



AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, CEREMONIES & PRESENTATIONS

5. DELEGATION

- a. Hay River Health and Social Services CEO and Public Administrator – Erin Griffiths and Brian Willows

6. INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Social Issues Committee Public Meeting Minutes – page 2-8

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Public Works Monthly Report for November – page 9-13
- b. Recreation Monthly Report for November – page 14-23
- c. Emergency Services Monthly Report for November – page 24-28
- d. Municipal Enforcement Monthly Report for November – page 29-32
- e. Un-surveyed Commissioners Land Application – page 33-39
- f. Sidewalk Snow and Ice Control Tender Recommendation – page 40-41

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

10. IN CAMERA

- a. **Matters under Consideration** - pursuant to Cities, Towns & Villages Act, S.N.W.T. 2003 c. 22, Section 23. (3), (e)

11. ADJOURNMENT

November 19, 2022

Social Issues Committee Meeting

Chairs: Brian Willows, Mayor Jameson, MLA Rocky Simpson, and Cpl Kevin Devoe

40 attendees.

Called to order 2:03pm

❖ Brian Willows opening remarks & logistics:

- Meeting live streamed and available for 30 days on Town of Hay River social media
- Introduces Social Issues Committee and explains what it is about
- Recognizes members:
 - Mayor Jameson (Town of Hay River), Travis Wright (Fire Dept.), Lynne Beck (DJSS), Trevor Beck (Metis President), Kim King (coroner), Erin Griffiths (HRHSSA), Heather Coakwell (Housing Authority), Cpl Kevin Devoe (RCMP), Joanne Ahenakew (Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre)
- Reflection of personal experience of break in and loss of security in one's home
- Pointing and blaming one group or organization is not the solution, it is a community problem and will take a community to solve it.
- Asks for patience and kindness during deliberations this afternoon
- We will need volunteers to step up today and hope to come out of this meeting with a plan

❖ Mayor Jameson opening remarks:

- thanks everyone for coming out
- Provides overview of history of committee, years ago Jill Taylor started the interagency group
- When we first met it was to look at what the community issues were
- One of the terms of reference is to hear and consider requests and concerns from citizens which is what we are doing here today

❖ MLA RJ Simpson was unable to attend

❖ MLA Rocky Simpson opening remarks:

- Recognize lands of KFN and Metis people
- pleased to see the number of people who have shown up
- We struggle with issues of crime in the legislative assembly as well, people expect if we keep throwing money at the issue that things will change
- This needs to be a community solution amongst all of us
- We need people who are qualified and who understand what is causing crime to happen, why we have addictions, what can we do to change it.
- My own property has had 15K of supplies stolen recently, if anyone in old town sees anything happening, look and give me a call. We all need to do this in every area of town.
- If you go for a walk in the evening, you may prevent people from snooping around.
- People causing the issues are also dealing with their own issues

❖ **Kevin Devoe RCMP – Crime Stoppers presentation:**

- Hopes to enlighten everyone on the situation in town recently
- Must hold back on a lot of information as a lot of these current files are under investigation
- A lot of crimes that are being committed are directly related to substance abuse
- We need your help to be the eyes and ears of the community
- A witness statement is needed to send someone to the crown, but people are afraid of retribution.
- Crime Stoppers is a vital tool that can be used by police to combat the issue
- Please walk away today with this information and tell your friends and share amongst the community
- **Crime Stoppers phone number to call is 1-800-222-8477**
- In order to prosecute anyone, RCMP need a name and people are hesitant or refuse to move forward
- All calls received through Crime Stoppers are confidential
- A tip received might even be the straw that breaks the camel's back and help the RCMP close an investigation ie. warrants, seizure of drugs, weapons, cash, B&E, stolen property, etc.
- Crime Stoppers never wants your name, they only want your information
- Anyone who calls in with a tip is given 'informed privilege'
- Please feel free to come up to me after today if anything isn't clear
- If you don't witness something in plain sight, plain view, and can clearly identify what you can see the RCMP cannot make an arrest. We appreciate all information but the information we need to take action requires detail.
- Tips received through Crime Stoppers are eligible for compensation
- End of presentation, open to any questions during the open discussion after this meeting

❖ **Kevin Devoe RCMP – Community Watch presentation:**

- At end of presentation will be looking for volunteers to step up and possibly take the lead in this
- 'Citizens on Patrol' – you would be the eyes and ears on the street
- Tips can be reported on the 'Citizens on Patrol' app from your smartphone
- We are looking for someone to take charge and take the lead role in this initiative
- The way it is set up:
 - Hands off approach from RCMP perspective
 - RCMP acts as liaison officer
 - Would be able to attend meetings and provide strategy, advice, or training
- If someone is willing to take on, I can put their name forward to 'Citizens on Patrol' Program Coordinator out of Alberta and move on from there
- It is a lot of work to get this started up but it does work for a community to come together and help

❖ **Mayor Jameson**

- appreciates hearing from community and all solutions or ideas that residents may have
- Safe Communities Bill was turned down in the past but it is used in Alberta and Manitoba, there is a lot to this bill and could add value

- This bill gives landlords the ability to evict renters linked with drug activity for up to 90 days
- Has spoken to Minister of Justice about changing legislation for our community, this is something we need to move forward with
- Aftercare is a huge gap as well, we are open to hearing all ideas and solutions. Please don't be shy and bring forward your concerns

