



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Regular Meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm By Video Conference Call

Present: Mayor Kandis Jameson, Deputy Mayor Bouchard, Councilors Duford, Duford, Anderson, Chambers and Groenewegen

Staff: SAO – Glenn Smith, Director of Public Works – Mike Auge, Director of Finance - Sam Mugford, Director of Recreation – Stephane Millette, Director of Protective Services – Travis Wright & Council Administrator – Stacey Barnes

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

This Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with Mayor Jameson presiding.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**#21-168**

**MOVED BY CLLR DUFORD**

**SECONDED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS**

Add Excused Absence for Cllr Willows 7i)

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Deputy Mayor Bouchard declared an interest in item 7i) Asset Disposal

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Jameson – Press Release was issued naming MLA Thompson as the New Minister for MACA

SAO Smith – The Town of Hay River lowered the flags given the recent news of the Residential School news

SAO Smith – Thank you to Paul Bickford for all the years covering the news in Town, he is in his final week of work. Was a pleasure to work with you.

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. Regular Meeting of Council – May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**#21-169**

**MOVED BY: CLLR DOHEY**

**SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD**

**CARRIED**

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES**

Director of Finance – Sam Mugford

- Property Tax auction on June 10, Registration form available at the Town office, and the office will be open from 8:30-5pm
- Levied property taxes in May, mailed out and due on July 31<sup>st</sup>
- Increase in utility was advertised in May bills and reference on the website
- Will be presenting the 2020 audited financial statements this evening
- Mill Rate Bylaw is on the agenda for tonight



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Director of Protective Services - Travis Wright

- Phase 1 of 1001 testing completed
- Patterson road was a structure fire last week, thank you to Northland Utilities, Stittcho Propane and Keiths Water Service for their help
- Working on safety training for Town staff

Director of Recreation – Stephane Millette

- Community Centre remains busy including the drop-in sports, after school programs and swimming lessons
- Summer Heat registration is almost full
- New partnership with gymnastics on the curling rink surface in place
- Increase in occupancy at the community centre, lane swim, shower etc
- New Recreation Programmer has been hired – Courtney Fraser
- Summer Student hires have been completed
- Green spaces are in use for minor ball, slo-pitch and fast ball
- Community litter pickup has started and mowing of green spaces
- Pavilion opened last week
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Porritt Landing officially opens for the season
- Flower planters and baskets will be out next week
- Retaining wall work at Porritt Landing is ongoing after the damage from breakup

SAO Smith – Canada Day activity planning is underway

SAO Smith – Great editorial in the hub last week around Recreation

Director of Public Works – Mike Auge

- Curbside cleanup should be wrapped up this week
- Capital projects are starting – Caribou curbs and gutters, Riverview Drive and Beaver Crescent and the lift station
- Tender for a new backhoe is out
- New General Foreman arrived in Hay River today

Deputy Mayor Bouchard – There is major potholes in the Riverview Drive area and very rough roads and some roads have sank, can we commit a crew to fix them

SAO – Glenn Smith

- Foreman in town so he will have a work plan while in quarantine
- Scheduling Human Resource Manager interviews
- Trucked Water contract is moving to RFP this year
- Vaccine promotion funding application submitted
- FCM application for asset management – more information is required
- Family Support Centre lease expires at the end of the month, request to extend will be coming to Council
- Fees and Chargers bylaw will be coming next week to Council
- NWT Housing - develop public housing duplex – Zoning communications
- Consulted the Indigenous Governments regarding the Vale Island lots, heard back from KFN
- Metis Trail partnership is no longer going ahead



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### 7. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. 2020 Audited Financial Statements

#### RECOMMENDATION:

#21-170

**MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD  
SECONDED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approves the 2020 Audited Financial Statements and the allocation to capital reserves as recommended by the Finance Committee.**

**CARRIED**

#### BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* and our funding sources from other levels of government and our financial services provider the Town is required to have an annual audit of the financial statements.

On May 31, 2021, Sam Mugford, CPA, CA (Director of Finance) presented draft financial statements to the Finance Committee. At that meeting the Finance Committee recommended that the 2020 Audited Financial Statements be brought forward to Council for approval. Furthermore, the Finance Committee supported the allocation of operational surplus to reserves. Reserves allocated will be vital in supporting the Town's future capital expenditures for municipal and utility infrastructure.

#### **Results from Operations**

In the 2020 fiscal year, the community recorded an operating surplus of \$193,013 before net government transfers. Reserves were increased by \$3.55M, calculated from taking the surplus before capital revenue and adding back amortization expense.

Revenues excluding capital transfers decreased from 2019 by \$576,214 due to lower sale of service (recreation center closure), lower water sales, and lower revenue from own sources.

Expenses decreased significantly from 2019. Areas of significant reduction include Environmental and Public Health (dump fire costs in 2019), recreation (rec center closure due to COVID-19), and fiscal and valuation.

Financial assets were \$2.72M higher in 2020 than 2019, due primarily to higher cash level resulting from lower than budgeted spending, and an increase in receivables relating to capital contribution agreements. Liabilities decreased by \$1.1M due to a significant reduction in accounts payable, continued reductions in long term debt, offset by an increase in deferred contributions.

#### **Reserve Allocation**

Reserves were consolidated in accordance with the Town's Financial Administration Bylaw in 2020. This eliminated reserve accounts which were no longer deemed necessary and consolidated their balances in the remaining reserves. Interest was allocated on a prorated basis.



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For 2020, the reserve allocation was as follows:

- Recreation Infrastructure – Increase of \$150k
- Landfill – Increase of \$100k
- Utility Infrastructure – Increase of \$1M
- Municipal Infrastructure – Increase of \$2.3M

### COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:

Fiscal responsibility and transparency

### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

Cities, Towns and Villages Act

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Audited Financial Statements are approved by Council

### ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS:

Draft 2020 Audited Financial Statements

**Prepared by:**  
Sam Mugford, CPA, CA  
Director of Finance  
June 4, 2021

**Reviewed by:**  
Glenn Smith  
Senior Administrative Officer  
June 4, 2021

b. 2021 Q1 Capital Update

### RECOMMENDATION:

#21-171

**MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD**  
**SECONDED BY: CLLR GROENEWEGEN**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approves the Q1 Report on Capital as presented as recommended by the Finance Committee.**

**CARRIED**

### BACKGROUND:

As at March 31, 2021 the Town of Hay River has spent \$383,417 on capital. Significant changes as at Q1 are summarized below:

- Wharf Pavilion
  - \$53k in additional funded spend. Project completed in March 2021.



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- Rec Center External display
  - Project deferred until 2022.
- Dog Park
  - \$16k reduction with dollars allocated to small cap – aquatics for LED light conversion.
- Porritt Landing Marina Enhancements
  - Anticipated additional spend in 2021 of \$197k. The majority of this is due to additional funding identified (\$120k), and moving forward budget from future years (\$77k)
- Children's Activity Center
  - Increase by \$18k to reflect additional third party funding received.
- Multipurpose Fitness Equipment
  - Reduced by \$14k
- Small Cap – Facilities and parks
  - Increased by \$15k due to increased CANNOR funding
- Wayfinder Signage and Electronic Tourism Platform
  - Partial deferral to 2022 due to timing of funding.
- Fraser Place
  - Forecasting a reduction of \$1.8M in 2021 spend due to the timing of when work is anticipated to completed. This budget will be deferred until 2022.
- Riverview Drive and Beaver Crescent Road, Water, Sewer and Drainage replacement
  - Shift \$600k forward from 2022 capital budget to 2021 for each of these projects (total of \$1.2M additional spend in 2021, no additional spend anticipated overall). This change is due to the anticipated timing of when that portion of the work will be completed.
- Ambulance replacement
  - Spend was anticipated for 2020 but was late. Invoice to be received in Q2 2021.

A more robust capital report will be provided for the period ending June 30, 2020 (Q2 update).

### COUNCIL POLICY/STRATEGY OR GOAL:

N/A

### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS OR STUDIES:

Bylaw #1574/GEN/16 Property Procedures and Procurement Bylaw

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Change in timing of capital work between fiscal years. Additional funding identified on some projects previously approved. No additional draws on reserves identified.

### ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS:

March (Q1) 2021 Capital Report



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Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Sam Mugford, CPA, CA  
Director of Finance and Administration  
June 4, 2021

Glenn Smith  
Senior Administrative Officer  
June 4, 2021

c. 2021 Q1 O&M Update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

#21-172                      **MOVED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS**  
**SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approves the Q1 Report on O&M as presented as recommended by the Finance Committee.**

**CARRIED**

**BACKGROUND:**

As at March 31, 2021 the Town of Hay River has incurred a deficit of \$360,801, which is \$781,596 less than the budgeted deficit of \$1,142,397.

Administration is providing no forecast revisions at this point in time but will provide a detailed update as part of the Q2 update anticipated to be provided to Council in August.

