



## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Special Meeting of Council was held on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm By Video Conference Call

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

Staff: SAO Judy Goucher, ASAO – Glenn Smith, Director of Recreation – Stephane Millette, Director of Protective Services – Ross Potter, Director of Public Works – Mike Auge, Director of Finance – Sam Mugford, 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**

**#20-060**

**MOVED BY CLLR WILLOWS**

**SECONDED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS**

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the Emergency Meeting of Council on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**4. EMERGENCY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES – MONDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2020**

**#20-061**

**MOVED BY: CLLR WILLOWS**

**SECONDED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS**

**5. COVID-19 COUNCILLOR LIAISON REPORTS**

**Cllr Duford – Seniors and Homelessness**

Had a call with Tom Makepeace, he stated the Seniors are well looked after, but mentioned if there could be a dedicated phone for Seniors to use in case of emergencies, such as needing food or prescriptions.

With the Soup Kitchen now closed there is concern for some seniors and homeless that depend on it for food.

There are Seniors in self-isolating that do not have cell phones or internet, is there any agency that would provide ipads or wifi to those that live alone?

The homeless are taken care of with accommodations.

**Cllr Willows – Hay River Health and Social Services**

Working on developing next steps with enforcement issues around the north. NWT has 1 positive case of COVID-19. If needing the blood laboratory or X-ray you must call and make an appointment. Outpatient overflow is moved to the emergency dept. Any visitors that go into the hospital are screened. There have been 47 testing in Hay River and 10 still pending results, these results can take up to 5 days, and may increase to 7 days.

Plans are beginning to come together for a “drive through” testing area at HH Williams Hospital parking lot.



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There is a full compliment of Doctors till the end of April.

There is enough PPE plus 20% for the pandemic plan. As well Suncor donated 5000 masks.

### 6 NEW BUSINESS

#### a. COVID-19 Town of Hay River Operations Update – SAO Goucher

- All departments have implemented continuity plans.
- All essential service workers are following safe work practices
- The Visitor Information Centre is winterized, and the Tourism coordinator is working from home.
- The recreation centre & curling club both have the ice removed, the pool has been drained and mechanicals are shut down. Cimco will be coming to town to shut the ice plant off. Cimco worker has supplied a work plan and registered with Protect NWT.
- There is some staff working at the recreation centre in separate areas following lone worker protocols.
- Senior Management continues to meet daily and are in regular communications with the union.
- There are some delays in rolling out cheques, working on processes. Visa option will be coming soon.
- At this time there is no drop off box at the main office, but things can be mailed in and mail is picked up weekly and opened with precautions.

#### b. COVID-19 - Public Communications Update – ASAO Smith

- Worked with staff getting set up to work from home and for those essential services, information has been communicated out about safe work practices. Information about mental health has been sent out to all staff.
- Key information that has been communicated to the public in the first 3 weeks has been the THR operations, Public & Private operations, Education of what COVID-19 is and Safe Health Practices.
- 79 posts have been made on our social media, 21 updates on the bulletin boards, 12 emails to the seniors, and 6 emails to the chambers re: support programs, 2 media releases, Q&A on the local radio station with Mayor Jameson, 20 post on the Town website, and continuous emails to all town staff and Council

#### c. Operations and Maintenance Contribution Agreement

#### RECOMMENDATION:

#20-062

MOVED BY: CLLR ANDERSON

SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR BOUCHARD

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approves the Operations and Maintenance Contribution Agreement for 2020 – 2021 in the amount of \$2,215,000.

CARRIED

#### BACKGROUND:







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**CARRIED**

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

**#20-066**

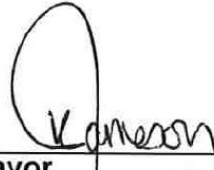
**MOVED BY: CLLR WILLOWS**

**That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:27pm.**

**CARRIED**

**Certified Correct as Recorded on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2020**

**These minutes were accepted by motion #20-068.**

  
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Mayor

  
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Senior Administrative Officer