❖ **MLA Rocky Simpson**

- states that legislation has looked into Safe Communities Bill
- Yukon has had some challenges on different levels of the court
- It was introduced in NWT in 2006 but the bill didn't pass
- Some of the parts of the legislation are already in parts of other laws that aren't being utilized
- It may be a tough sell for Assembly, it is important to note that but in the meantime we are off to a good start with the RCMP presentations so far

Community Comments & Questions

❖ **Jane Groenewegan**

- Has requested a Chamber of Commerce meeting with president Terry Rowe to get it organized
- It doesn't matter how many cameras or security systems you have, when someone has an axe or a crowbar with the intent to get into your home, how safe is anyone? Refers to Northmart break in.
- When these B&E's start happening it makes you second guess wanting to help some of these people although I do believe it is a narrow group.
- Some people are thinking vigilante thoughts, I know someone who has booby trapped their place. People feel unsafe and want to protect their property.
- Reflects on personal experience about reporting a fight in church parking lot and they came looking for her at the hotel with a pitbull afterward.
- There is a very sinister element to what is going on right now. These people are crazed to get their hands on the next bundle of cash and get those drugs for their next high. There are no reproductions to the magnitude of what is going on right now.

❖ **Angela Desilets**

- I am one of those people who are having those thoughts I never thought I would have to protect my family and home. I need a better avenue to channel my energy.
- Is there more that we can do for the RCMP to support your efforts? A lot of people in town have cameras that face the street, is there an opportunity for us to provide footage. Identify group of homes with cameras to gather information to provide to RCMP after an incident in the area.
- Would rather help in other ways than "arming up". We have the resources, and we are all paying for this equipment, how can we get this information to you.
 - RCMP: we must go back to basics and make sure everything is locked. Car doors, house doors, closed windows. All these small things make a difference. We need to at least slow these people down so we have time to get there while they are in the act of breaking in.

- Underlying issue for a lot of these crimes is drugs. These people have addictions.
- I appreciate your passion. The citizens on patrol program would be a good outlet for that information if that is something that comes out of this meeting today. Get to know your local police officers as well.

❖ Cheryl McMeekin

- Easy way to help neighbours while they are away is drive up and down their driveway and pull up garbage bins so it looks like they're home
- All of these crimes are drug related, where did our Treatment Centre go? There is a small window for addicts to turn themselves in. One thing we didn't have that I think we need is a detox centre.
- How do we go about lobbying to getting back our Treatment Centre?
- Drug dealers aren't going anywhere as long as there's people who need drugs. I don't think we need more money for homeless shelters, they're great but we still need detox centres. Detox centre may be another place for the RCMP to drop people off opposed to hospital or cell, etc.
- The vibration in this town is so bad, they seem to own the town.
 - Rocky: it is important that you recognize that addictions is a big issue and the drive of what is going on. Email the minister, that is who we need to get the message to. This is spoken to in the Legislative Assembly already, but we need these community requests sent to the Minister. We need somewhere to take these people, they come to me in my office, and I take them to the shelter or the health centre because those are the only two places, we have but aren't able to stay at health centre. It comes down to getting this message out to the Minister of Health.
 - Cheryl: Is there a valid reason why the detox centre was taken away that we need to lobby against to get it back?
 - Rocky: will not comment on that but I would like to see it open again. We need to get KFN on our side as the centre is on their land. Housing is a big thing as well, research has shown if you house people then you're going to drop crime by about 25%. But there is no housing in Hay River. There are 10 – 15 people that use the shelter. We have to lobby; emails can be sent to me, and I will pass them onto the Minister or send them directly to the Minister and cc me.
 - Brenda: Why are they getting kicked out of health centre?
 - Rocky: Could be because they don't have beds, don't have staff, could be any number of reasons.

❖ Pennie Pokiak

- People in the homeless shelter are not our problem. The people causing havoc in this town are living in government housing.
- That is what we need to fight for Rocky. We can change legislation as soon as people want it to, we know that.
- We live in Hay River, we need to get our town back and the government needs to stand up and start doing something about this.

- Need harsher penalties for these people. The government needs to stop allowing this to happen. It baffles me. This is now my problem because nobody is doing anything about it.
- How come we no longer have the drug dog in this town?
 - Kevin: I wasn't here when that took place, but we do have two drug dogs in Yellowknife and we can request them. I can look for the answer and get back to you.
 - Pennie: Who do we have to lobby to get the drug dog back in Hay River? We are the hub of the north and a lot of drugs flow through here. We need more presence in Hay River and Inuvik.
 - Kevin: I will get the answer of who to lobby and respond to the Social Committee to provide you an answer
 - Pennie: is our RCMP fully staffed?
 - Kevin: I would like to think we are but we do have a lot of new members
 - Pennie: if we want to lobby for more members in our community, how do we get that in motion?
 - Rocky: place to start is Minister of Justice. He will speak to the RCMP. You will have to make a business case as to why you need more presence in Hay River. I haven't seen latest statistics but that would be the best place to start. Send him emails and cc me.
 - Pennie: do we in fact have a drug free zone and what does that mean? One of the biggest crack houses is across from Harry Camsell School and that is in a 'drug free zone'. You can sit there any time of day and see people come and go and what is happening. How do we get rid of that place?
 - Kevin: there is no drug free zone from what I understand. A school may be called a 'drug free zone' but they can only report from within that area. What information are you seeing that is valuable to get us in the door of that house? I cannot violate peoples charter rights and must work within legislation, I know that sounds frustrating but if you see anything at that house, call in that information.
 - Pennie: what's missing is perhaps the community residents aren't educated enough to what kind of evidence and information you need. What are you doing to educate the community?
 - Kevin: we need information to put on a warrant to get into a house. Crime Stoppers is a great tool that is underutilized, we might only get 1 – 2 tips per month.