**COUNCIL POLICY/STRATEGY OR GOAL:**

N/A

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS OR STUDIES:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

March (Q1) 2021 O&M Report

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Submitted by:

Reviewed by:



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Sam Mugford, CPA, CA  
Director of Finance and Administration  
June 4, 2021

Glenn Smith  
Senior Administrative Officer  
June 4, 2021

d. Tourism and Economic Development Report for May

### RECOMMENDATION:

#21-173                      **MOVE BY: CLLR GROENEWEGEN**  
**SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the Tourism and Economic Development Report for the month of May 2021.**

**CARRIED**

### BACKGROUND:

#### Tourism Activity:

- Visitor numbers have remained low with the border remaining closed, the VIC closed on weekends, and few events happening in May.
- Back page of upcoming June/July *Up Here Magazine* will continue to promote *Hay-Cation* ideas to *Staycation* visitors from the surrounding regions and keep Hay River top-of-mind for subscribers in other provinces to plan a *Hay-Cation* when the borders open to national travel - paid via the Tourism & Economic Development marketing budget.
- *South Slave Golf Getaway* 4-day itinerary package was created in partnership with Fort Smith for the Spectacular NWT and NNSL *Staycation* contest. The winner receives a \$10,000.00 package in a region of their choice. Winners will be announced in August.
- *Hay-Cation* radio advertisements on True North FM Radio have been delayed due to the virus outbreak in Yellowknife. Radio advertisements will begin in June for a two-week rotation. Initiative paid from Tourism & Economic Development budget, with possible NWT Tourism partnership to extend duration of promotion.
- Working with THR agency of record on several products: *Wayfinding Signage Plan* approved through ITI Tourism Product Diversification Marketing Program (TPDMP). *Daytrip* and *Attractions* flat sheets approved in the *Expanding Community Tourism Platform* CanNor funding.
- NWT Parks statistics were received for permit sales at the Hay River Territorial Park and Twin Falls Gorge – Louise Falls Campground for 2019 and 2020. The statistics show a marked increase in 2020 of North Slave residents coming to the South Slave Region for a Staycation (Hay-Cation) during the summer months – see table and summary below.
  - **2019 Statistical Summary**
    - Hay River Territorial Park – 148
      - **29% increase from 2018 in out of region permit sales**
    - Twin Falls Gorge Louise Falls Campground – 118
      - **65% increase from 2018 in out of region permit sales**

#### 2020 Statistics Summary

- Hay River Territorial Park – 367
  - **127% increase from 2019 in out of region permit sales**
- Twin Falls Gorge Louise Falls Campground – 158
  - **39% increase from 2019 in out of region permit sales**





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## 2020 VS. 2019 PERMITS SOLD TO NWT RESIDENTS - IN-REGION AND OUT-OF-REGION

Campgrounds: Hay River and Twin Falls Gorge - Louise Falls

2020 PERMITS	Total # Permits by NWT Residents	Where do the NWT Residents Live?					Total # Permits by NWT Residents	# Permits Sold to In-Region Residents	# Permits Sold to Out-of-Region Residents	% Permits Sold to In-Region Residents	% Permits Sold to Out-of-Region Residents	Change versus 2019 (All Permits Sold to NT residents)	Change versus 2019 (Permits Sold to NT Residents who live outside of Park region)
		Beaufort		North Slave		South Slave							
		Delta	Dehcho	Slave	Slave	Sahtu							
Hay River Territorial Park	827	0	28	367	430	2	827	430	397	52%	48%	38%	127%
Twin Falls Gorge - Louise Falls Campground	255	0	5	158	90	2	255	90	165	35%	65%	40%	39%

2019 PERMITS	Total # Permits by NWT Residents	Where do the NWT Residents Live?					Total # Permits by NWT Residents	# Permits Sold to In-Region Residents	# Permits Sold to Out-of-Region Residents	% Permits Sold to In-Region Residents	% Permits Sold to Out-of-Region Residents
		Beaufort		North Slave		South Slave					
		Delta	Dehcho	Slave	Slave	Sahtu					
Hay River Territorial Park	599	0	26	148	424	1	599	424	175	71%	29%
Twin Falls Gorge - Louise Falls Campground	182	0	1	118	63	0	182	63	119	35%	65%

### Economic Development Activity:

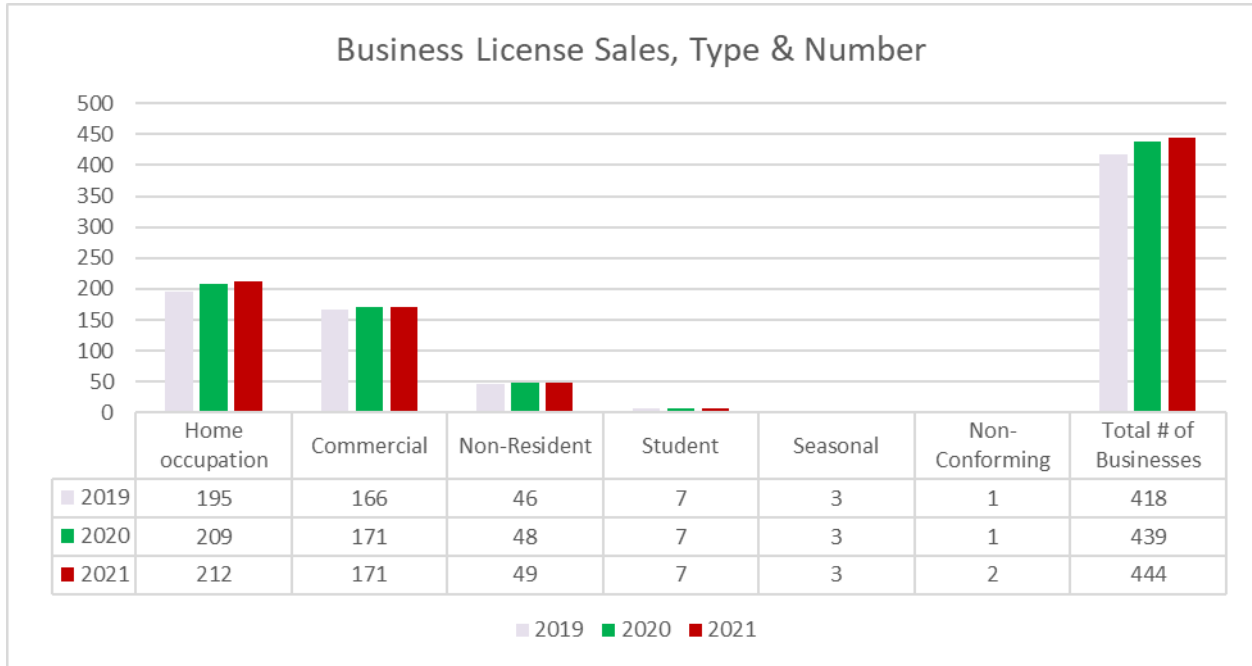
- A funding application for a spring trail cleanup and repair worth \$3,500.00 was submitted to Trans Canada Trail *Capital Investment Program*.
- A funding application for \$10,000 was submitted to NWTAC for vaccine promotion. The promotion will be directed to the 30-year-old and younger to encourage vaccine uptake in the community.
- Two expression of interest applications were received for contracting the Fisherman's Wharf Market. A Tourism & Economic Development Committee sub committee was formed to review the applications and Growing Together was the successful applicant.







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*Business licenses run from April 30 to March 31. This overview is from January to December.  
This graph shows when business licenses are paid and not the number of new businesses.*

### Other Activity:

- FoodCycler sales have been strong with only a few units left to sell.
- VIC spring maintenance is ongoing
  - reverse side of *Canada 150* mosaic covered with plywood;
  - Garden box frames and new planter boxes have been deployed and ready to be planted in June.

