
There were no absent Council Members.

E. **ADJOURNMENT**

18-246 Moved by: Cr. Couvrette  
Seconded by: Cr. Cox

That this meeting be adjourned at 9:55 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

  
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Mayor Lynn Napier-Buckley

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Certified Correct by Keith Morrison  
Senior Administrative Officer

F. **QUESTION PERIOD**