❖ **Beatrice Lepine**

- Involved in a lot of community justice issues as retired Justice of Peace, was so naive when it came to drugs. Reflects on personal experience hiring someone for labour and witnessing payment for drug deal.
- Had no idea that I could turn this information to you.
- I am willing to volunteer for any sort of community watch network.
 - Kevin: if you're willing to turn in information or be a witness, you have to understand that if charges are laid you will be called to testify in a court of law. You will most likely be given a subpoena to testify in court.
- Urges everyone not to be afraid to share information, this is our community.

❖ **Cindy Caudron**

- previous chair of Housing Authority, speaking as citizen of Hay River
- Please understand that the percentage of people dealing drugs in government housing is quite small but the impact of the people who are involved is large.
- Eviction is legal with Housing Authority but the kicking out of people gets stopped in Yellowknife by headquarters.
- local housing authority because we have tried without success to evict these people, one house with people there for a year and half.
- Adam and your local housing authority is doing an outstanding job.
- One of the many reasons why the Housing Authority board members quit is because we could not get these people kicked out. Your housing authority has done everything that they can do. We need somebody to champion the lead to make sure these eviction requests/cases are honoured.
- People we have on the street right now are a lot of people I don't know, and I've grown up here my whole life.
- Drug dealers come and they get our people addicted and indebted to them. The level of people who are engaged in these drug activities are not the ones we see on the street. A lot of these people are from Toronto.
- Our street people are scared of these people who are wandering around downtown.
- Doesn't feel safe at home anymore, I lock my door, I had lights installed. When I hear the dogs barking I look to see what is going on. I had to chase people away from the Seniors Centre. What are these people doing there? I shouldn't be doing this but I am. I wouldn't encourage anyone to do what I did because we don't know if you're going to get shot, stabbed, etc.
- What is the time frame if we call Crime Stoppers if we see someone roaming around?
 - Kevin: **if you see an active crime that needs police action – call 874 1111.** Crime Stoppers has a delay of about a day, it is more for tips for investigations or cases.

❖ **Mayor Jameson**

- Does having a housing authority with no authority make sense? No.
- Our job as politicians is to make legislation and bylaws and listen to what we are hearing to make sure those changes are made.
- Message needs to be clear to these drug dealers is we don't want you here and we don't care where you live. If the Housing Authority can't do their job and get these people out of these houses, then our hands are tied.

❖ **Brenda McAuley**

- I see this 24/7 in my building. I'm sick and tired of it and until the law changes what can Crime Stoppers and the law do about it.

❖ **MLA Rocky Simpson**

- Acknowledges the Housing Authority does a lot of work to get people evicted.
- Receives calls from evictees last minute or they call the Minister, and the Minister will say it's not going to happen. For example, eviction order is in place and these people getting evicted go to the Minister and say they have three kids and have nowhere to go and that's when other departments get involved ie. Social services.

- What is a drug dealer? Is it someone we assume is doing it or someone who is convicted?
- When we give RCMP information and they go to court we want to make sure it sticks.
- Housing in our community has limited authority and ultimately it lays with the Minister. There are a lot of people out there deserving of accommodation right now, list is probably about 50+ long.
- I am glad this meeting is being held and we are talking and there is a lot of work to be done.

❖ **Adam Swanson**

- Concerns that are brought up are a very big deal, especially Pennie's.
- Within the last 3-4 years the community decent into 'madness' has been drastic.
- What Rocky touched on; it hasn't always been this way. Since I've been with Housing Authority, I've seen a turnover of 3 ministers.
- I would caution anyone who is going to volunteer for Community Watch, not that it isn't a good idea but there is a whole other layer to this town that you may not see.
- There's not a day that goes by that I don't go to work sick to my stomach dealing with these people.
- After Minister Moses and Carolyn Cochrane took his place as Housing Minister, things took a turn for the worst. She pushed it to be more Social Services and now Minister Chinna has herded that.
- Prior to Carolyn Cochrane, Housing Authority used to do our own evictions.
- We have individuals who are sitting with 4-5 eviction notices that have been squashed by Ministers.
- Willing to do the job but needs some sort of power. I am not afraid to evict anyone, these people evict themselves.
- Cannot believe in a town of 3500 people that I don't want my kid walking back and forth to Ecole Boreale to home. I would rather him walk down a trail where he might run into a bear or wolf than down Woodland Drive.
- If you have questions, please come and see me.
- Jane's story is so important, we are dealing with people who DON'T care. Be careful.
- Housing Authority is there and we do care but we are strapped. All you need to do is give me the power back to evict. It's not as complicated as you think it is.

❖ **Brian Willows closing comments**



REPORT TO COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

DATE: December 5th 2022

SUBJECT: Public Works Monthly Report for November 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the Public Works Monthly Report for November 2022.