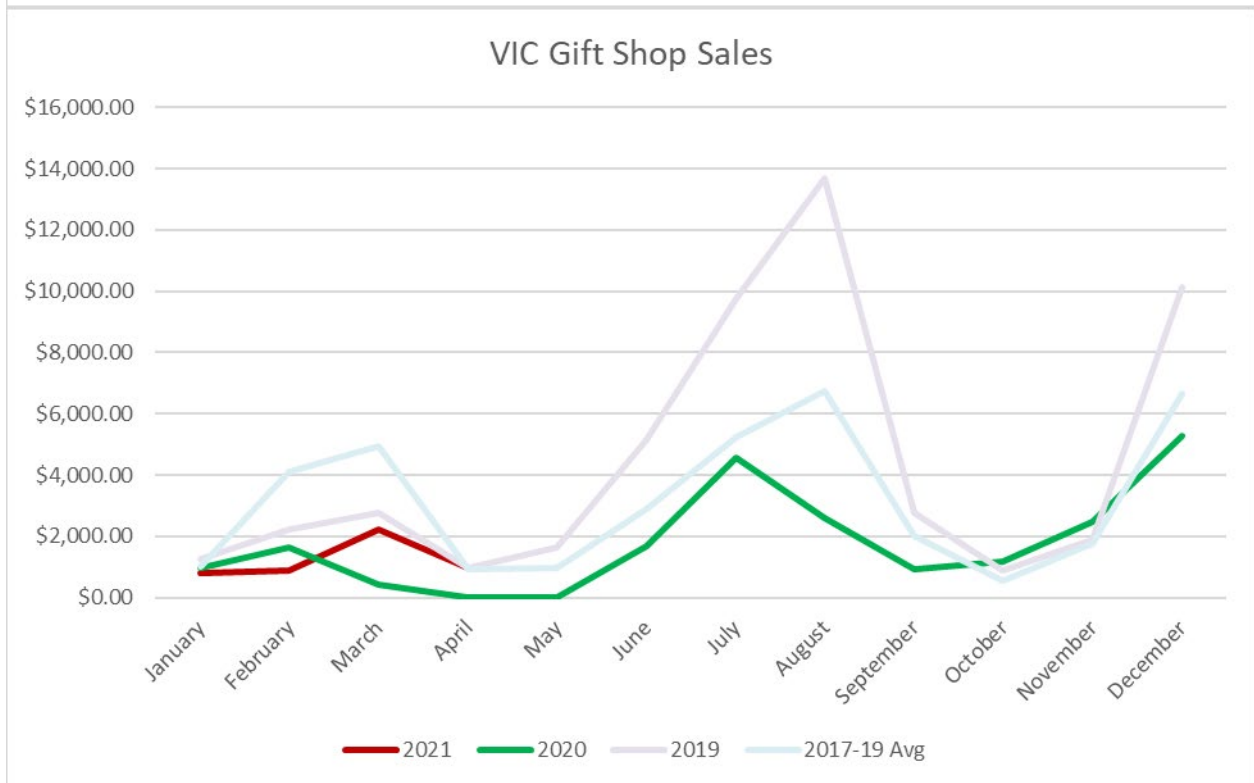
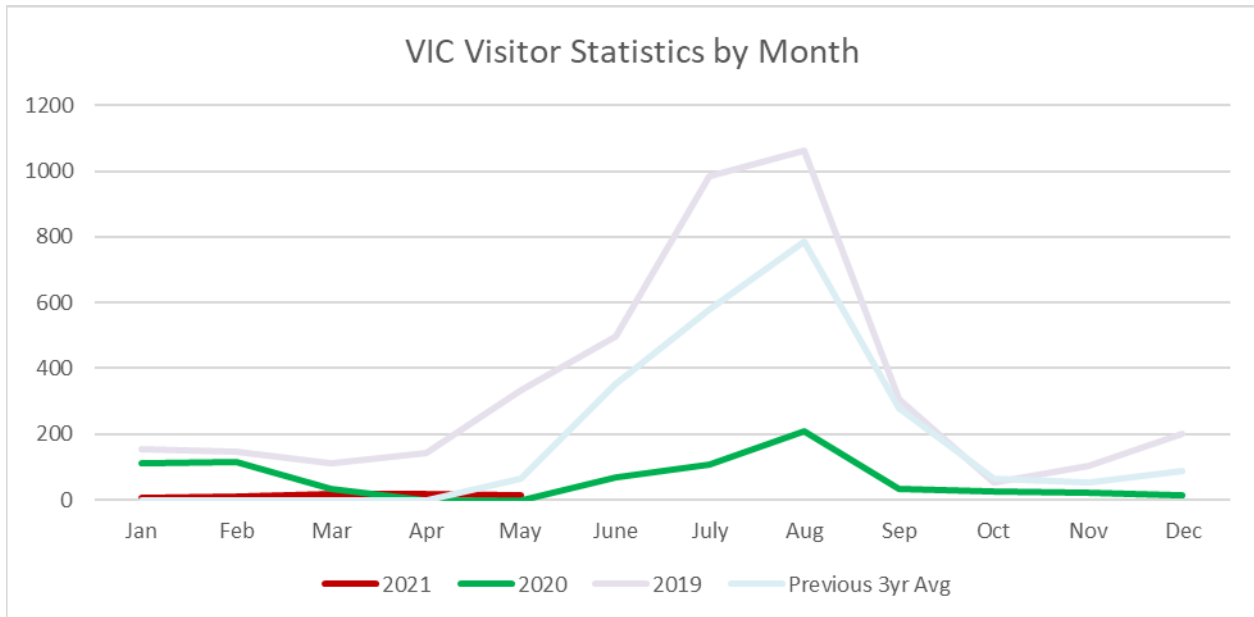
### Key Performance Indicators:

#### Visitor Information Centre Visitation

- Due to COVID restrictions and the borders being closed there is little to no tire traffic that traditionally increases the number of visitors during the summer months. With the VIC closed on weekends, there are not statistics for visitors coming to town from surrounding communities.
- May 2021 saw only 13 unique visitors into the VIC. Most were visiting from surrounding communities or professionals in town for work.
- May break down of visitor origin YK 6, Fort Smith 4, Ontario 3 (all out of NWT visitors confirmed that they had self-isolated for 14 days before entering the community).



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## Inbound & Outbound Marketing

- Promotion through social media remains the focus for marketing. There has been an increase in engagement this month.
  - [www.facebook.com/hayrivertourism](https://www.facebook.com/hayrivertourism)
    - Page Reach down by 11%, Users up 24%, overall post reach peak of 3.6K.
    - Peak organic post reached 7,406 people
    - Post engagement up 23% and page followers up 7%
    - Page reach 7.4K down 11%
  - [www.twitter.com/hayrivertourism](https://www.twitter.com/hayrivertourism)



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- number of impressions 1,854 down from 4,672
- 199 unique followers and follow 480 accounts
- Profile visits 253 down 21%
- [www.instagram.com/hayrivertourism](http://www.instagram.com/hayrivertourism)
  - Currently 294 unique followers up 2.4% and follow 334 accounts
  - Reach 366 up 56%
- [www.hayriver.com](http://www.hayriver.com)
  - Users for May were 6.2K up 15%
  - Sessions 15K up 16%
  - Average session duration was 4m 33 sec up 78%
  - Traffic Channel Source - 502 organic engagement, 34 Social Media, 322 Direct Search and 20 Other Site Referrals.
  - Top 10 pages visited – Breakup, Fire-Emergency-Services/river-breakup, Tourism/live-mts-syncro-lift-web-cam, Opportunity/Employment, Opportunity/Employment-opportunities, Tourism/Attractions, Category/news, Tourism/town of hay river maps, Contact-directory.
- Marketing Items and Content:
  - Hay-Cation, local historical events of interest by date, Fisherman’s Wharf Market, NWT Parks opening and booking, surrounding communities of Fort Smith, Fort Resolution and Fort Providence, and Wood Buffalo National Park have all driven attention to our social media channels.

### COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:

N/A

### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

N/A

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

### ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

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**Prepared by:**

Peter Magill

Tourism and Economic Development Coordinator

Date: June 3, 2021

**Reviewed by:**

Stephane Millette

Director of Recreation

Date: June 3, 2021



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## e. Municipal Services Monthly Report for May

### RECOMMENDATION:

#21-174

**MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD  
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR BOUCHARD**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the Municipal Enforcement Report for May 2021 as presented.**

**CARRIED**

### BACKGROUND

OFFENCE	INQUIRY	INVESTIGATED (NO SUBSTANTIATION)	WARNINGS (VERBAL, LETTER OR VISUAL)	SHELTER	FINES	TOWED	RETURNED TO OWNER	OTHER ACTION
<b>Animal Control Bylaw</b>								
Animal Abuse/Welfare	2	1	1					
Barking Dogs	1		1					
Dog Attack	1	1						
Dog Bites								
Loose Cat/Dog	18	9	5				4	
Sled Dog Complaints								
Miscellaneous	4	1	2					1
<b>Business License</b>								
No Business License								
Operating business not as permitted								
<b>Traffic Bylaw/Motor Vehicles/All-Terrain Vehicles Act</b>								
Vehicle/Trailer Parking	12	6	6					
ATV/Snow Machine	1		1					
Fail to Stop (Sign or Light)	3		1		2			
Distracted Driving								
No Seat Belt	2		1		1			
Fail to carry/No valid driver's licence								
Suspended/Prohibited Driver								
Vehicle Unfit for Road								
Fail to carry/No Insurance	6		6					
Fail to carry/No registration	7		5		2			
Unsecure Load								
Obstructed Windshield/Windows	1		1					
Fail to drive to road conditions								
Improper use of plate								
Drive w/o lights during low visibility								
No license plate								
Speeding	41		26		15			
Speeding (School/Construct/Industrial)	17		13		4			
Suspected Impaired Driver	3	1						2
Miscellaneous	4		1		1			2



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Unsanitary Bylaw							
Overgrown Trees							
Long Grass & Weeds							
Garbage	7	2	5				
Miscellaneous	4		2				2
Taxi Bylaw							
Taxi Not Available	3	2					1
Smoking/Drinking in Taxi							
Fail to carry/No Taxi Permit							
Noise Abatement Bylaw							
Noise Complaint							
Fire Prevention Bylaw							
Burning without permit							
Fireworks without supervision							
Improper Storage of Hazards							
Miscellaneous	2	1					1
Unsafe/Hazardous Behaviour							
Walking on railroad tracks	3		3				
Off-road Vehicles on railroad tracks	3	2	1				
Intoxicated- Unable to care for self	10						10
Fighting in Public	4		3				1
Public Urination/Defecation							
Loitering							
Operate off-road vehicles dangerously	5		5				
Drinking in public	4		4				
Vehicle blocking roadway	2		1				1
Snow Removal Bylaw							
Sidewalks not cleared							
Snowbanks causing hazard							
Snow being put on private property							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>

## Community Beautification

Reminder notices and social media education has been sent out to remind residents about the Spring Clean-Up beginning May 25<sup>th</sup> to prepare to help beautify the town and reduce issues with Unsanitary infractions.