BACKGROUND:

Capital Projects 2022:

A list of 2022 Capital Projects along with a brief update of the status of these projects is included in the chart below.

2022 Capital Projects	
Project	Update
New Town Hall	Discussions have occurred with Town's engineering partner on preliminary building designs to support funding applications. Administration investigating funding opportunities.
Old Town Hall Demolition	Deferred to 2023.
New Lift Station #4	Deficiency list completed and items being actioned.
Fraser Place Development	Area fenced off and delineated, project is shut down for winter. Spring start-up date pending.
Caribou Crescent Water Sewer and Drainage	Minor deficiencies to be addressed. Spring start-up date pending.
Beaver Crescent Water, Sewer, and Drainage	Deficient items will be addressed in spring/summer of 2023.
Riverview Drive Upgrade	Deficient items will be addressed in spring/summer of 2023.
Waste Diversion Project - Tire Shredding	Tire shredding is completed, remaining rimmed and over size tires will be stockpiled away from construction material and addressed in 2023. Options for tire shred are being reviewed and include slope protection of the sewage lagoon and sludge pit as well as road base test section through recycling funding.
Hazardous Waste Removal Project	MACA led project. RFP for work closed July 4, 2022. Project to start in spring 2023.



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Capital Drive Watermain	Deficient items will be addressed in spring/summer of 2023. Fire suppression line to one property will require additional line installation when weather permits.
Paradise Road	Seeding and vegetation of area between the road and riverbank to be addressed next spring as well as drainage improvements.
Sewer line Re lining	Completed, areas include the Ravine from Old Hospital to Lift Station #1 as well as 2 highway/rail crossings
Industrial Drive	Items remaining include ditch grading and culvert installation, these items will be completed in spring/summer 2023.
Water Treatment Plant Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design	The WTP feasibility study status: the technology review is complete, and the feasibility study is near completion. Next step is preliminary design with geotechnical investigations.

Solid Waste Facility Operations:

Landfill daily operations taken over by the Town, adjustments to operating hours with the facility open 6 days a week and closed on statutory holidays. Mon-Friday 10am-6pm and Sundays 12pm -5pm. New Landfill sign installed. Major haul of cover and cap material placed over construction and domestic areas.

Water License Activities:

Regular monitoring programs continue as per the requirements of the Town's water license. Testing work was performed as required and Town staff have now taken a portion of this work in-house to reduce costs and increase efficiency.

Water license reporting requirements for 2021 are near completion. Reviewed and accepted documents submitted by the Town includes the annual report, the post fire monitoring report, WTP O&M plan, SWDF O&M plan, SDF O&M Plan, hydrocarbon contaminated soil treatment facility O&M plan, and ground water monitoring plan. Ongoing weekly, monthly, and quarterly sampling continues for 2022 reporting.



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Fall Inspection completed September 14th, currently reviewing comments.

Public Works Daily Operations and Completed Work Orders

Water and Sewer:

- Sampling and daily water reporting - Ongoing
- Daily inspections of Lift Stations, Water Treatment Plant and Reservoir - Ongoing
- Water Meter reads - Completed
- Increase bleeder system at Old Town Truck Fill to avoid freeze up - Completed
- Lift Station #4 staff orientation - Ongoing
- Customer curb stops turned off for winterization and due to incident in Beaver Cres - Completed
- Curbstop repairs on Balsam and Robin Cres - Completed
- Hydrant maintenance/winterize- noted several hydrants have wrong fittings for Fire Department connections. These fittings to be changed out. - Ongoing

Roads & Ditches

- Road sanding and grading - Ongoing
- Cleanup of fallen trees and debris from high winds and curbstop maintenance - Completed
- Snow clearing operations - Ongoing
- Repair and replace damaged signs - Ongoing
- Snow clearing at Fire Training Centre and McMeekin Park - Ongoing

Equipment Maintenance

- Snow blower minor repairs - Completed
- Case Loader fuel system repairs - Ongoing



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- Sanding truck minor repairs - Completed
- Maintenance and repairs on hearse - Ongoing
- Truck #11 plow installation - Completed

Building and Ground Maintenance

- Replace locks on Lift Station #1 and Old Town Truck Fill - Completed
- Funeral/burial set ups x4 - Completed
- Sidewalk snow removal at Fire Hall and Visitor Centre - Ongoing
- Christmas Lights installation - Completed
- Schedule servicing of all HVAC Systems - Ongoing

Misc. flood related work

- Lift Station #1 mitigation work for structure – Ongoing

Development Permits

- 1 Development Permit and 3 Building Permits have been approved for November 2022. In the month of November 2021, we had 8 Development Permits and 2 Building Permits signed out.
- The November 2022 Development and Building Permit Report is as follows:

DATE	DEV #	CIVIC ADDRESS	DESC. OF WORK
Nov 4/22	D22-094	39 Riverview Drive	James A (Jim) Forsey (Enforcement-Security Consulting)
Nov 11/22	B22-029	15 Caribou Crescent	Replace entire roof with new Engineered Truss Roof.
Nov 22/22	B22-030	48006 Mackenzie Highway	Major Flood Repairs
Nov 22/22	B22-031	47031 Mackenzie Highway	Major Flood Repairs



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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

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT: RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DATE: December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the report entitled "Recreation and Community Services Monthly Report" for November 2022 as presented.

BACKGROUND:

Recreational Programming

Youth Programming

After School Club:

After School Club continued through the month of November and was well attended once again. The program was approximately 80% full for Mondays through Thursdays and 95% full on Fridays. The partnership between the After School Club and the NWT Centennial Library continued this month, with the Program Librarian delivering weekly craft and story sessions.

The partnership between the HRHSSA Child and Youth Counsellor and the After School Club also continued in November. The Child and Youth Counsellor facilitates weekly art sessions for After School Club participants. The After School Club also continues to make use of the Hay River Community Centre's rental skates and helmets every Friday afternoon.

Additional youth programs:

Full-day PD Day Programming was offered for one day in November as well. This program was 100% full and youth participated in a variety of activities including swimming, skating, crafts, and active games.

The Department's Programming team also offered youth programming on the evening of November 25th to coincide with the Chamber's Moonlight Madness event. Eleven youth dropped in to participate in swimming, Christmas crafts and a Christmas movie at the Community Centre. This annual holiday tradition returns post-pandemic, to facilitate residents' participation in Moonlight Madness shopping and events.

Fitness Programming

Instructor led group fitness classes were again offered in the Multipurpose Fitness Room through the month of November. Vinyasa Yoga and Chair Yoga continued, led by a contracted yoga instructor. Spin classes continued, also led by a contracted fitness instructor. The Recreation Programming Supervisor is also leading fitness classes, with the remainder of the fitness schedule being rounded out by virtual programming. Fitness class attendance increased



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slightly through the month of November, with a large increase in wellness class attendance and a small increase in spin class attendance. Fitness programming attendance was higher this month when compared to November 2021.

Community Programming

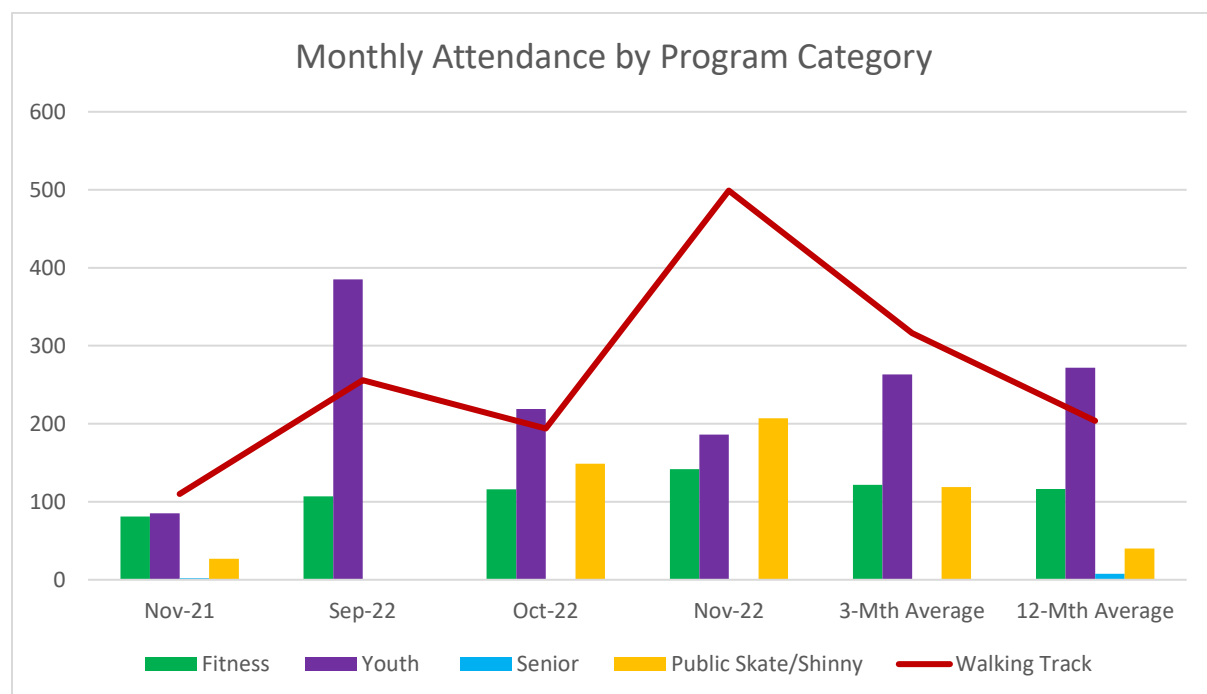
Table Tennis Clinic

Table Tennis North approached the Recreation Programming Supervisor about offering a free table tennis clinic at the Hay River Community Centre over the weekend of Nov 25 – 27. Table Tennis North secured funding from NWTRPA to financially support this clinic, which was open to all youth in our community. Unfortunately, the clinic was not well attended with only 3 youth participating in the free clinic.