Residents have received notices regarding their unsightly properties. These notices were meant for educational purposes and included information on the Spring Clean-Up dates, tag information, etc. to prepare for the Spring/Summer season.

## School Safety

There has been a noticeable increase in school speed limits being abided by and a reduction in cell phone use in the school zones. This is an ongoing and year round initiative to be monitored for compliance to ensure the safety and well-being of the youth attending school.



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## Road Safety

There are still lots of complaints being received regarding off-road and all-terrain vehicles using the roadways in town, which have been regarding speeding and noise complaints for use during late hours. Information has been shared with the RCMP to assist with and look at ways to resolve this issue. Education on the use of off-road and all-terrain vehicles is actively ongoing.

A patrol was conducted using All-Terrain Vehicles with the RCMP to stop and educate people also observed using All-Terrain Vehicles and provided resources on how to keep themselves safe and the rules regarding use of these vehicles on town roads and highways. Infractions such as operating on roadways without helmets were addressed through education. Future patrols utilizing all-terrain vehicles are being considered as we move further into the nicer weather.

## Upcoming Goals

The goal over the next few months is to focus on Unsightly bylaw infractions and address greenspaces and public areas frequently used by community members to ensure they are kept clean and free of garbage and abandoned vehicles. A few locations have been discovered which are highly unappealing and not a desirable use of the space. Notices and action is being taken to resolve these issues and bring beauty back to these spaces.

## Speed Statistics for the Month

*The fastest speeds recorded for this month per zone are as follows;*

- Porritt Landing/Industrial (40km/h Zone)- 63km/h**
- MacKenzie Highway near Hospital (60km/h)- 82km/h**
- Woodland Drive in front of Harry Camsell/PA School during School Time (30km/h)- 52km/h**
- MacKenzie Highway/104<sup>th</sup> Street residential area (40km/h)- 65km/h**
- MacKenzie Highway near Airport (60km/h)- 76km/h**
- Highway 5/Highway 2 Junction (70km)- 127km/h**

<b>COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:</b>	
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Strategy:  
Goal:

<b>APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:</b>
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All applicable Bylaws and Territorial Legislation; Bylaw Enforcement Priorization Plan

<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:</b>
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N/A

<b>ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
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N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**



A screengrab from body worn camera footage showing the in-car radar displaying a speed of 127km/h in a 70km/h during on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 along Highway 5 near the Highway 2 Junction.

**Prepared by:**

Travis Rosborough  
Protective Services Specialist  
Date: June 1st, 2021

**Reviewed By:**

Travis Wright  
Director, Protective Services  
Date: June 1st, 2021

- f. Public Works Monthly Report for May

**RECOMMENDATION:**

#21-175

**MOVED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS  
SECONDED BY: CLR DUFORD**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the Public Works Monthly Report for May 2021.**

**CARRIED**

**BACKGROUND:**

**Capital Projects 2021:**

A list of 2021 Capital Projects along with a brief update of the status of these projects is included in the chart below. More details on those projects that received significant work this month follows the chart.





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2021 Capital Projects	
Project	Update
New Town Hall	Applications for funding being worked on, design activities will depend on funding available.
Old Town Hall Demolition (carry over from 2020)	Consultant working on tender documents for hazardous material abatement and demolition. Tender documents expected to ready by end of June.
New Lift Station	De-watering and excavation work has begun at the worksite. Slab work expected to begin in June with construction continuing throughout 2021.
Fraser Place Development	Rezoning work for area has been completed. Project on hold until fall due to migratory bird issues involved in tree clearing.
Market Garden Road Extension	Options for this project being investigated.
Caribou Crescent Water Sewer and Drainage (carry over from 2020)	Prep work has begun on the base for the curb and gutter. Concrete pouring expected to commence in late June or early July.
Beaver Crescent Water, Sewer, and Drainage	Project start-up meeting has occurred with work expected to begin in June.
Riverview Drive Upgrade	Project start-up meeting has occurred with work expected to begin in June.
Waste Diversion Project - Tire Recycling (carry over from 2020)	Have received clarification from GNWT on eligible expenses for funding. RFP details for this work being finalized and expected to be put out in June.
Hazardous Waste Removal Project	MACA led project that is contingent on new ICIP funding.
Capital Drive Watermain	Design work planned for Q3 or Q4.
Paradise Road Realignment	Work to take place during summer months.
New Water Licence Requirements	New water licence in place as of January 31.
New Back Hoe	Tender has been prepared and will go out for competition in early June.
Water Treatment Plant Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design	The ICIP application for this project was approved for 50% funding of the \$450,000 proposed project. Administration will work to identify additional funding for the project and proceed with procuring a consultant for the work.
Flood Mitigation	Temporary flood mitigation efforts were put in place for the 2021 spring break-up. These efforts worked as intended. Mid to long term mitigation work to proceed as priority areas are identified.
Subdivision - Sundog	Preliminary work on this project planned for later in 2021.

### **New Lift Station:**

Work on the new lift station has commenced for this construction season. During the month of May, the contractor pumped water from the site to allow work to begin and then proceeded with excavation work. The majority of excavation work has been now been completed and the level is close to final grade. Work will continue in June with base prep, rebar prep, and pouring of concrete



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for the base slab. The Town’s consultant and contractor have also been moving through the process of shop drawing approvals for several components of the project. The project remains on schedule with expected completion in early 2022.

### **Caribou Crescent:**

The contractor has mobilized equipment to site and begun work on preparing the base for the curb and gutter work on the crescent. The concrete pour is expected to take place in June with yard restoration and asphalt work starting up in July. The project is expected to be completed on schedule this fall.

### **Beaver Crescent and Riverview Drive:**

A start-up meeting has taken place for this project and materials approvals given to the contractor. A letter has been distributed to residents in the area outlining work planned for this summer and providing contact information for any questions and concerns. Work is expected to start in the area in mid-June and be ongoing throughout the summer.

### **Water Treatment Plant:**

The Town’s application for funding under the ICIP funding program for a WTP Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design was approved for 50% funding of the \$450,000 budget identified in the application. The Town had applied for 75% funding for this project. Administration will look to identify funding opportunities for the 25% difference in funding and will move forward with the project. Administration will determine the best method for moving forward with procurement of qualified professional consultants for the work and the project is expected to move forward in 2021.

Work that was identified in the 2020 MACA report and other recent inspections has been priced out and is being completed in an effort to improve operations at the existing WTP. Minor equipment improvements and maintenance work will continue as well as additional testing on water quality and treatment options.

### **Flood Mitigation:**

Aquadams were set up near the Oxbow outfall during the spring break-up period. These aquadams worked as designed to hold back water, however, flood waters and ice did cause damage to Town infrastructure in several other areas. Administration will bring forward a report detailing damages and planned reconstruction activities. Longer term flood mitigation measures for various locations will be developed based on available budgets.

### **Public Works Daily Operations:**

Public Works staff continued with regular operations and maintenance work on the Town’s water, sewer, roads & sidewalks, vehicles, and infrastructure. The following is a summary of the work completed this month:

Regular Operations and Maintenance Items	
Item	Activity
Water & Sewer	Water shut offs and turn ons as requested Water and Sewer inspections of areas of concern Water and Sewer locates as required Meter readings taken Flushing of lines Water & Sewer repairs as necessary



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	Operation of gates and valves for flooding control Meter replacements Month end water report
Water & Sewer Facilities	Daily rounds of facilities
Roads	Street sweeping of road sands Sign repairs New sign installation Cleaning of ditches Clearing of culverts
Other	Regular fleet maintenance & repairs Funerals

Major waterline breaks occurred on Neville Place and Woodland Drive this month. Both repairs were completed in a timely manner without further complications and with little disruption to water service in the area.

The Town did experience a Boil Water Advisory which went into effect shortly after break-up. The BWA was issued by the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the NWT and was in place from May 16<sup>th</sup> through to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In addition to the regular operations activities, Public Works crews were busy this month preparing for spring melt and river break-up and assisting with flood mitigation efforts. Additional work on reconstruction of areas affected by flood waters began after break-up and will continue through the coming months.

### **Solid Waste Facility Operations:**

The Town's Solid Waste Facility continued regular operations and monitoring activities throughout the month. No significant issues to note with current landfill operations. The new water licence will likely lead to some minor changes in both operations and infrastructure at the Solid Waste Facility. Administration is currently working on updates to the Town's garbage bylaws.

The annual spring Curbside Cleanup event started on May 25<sup>th</sup> with crews picking up household waste from residential neighbourhoods throughout town. The majority of areas have been completed, with only the corridor residents remaining to be done in early June.

### **Water Licence Activities:**

Regular monitoring programs continue as per the requirements of the Town's water licence. The Town's consultant was in town towards the end of the month to perform required surface water, groundwater, and lagoon effluent testing as required under the water licence. The consultant also performed some training of Town staff so that some of these testing requirements can be done in-house in the future.

The Town is preparing to undertake activities required under the new water licence this summer including the installation of additional monitoring wells at the solid waste facility and some additional testing operations.

### **Planning & Zoning:**



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9 Development Permits and 1 Building Permits have been approved for May 2021. In the month of May 2020, there were 4 Development Permits and 2 Building Permits signed out.

DATE	DEV #	CIVIC ADDRESS	DESC. OF WORK
May 03/21	B21-004	6 Industrial Drive	Finish existing Commercial Building, (Shop and Caretakers)
May 05/21	DH21-022	86 Woodland Drive	RP Enterprises (Consulting, Training and Sales)
May 06/21	D21-021	3-101 <sup>st</sup> Street	Warehouse Storage Building
May 06/21	D21-020	39-104 <sup>th</sup> Street	Fireweed Designs (Custom Personalized Products)
May 07/21	D21-023	17-61 Woodland Drive	Complete Rear Fence sections
May 07/21	DH21-024	20 Balsam Drive	GC Consulting and Sales (Fishing Industry and Equipment)
May 13/21	D21-025	Lot 1374 & 1378, Plan 1126	New Stick Built Commercial Fish Processing Plant
May 19/21	DH21-026	101 Miron Drive	Kaed Blake (Carpentry Contracting)
May 26/21	DH21-027	21 Miron Drive	Shine Moment Studio (Photography)
May 31/31	DH21-028	15 Pine Crescent	Deschene Diamond Detailing (Delivery Automotive Detailing)

Work has begun by the Town's consultant on the Zoning bylaw review and update. Consultation on this project will take place throughout the summer with the new bylaw expected to be completed and brought forward to Council in the fall.

### COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:

N/A

### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

- Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board Town of Hay River License #MV2009L3-0005
- Bylaw 1812 Zoning and Building Bylaw

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

### ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

**Prepared by:** Mike Auge  
Director of Public Works  
June 3, 2021

**Reviewed by:** Glenn Smith  
SAO  
June 3, 2021



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g. Recreation Monthly Report for May

**RECOMMENDATION:**

#21-176

**MOVED BY: CLLR DOHEY**

**SECONDED BY: CLLR GROENEWEGEN**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the report entitled "Recreation and Community Services Monthly Report" for May 2021 as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**BACKGROUND:**

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### Recreational Programming

#### Operational Updates

No significant changes were made to Covid-19 guidelines in May however the Department of Recreation recently received confirmation of increased occupancy allowances and relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions for the Hay River Community Centre. These changes will be communicated to staff, local recreation partners and the general public prior to June 7<sup>th</sup> 2021.

The Department of Recreation recently filled the Head Customer Service Clerk and Recreation Programmer permanent full-time positions with employees who have strong ties to the community and valuable experience. The Department currently has a full compliment of staff, though some permanent lifeguard positions are being filled by term and casual staff.

#### Fitness Programming

Town of Hay River delivered fitness programming has been reduced given lower registrations and attendance which are likely due to warmer weather and transition to outdoor activities. THR's newly hired Recreation Programmer will take the lead on fitness program and youth sport program planning when she joins the team on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Program planning will prioritize summer activities while also looking forward to resumption of fitness classes in fall and winter.

#### Youth Programming

The After-School Club continues to be well attended, as are the Multi-Sport Drop-In activities available on both ice surfaces. Local youth and staff have consistent and safe access to indoor physical activity as well as a wide variety of equipment.

Preparations are underway for the annual Summer Heat camp, with the addition of a Summer Heat Sport camp this year. THR's Summer Play lead coordinator joined the team in May, working with the Recreation Programming Supervisor to plan and organize the program. The Summer Heat and Summer Heat Sport programs have been advertised and approximately 40 families signed up for the program on the first day of registrations.



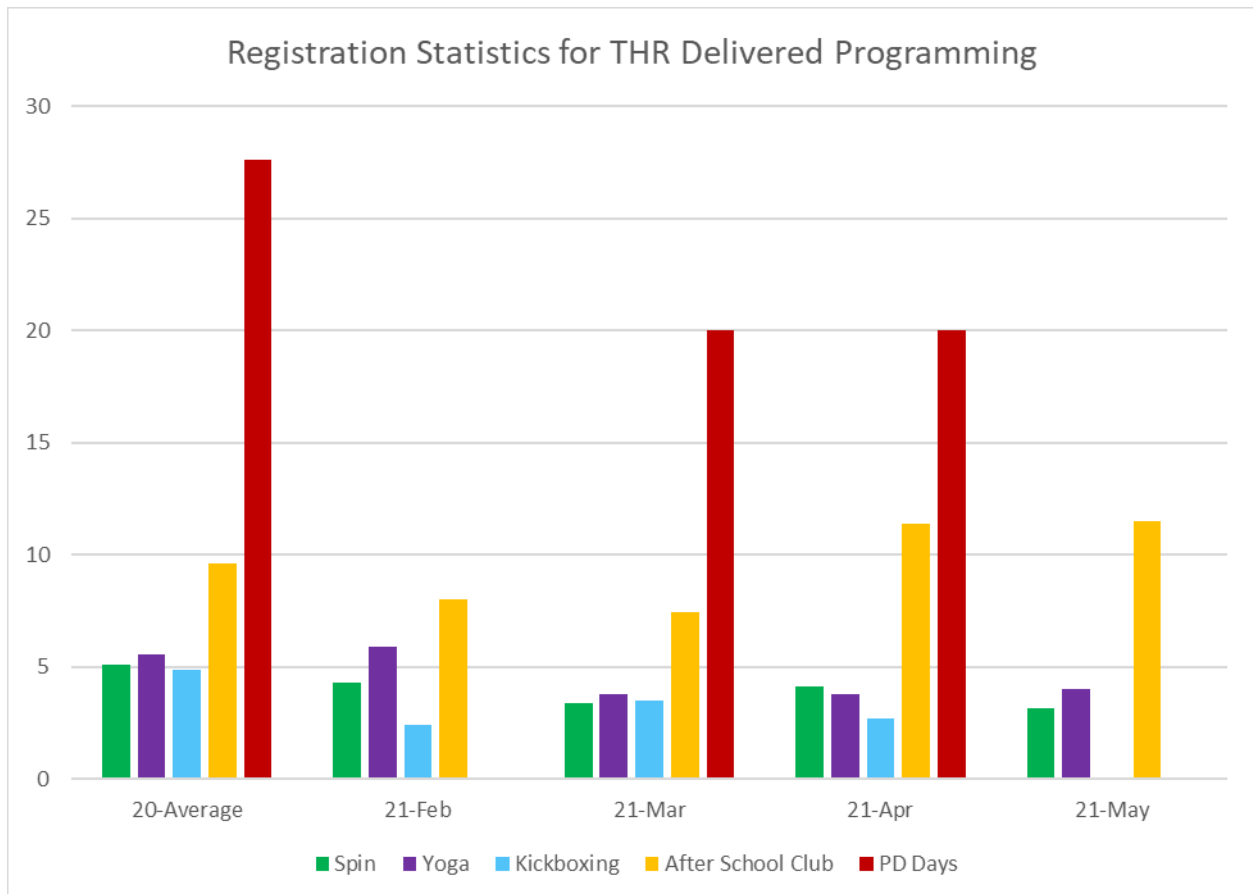
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## Community Programming

The Multi-Sport Drop-In program continues to be well attended by local youth and adults. The Department has assigned a staff member to supervise youth under 12 years of age during peak times. The staff supervises up to 10 youth under 12 ensuring everyone is having fun, being safe, and respecting the facilities and equipment. Senior drop-in sport times for senior soccer and senior ball hockey were very well attended in May. Drop-in soccer times are particularly successful with approximately 30 participants per night on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