Public Skating & Shinny

Public skating attendance has increased dramatically this month, in large part due to the number of school classes taking part in public skating during school hours. Noon hour Jr. Shinny attendance has also increased dramatically this month with an average of 8 youth attending Jr. Shinny on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Recreation Programming Statistics

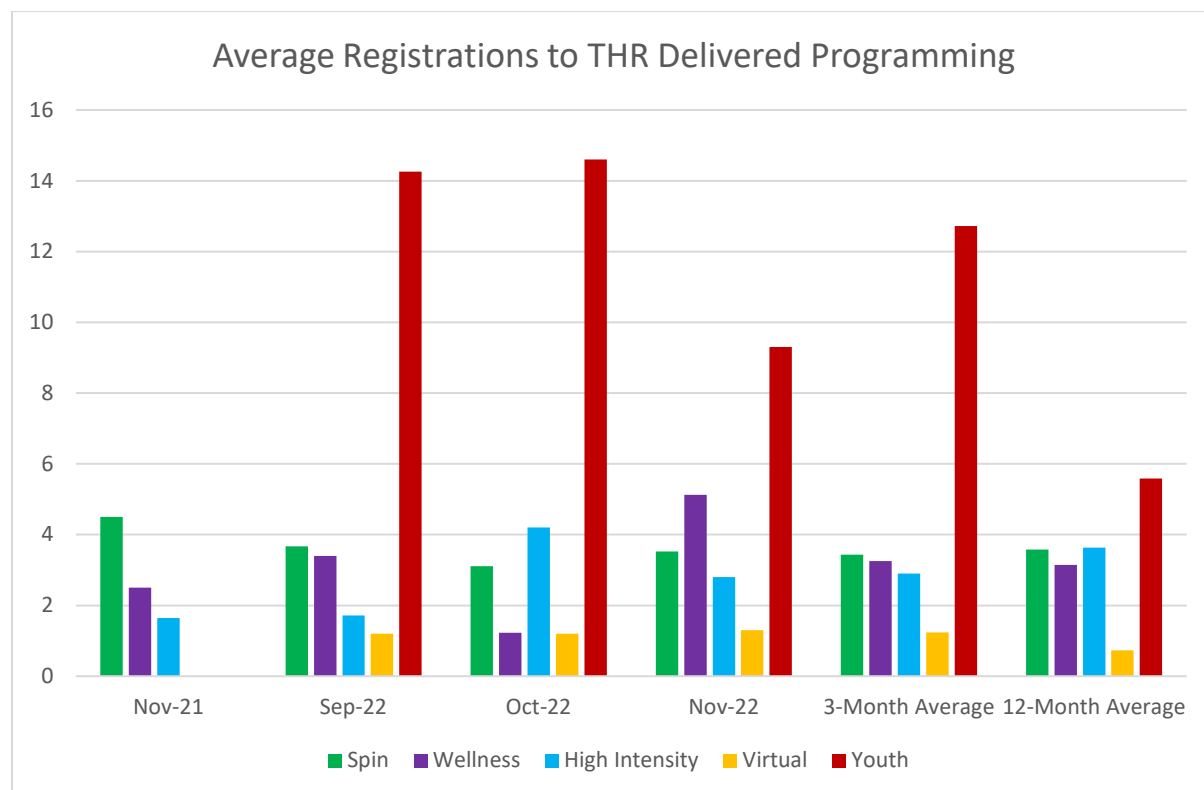




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Aquatics

General

The aquatic centre remained open 7 days per week with a regular weekly schedule and little to no unforeseen service interruptions. The new chemical feed system for chlorine and pH control continues to operate well since installation in September with minimal adjustments needed by staff. Staff are noting more consistent daily water quality and chemical levels as compared to the previous gaseous chlorination system.

Staffing

The Don Stewart Aquatic Centre is near a full staff roster for the first time and several years. All three full-time permanent lifeguard positions are filled and there are sufficient casual staff for coverage of evening and weekend shifts. Two Assistant Lifeguards recently completed their NL



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course and hiring is underway for 2 more assistant lifeguards to help with shift coverage when staff are sick or have other commitments.

The daily swim schedule is being adjusted to reflect the full compliment of staff. Swim blocks and operating hours are expected to increase slightly given that staff can rotate through breaks, rather than closing the pool to allow for appropriate rest and breaks.

Aquatic staff participated in the Santa Claus Parade on November 25th. Staff decorated a Town truck and rode in the parade dressed as elves.



Attendance

This month's swimmer statistics were approximately double of equivalent 2021 data, except for evening adult swimming blocks where 2021 statistics were higher. Note also that November 2022 swimmer numbers are higher than 3-month averages of the *Monthly Swimmer Statistics* graph below, as well as being higher than all but 2 categories of the 12-month averages.

Birthday party rentals remained consistent at approximately 2 per month. There were 5 school group rentals, and requests from local teachers continued to increase later in the month. There were also 3 sponsored Family Swims this month that were free to the public. These were provided by HRHSSA in honour of Family Violence Prevention Month and National Addictions Awareness Week.



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Swimming Lessons

The current set of swimming lessons began on November 7th and will run until December 15th. There are 17 swimmers registered in 5 lesson groups ranging from Preschool 2 to Swimmer 4 levels. The average swimmer to instructor ratio is 3 to 1 for the current lesson set.

Courses & Training

The Aquatics Supervisor sits on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Parks & Recreation Association and attended a board meeting in Ottawa Nov 21-22. This meeting included representatives from each of the 13 provinces and territories, as well as Executive Directors from each provincial/territorial recreation association.

Discussions were held regarding staffing in recreation (specifically lifeguarding and what others are doing to recruit/maintain staff), professional development, infrastructure, anti-racism initiatives, green jobs, and youth employment. Members also participated in a diversity, equity, and inclusion workshop.