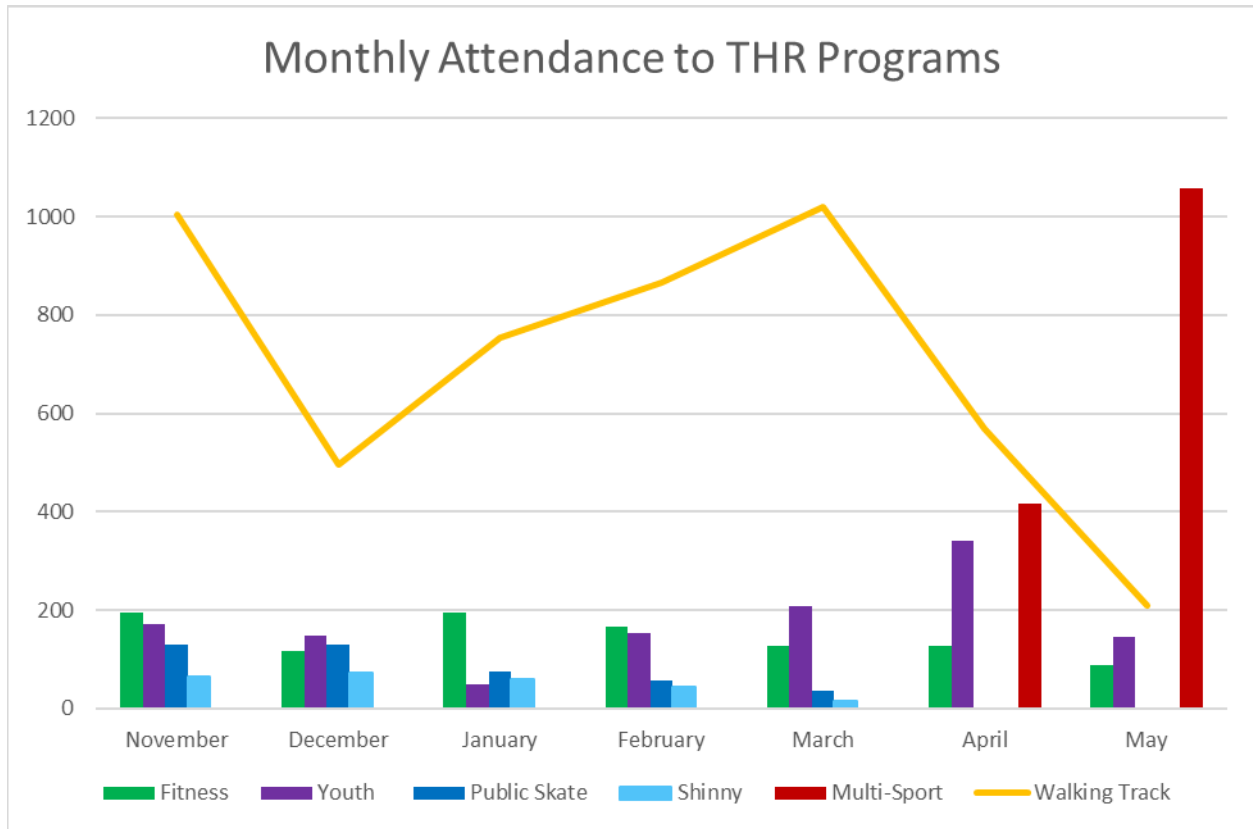
The Community Litter Pick-Up Campaign was advertised in May and officially started on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Most locations were assigned to local community groups, with some groups taking on multiple locations. Garbage bags and gloves were donated by NTPC and are available at the Community Centre.

## Recreation Programming Statistics





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## Aquatics

### Swimming Lessons

The year's second set of swimming lessons was completed on May 25<sup>th</sup> with 31 swimmers registered in 6 different groups instructed by 3 lifeguards. The next set of lessons begins June 3<sup>rd</sup> with similar registration numbers and format. Interest and feedback in lessons have been very positive, likely due to the consistency in lesson offerings and communications in recent months.

### Staffing

The Aquatics team maintains a full compliment of staff. Staffing needs are expected to be met via term and casual employees for the remainder of the summer but recruitment is ongoing for permanent full time Senior Lifeguard and Lifeguard positions to ensure adequate staffing in September.

### Attendance

Private rental bookings increased progressively in April and May, due to birthday party rentals as well as school and daycare groups making more use of the aquatic centre. These increases paired with the return of swimming lessons helped boost swimmer numbers significantly.



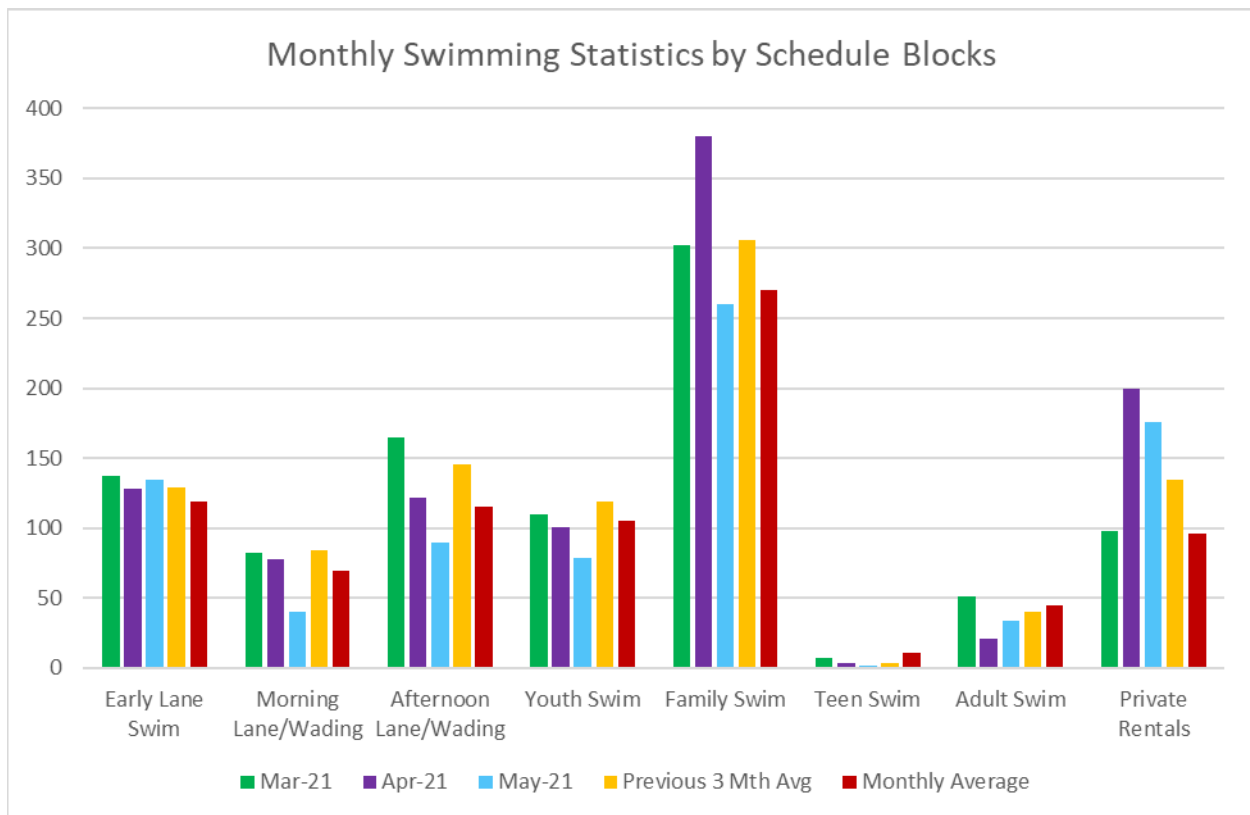


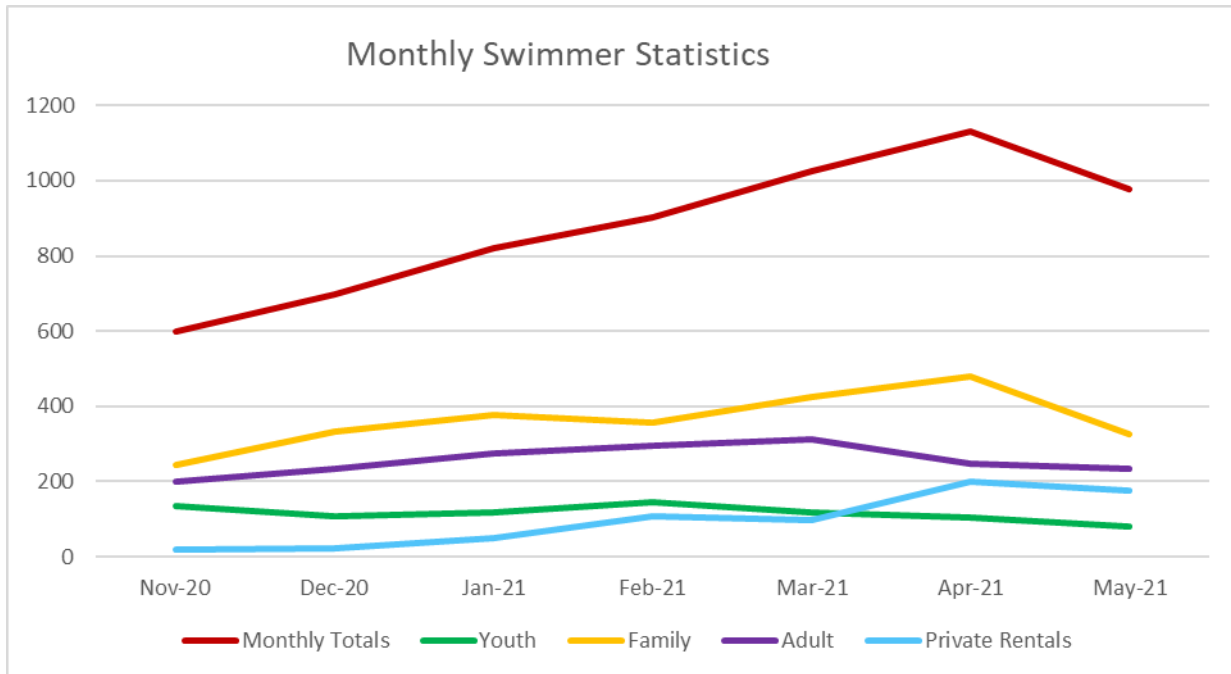
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## General

As indicated above, the Department of Recreation received approval of its recent Application to Vary from Public Health Order Requirements to request increase occupancies and relax Covid-19 restrictions. Don Stewart Aquatic Centre occupancies have been increased to 35 swimmers in the pool, 8 individuals in the hot tub and 3 swimmers per swimming lane. The Office of the Chief Public Health Officer has also authorized the use of the changeroom showers, splash pad equipment and the waterslide with appropriate operational guidelines.

The Department of Recreation is expecting to renew its Beach Attendant partnership with GNWT Department of Infrastructure, Tourism and Investment. Preliminary discussions indicate similar expectations and commitments as 2020. A formal agreement is expected shortly.






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## Facilities and Maintenance

Full compliment of summer students was hired as per Canada Summer Jobs grant. Four Summer Parks and Facilities Maintainers started working full time in May, with 2 additional summer employees joining the team in June. Recruitment ongoing for 2021 Trail Improvement project team.

### Aurora Ford Arena and Don Stewart Aquatic Centre:

- Maintenance:
  - Increased frequency of room rentals requiring setup (i.e. birthday parties);
  - Hot tub circulation pump required gasket replacement;
  - Wall repairs and paint of Aurora Ford Arena dressing rooms and player benches;
  - Replacement soffit received for Don Stewart Aquatic – installation in June;
  - Intrusion alarm system trouble shooting via contractor services – system fully-repaired and operational as of May 2021;
  - Janitorial contract ongoing with additional Covid-19 cleaning and routines;
    - additional contractor fees at Hay River Curling Club's cost;
- Improvements:
  - Pool pumps conversion project ongoing with local contractor;

### Outdoor sport fields and assets:

- Ongoing litter pickup and cleaning of downtown core as well THR maintained parks;
- Annual deployment of benches and bike racks on Courtoreille Street;



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- Annual inspection and initial maintenance of parks and greenspaces;
- Organization and clean up of Department of Recreation shop and yard;
- Seasonal preparation of Fishermen's Wharf Pavilion for rentals and market season;
- Preparation of Porritt Landing Marina for seasonal docking season;
- Inventory of THR maintained garbage cans for maintenance purposes as well as relocation and future needs;
- Maintenance:
  - ball diamond maintenance underway with softball leagues starting in June;
  - greenspace checks and preparations of mowing equipment;

### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

N/A

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

### ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS:

**Prepared by:**

Stephane Millette  
Director Recreation and Community Services  
Date: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

**Reviewed by:**

Glenn Smith  
SAO  
Date: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

h. Emergency Services Monthly report for May

### RECOMMENDATION:

#21-177

**MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD  
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR BOUCHARD**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River approves the Emergency Services Activity Report for May 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED**

### BACKGROUND:

**Summary:**

The Protective Services group had a busier month than last, with a total of 76 EMS Responses. At present, our average ambulance response is running at 62 calls per month, and we are currently 98 EMS responses over last year at this point. As far as fire response is concerned, we had 1 structure



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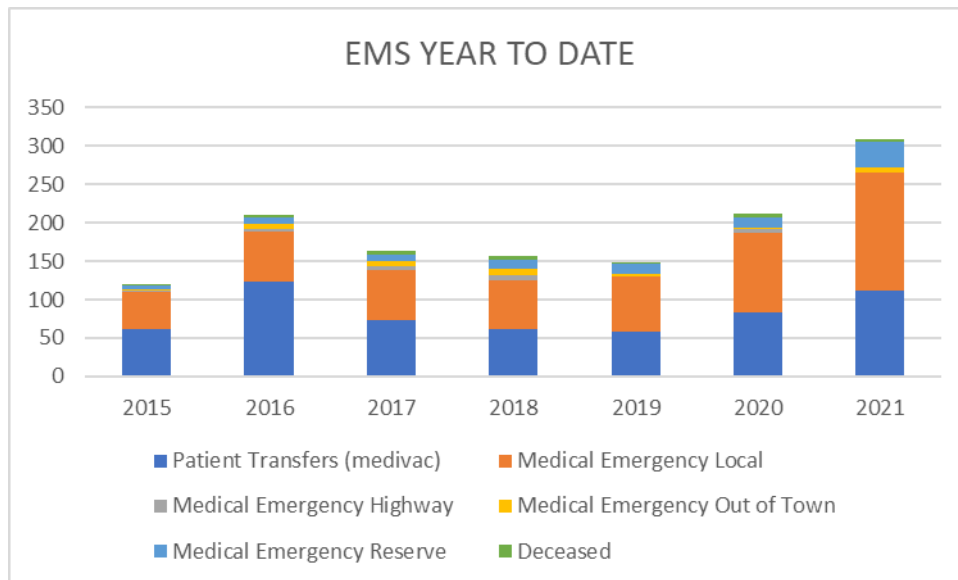
fire and 3 false alarms. Structure fire was at 44 McBryan Dr, and no occupants were harmed during the event.

The Fire Department hosted 6 members from Fort Smith Fire Department for Phase 1 NFPA 1001 Practical skills testing. The Hay River Fire Department also had 6 students successfully pass the phase 1 practical skills testing. The Subjects of Skills students were tested on included PPE, SCBA, Incident Command, Search/Rescue, Forcible Entry, Ropes, and Fire Extinguishers.

The 2021 Breakup Started on May 4<sup>th</sup> and was concluded on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Vale Island was evacuated during the breakup due to high water levels. Minor flooding occurred at West Point, and more significant flooding occurred out towards Two Seasons Adventures and Cast Aways Cabins. Water came up over the docks on Vale Island, but luckily, no homes were affected. During the breakup, a flight was taken to capture photos and videos for historical reference and future use.. A debrief was conducted with the EMO groups on May 21<sup>st</sup> to review the response actions and to discuss improvements for future events. We have identified a couple of problem areas regarding our monitoring equipment, including the need for new solar panels and a regulator at the Falls.

In May, 800.5 hours were invested by the members of the Protective Services Department, bringing us to a total of 2815 hours YTD. These hours do not include the Town of Hay River Employees who responded during working hours.

### STATISTICS



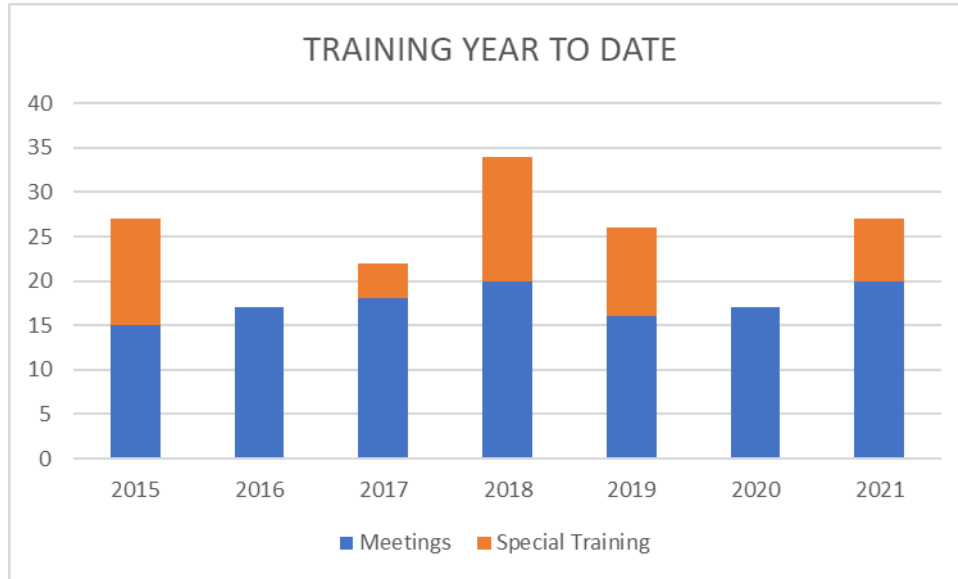


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## MAINTENANCE

1. All daily/weekly/monthly maintenance activities were completed.

### COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:

N/A

### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

Fire Prevention Bylaw

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

### ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

**Prepared by:**  
Travis Wright  
Director Protective Services/Fire Chief  
Date: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**Reviewed By:**  
Glenn Smith  
Senior Administrative Officer  
Date: June 2, 2021



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### i. Asset Disposal Report

#### RECOMMENDATION:

#21-178

**MOVED BY: CLLR GROENEWEGEN  
SECONDED BY: CLLR DOHEY**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approve the disposal, through auction approve the disposal, through auction, of a 1986 McCoy Miller Ambulance in accordance with the Town of Hay River's Procurement Bylaw 2388**

**CARRIED**

#### BACKGROUND:

Administration wishes to dispose of an asset per the attached asset disposal form.