There was also an informal breakfast with members of Parliament, including a cabinet minister and some national partners to give them an opportunity to better connect with the Recreation Sector.



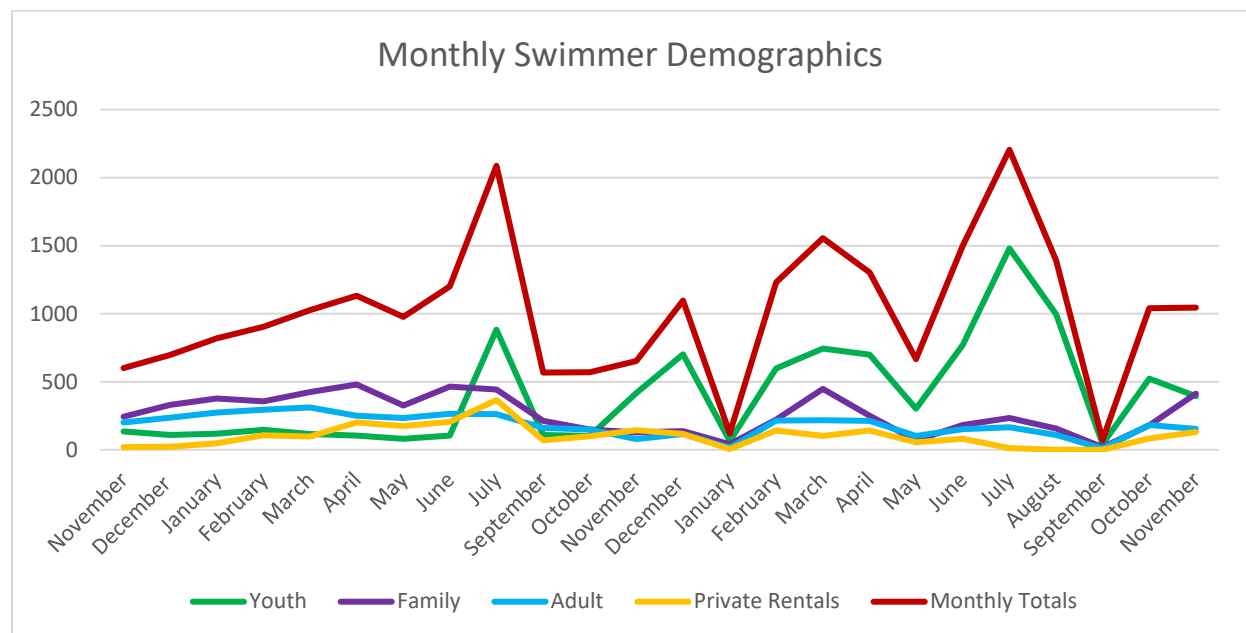
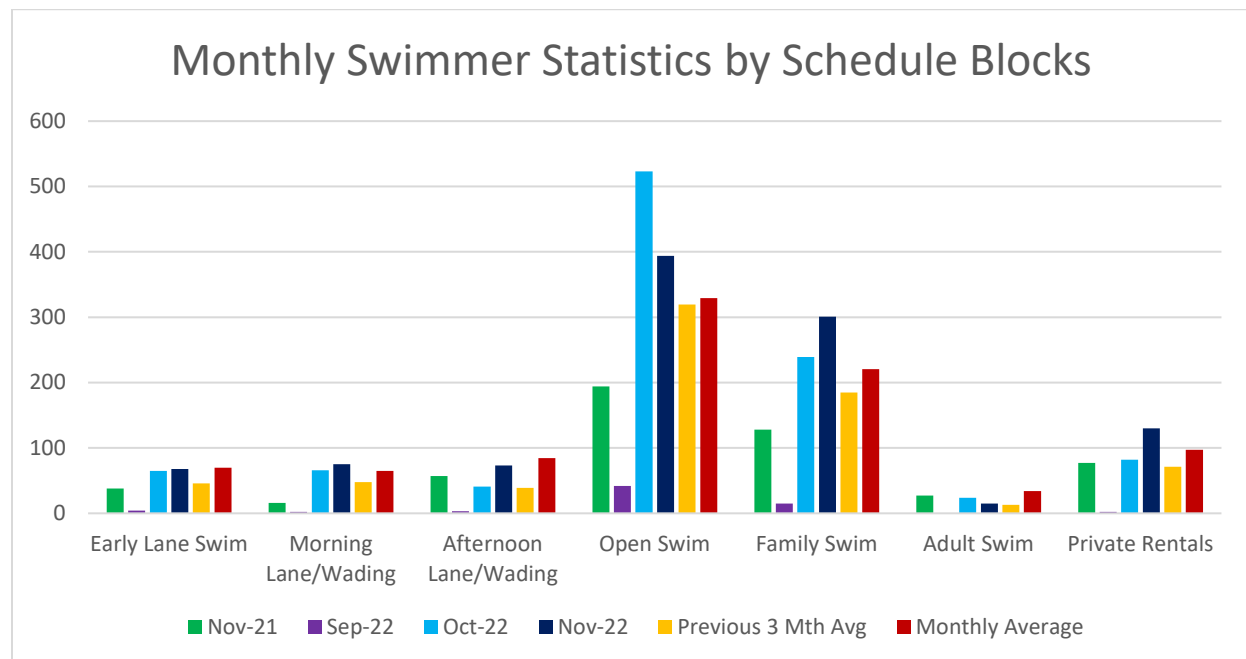


REPORT TO COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT: RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DATE: December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

Don Stewart Aquatic Centre Statistics





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Facilities and Maintenance

Two members of the Department's Maintenance team and the Director of Recreation participated in a *Recreation Facilities Conference* hosted November 21st to 23rd in Yellowknife by MACA's School of Community Government. See conference agenda below.