Asset will be sent to local auction will be in accordance with Bylaw 2388 Procedure Bylaw and Policy and will be removed with consideration of environmental, safety and operational regulations and risks.

#### COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:

N/A

#### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

Bylaw 2388 Procedures Bylaw and Policy

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Ambulance to be disposed of at auction. Revenue generated unknown. Asset is fully amortized.

#### ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

Keep assets; scrap all assets; donate assets.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Asset Disposal Form

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**Prepared by:**

Sam Mugford, CPA, CA  
Director of Finance and Admin  
Date: May 18, 2021

**Reviewed by:**

Glenn Smith  
Senior Administrative Officer  
Date: May 18, 2021





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### j. Flood Damage Report

#### RECOMMENDATION:

#21-179

**MOVED BY: CLLR GROENEWEGEN  
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accept for information the Flood Damage Report as presented.**

**CARRIED**

#### BACKGROUND:

During spring break-up 2021 some areas of Hay River suffered damages due to flood waters and ice flows. Public Works has put together a report detailing the damages that occurred and the necessary work required to address these issues.

#### COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:

N/A

#### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

N/A

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

#### ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Flood Damage Report - 2021

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**Prepared by:**  
Mike Auge  
Director of Public Works  
June 3, 2021

**Reviewed by:**  
Glenn Smith  
SAO  
June 3, 2021



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### k. Taxi Bylaw Report

#### RECOMMENDATION:

#21-180

**MOVED BY: CLLR DOHEY**

**SECONDED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the report on Bylaw No. 2425 – Taxi Licence as presented**

**CARRIED**

#### BACKGROUND:

Over the last several years, the Town of Hay River has received many complaints surrounding taxi service levels and difficulties in accessing taxis. Long wait times for a taxi and no-response from taxi dispatchers have been the typical complaint. These concerns combined with general bylaw compliance concerns led to Council's interest in a review of the Taxi Bylaw and consultation with existing licensed taxi operators to understand violations with the hopes to identify opportunities for service improvement.

The Town of Hay River Administration met with both licensed taxi operators (Reliable Cabs and Island Taxi) through multiple meetings which provided insight into the market and the challenges of compliance with the Taxi License bylaw. Both companies indicated difficulties in meeting the service level requirements of the bylaw surrounded challenges in recruitment and retention of drivers, the sparse geography of the community, COVID and fluctuations in taxi demand. Other concerns included taxi driver safety and timelines to permit drivers. A joint letter from Reliable Cabs and Island Taxi was submitted with their recommended changes to the Taxi Bylaw.

On December 16, 2020 and again on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Town of Hay River Policy and Bylaw Committee met to discuss findings from the meetings with the taxi operators and changes to the Taxi Licence Bylaw. The most significant proposed change to the Taxi License Bylaw attempted to better balance taxi supply requirements with current consumer demand. The existing bylaw requirement is that for each Taxi Brokerage (dispatch) license there be a minimum of two licensed taxis and 24/7 dispatch service. Coming out of the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Committee meeting, the recommendation of the Policy and Bylaw Committee to Council was that the following minimum requirements for Taxi Brokerage services be:

- i) One (1) taxi between 10:00am and 6:00pm Sunday and statutory holidays;
- ii) Two (2) taxis between the hours of 6:30am and 6:00pm Monday through Thursday;
- iii) One (1) taxi between the hours of 6:00pm and 2:00am Monday through Thursday;  
and
- iv) Two (2) taxis between 6:30 am to 3:00 am Friday and Saturday

While the proposed changes reduce the required hours of availability and number of taxis for off peak periods, the intent is to improve feasibility of operations and subsequent service levels during



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these hours. Taxi Brokerage License holders are permitted to extend their hours and to match any increase in demand.

On March 29, 2021 Council moved First and Second reading of the revised Taxi Bylaw No. 2425 that included the Policy and Bylaw Committee's recommended service level changes to Taxi Brokerage licensing. However, direction was given to Administration to invite the public to submit written input to the proposed changes ahead of Third and final reading of the bylaw. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the public was invited to submit input by April 14<sup>th</sup> 2021. Three written responses were received and are summarized as follows (complete written submissions attached):

### 1. Vince Mckay – Westech Fire and Safety

- a. People want to go out and enjoy an evening but lack of service and knowing there is a safe and reliable ride home impacts people's choice to go out.
- b. Poor service is an impact on many of our local establishments and visitors.
- c. Believe it's very important that Taxi Brokers provide a 24-hour phone service. Shutting down a service at 2am when local bars and pubs are open until 2am defeats the purpose of getting the patrons and safe a reliable way home.
- d. The option should be at least one taxi is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.
- e. Taxi providers are not putting enough effort into their business, which includes attracting and keeping staff.
- f. Many times the hospital staff are not able to get a hold of a taxi for medical travel reasons and depending on the request of the patient they are required to call for an ambulance or request RCMP assistance to get a patient to the hospital.
- g. If a company cannot operate and provide a service, then maybe someone else can. Maybe new blood is needed to get things going again.

### 2. Jeff Brockway – Taxi Permit Holder (“Chauffer’s License”)

- a. Demand in Hay River for taxi services has declined over the years - businesses have closed, including 2 bars, 1 Motel and some smaller businesses. You no longer see 24 slo-pitch teams, 300 golf memberships, bowling Monday to Friday, Curling Monday to Friday, Broomball, 8 Rec Hockey teams, 8 Rusty Blade teams, etc.
- b. If you force companies to put more cars on the road, it is my belief you will do more harm than good. My only night to make reasonable money is Friday, if I am forced to share Fridays income, I would most likely quit driving taxi.

### 3. Erin Griffiths – CEO Hay River Health and Social Services Authority

- a. Recognizing that HRHSSA provides services to the communities of Hay River, Enterprise, Kakisa and the Katlodeeche First Nation 24/7, we are requesting the Town of Hay River to reconsider the proposed change in hours.
- b. We are recommending that the Town work with the local provider(s) to discuss alternative service options to cover taxi services 24/7, such as on-call hours during the evenings/nights with the driver at home until dispatched.



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On May 18, 2021 the Town of Hay River Bylaw and Policy Committee met to discuss the public input received on the proposed changes to the bylaw. Administration presented an addition option for consideration that outlined 24 hour service with peak and off peak periods of operation. Peak periods would require a minimum of two taxis per Brokerage License and off peak hours would require one taxi. Through discussion, the Committee concluded that it was important to require a 24 hour service within the bylaw to ensure transportation can be provided to support access to services within the community at all times. They also concluded that only a minimum of one taxi should be required at all times and that trust can be put in the market for operators to meet any demand for additional taxis.

Other recommended changes to the bylaw include:

- i) Improved definitions for Corrupt Public Morals, Obstruction, and Officer
- ii) Strengthen position on Criminal Code convictions
- iii) Added Vulnerable Sector Criminal Records Check requirements
- iv) Wording change from "Taxi Permit" to "Chauffer's Permit"
- v) Minimum licensed Taxis for Brokerage License from 3 to 2
- vi) Corrections to language and forms so that only 1 Taxi per Taxi Licence
- vii) Defined renewal date for licenses and permits (August 31<sup>st</sup>)
- viii) Change of vehicle age allowance from 8 years to 12 years
- ix) Increase in fees to reflect market and inflationary increases

The Taxi License Bylaw was last updated in 2009.

The proposed bylaw has passed through a legal review.

### ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Changes to terms and conditions

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Signed Letter from Local Taxi Operators
- Written Public Submissions on Proposed Amendment to Taxi Bylaw No. 2425
- ByLaw 2425 Taxi Bylaw – Track Changes

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### Prepared by:

Glenn Smith

SAO

June 3, 2021

I. Excused Absence

### RECOMMENDATION:

#21-181

**MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD  
SECONDED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS**

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER excuses Cllr Willows from the Regular Meeting of Council, Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**CARRIED**



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### 8. BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 2425 – Taxi Bylaw– Third and Final Reading

#21-182

**MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD  
SECONDED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS**

**CARRIED**

b) Bylaw 2427 – Land Disposal Bylaw – First Reading

#21-183

**MOVED BY: CLLR DOHEY  
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD**

**CARRIED**

Bylaw 2427 – Land Disposal Bylaw – Second Reading

#21-184

**MOVED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS  
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD**

**CARRIED**

### 9. IN CAMERA

“Do you solemnly swear and sincerely affirm that you are alone and cannot be overheard while in camera?” Yes by all of Council

#21-185

**MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD  
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR BOUCHARD**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River move to In Camera at 7:48pm.

**CARRIED**

#21-186

**MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD  
SECONDED BY: CLLR DOHEY**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River move out of In Camera At 8:20PM.

**CARRIED**

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

#21-187

**MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD**

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:21pm.


**CARRIED**

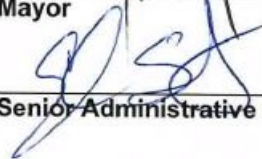


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Certified Correct as Recorded on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2021

These minutes were accepted by motion #21-211.

  
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Mayor

  
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Senior Administrative Officer