Recreation and Aquatic Centre:

Don Stewart Aquatic Centre:

- Change filter sand in hot tub
- Repair hot tub filter pump
- Weekly walkthrough of aquatic centre with Maintenance and Aquatics staff
- Installation of permanent door stops on all aquatic centre doors
- Increase in weekly vacuuming of pool and hot tub
- Repair of pool storage room heater – drive belt replaced

Aurora Ford Arena and Hay River Curling Club:

- Routine daily ice maintenance and weekly measurements
- Working with local contractor to repair curling club stairwell heaters
- Deployment of new ice edger
- Conversion of arena storage room into a referee room
- Improvements to Maintenance staff work area and meeting room
- Repairs to front end of spare ice resurfacers

Other Community Centre Maintenance Items:

- Ongoing building inspections, preventative maintenance, etc.
- Monthly fire extinguisher and safety checks
- THR Public Works support for installation of winter tires on Maintenance trucks
- Snow and ice removal around the building
- Regular room rentals and set ups
- Support hockey tournaments and weekend special event rentals


Parks and Greenspaces:

- Garbage containers emptied weekly in downtown core and at greenspaces and trails.
- Regular litter pickup and weekly checks of Town sites and assets in the downtown core.

REPORT TO COUNCIL

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Government of
Northwest Territories

Recreation Facilities Conference

November 21 – 23, 2022
Explorer Hotel and Quality Inn
Yellowknife

Agenda

DAY 1			
6:00pm	Meet and Greet	Get to know other practitioners Food and refreshments served	Explorer Hotel Katimavik D
7:00pm	AARFP Services	Presentation Alberta Assc. of Recreation Facilities Personnel	Explorer Hotel Katimavik D
7:30pm	Developing Policies and Procedures	Developing policies and procedures for your facilities	Explorer Hotel Katimavik D
Day 2			
8:45am	Facility Life Cycle Planning	Maximizing the life of a facility	Quality Inn Garnet Room
10:15am	Break		
10:30am	Installing Synthetic Turf	Installation and maintenance of synthetic turf for outdoor facilities	Quality Inn Garnet Room
12:00 noon	Lunch		
1:15pm	Maintaining a Clean Facility	What goes into an effective custodial program	Quality Inn Garnet Room
2:45pm	Break		
3:00pm	Energy Management	Making buildings energy efficient and grants available	Quality Inn Garnet Room
4:15pm	Day 2 wrap-up		





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Day 3			
8:45am	Bus Pick-up	Quality Inn	
9:00am	Facility Tour	City of Yellowknife Facilities	YK Multiplex/Fieldhouse
10:00am	Break		
10:15am	Ice Resurfacers PM	Ice resurfacer daily checklist and PM	YK Multiplex
11:30am	Bus Pick-up	Multiplex	
12:00noon	Lunch		
1:15pm	Team Building	How teams develop and start to perform	Quality Inn Garnet Room
1:15pm	Playground Inspections	Completing regular inspections and available training and certification	Quality Inn Silver Room
2:45pm	Break		
3:00pm	Preventative Maintenance Planning	Develop a customized PM program for your facilities	Quality Inn Garnet Room
3:00pm	Pool Operations	Start-up and shutdown of seasonal pools	Quality Inn Silver Room
4:15pm	Day 3 wrap-up		





REPORT TO COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT: RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES **DATE:** December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

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: December 1st, 2022

Reviewed by:
Glenn Smith
Senior Administrative Officer
Date: December 1st, 2022



REPORT TO COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT: PROTECTIVE SERVICES

DATE: December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approves the Emergency Services Activity Report for November 2022 as presented.

BACKGROUND:

Summary:

Monthly Stat Summary	
EMS Calls	48
False Alarms	3
Fires	2
Rescue	2

In the month of November, the fire department responded to a fire call that was caused by an explosion at a residence on beaver crescent. The call involved the evacuation of the neighborhood and a suppression of structure fire. The fire department and supporting agencies did an amazing job dealing with a very serious incident. We are happy to report there were no serious injuries caused by the event.

The Director has been planning for the 1001 training program for 2023. A lot of work has been focused on developing the training schedule for the 1001 program for next year. This schedule identifies all practical testing, written exams and maps out 3 quarters of next years fire training nights. It also identifies the pace that chapters need to be completed to be prepared for training nights and written exams. We are also planning on developing new instructors in this year's program with assistance from experienced instructors.

We have been working on logistics for the river monitoring equipment. Meetings are being held with ENR on flow values and sensor data requirements. Getting new brackets manufactured so we can mount the hardware that holds the sensors. We are planning to get the equipment installed and tested as soon as weather permits.

The 64th annual Fire Fighters ball is on December 3rd. This year has been one of the most challenging for the HRFD and recognition of the sacrifice and effort by the members is an important task. This event provides the platform to do that.



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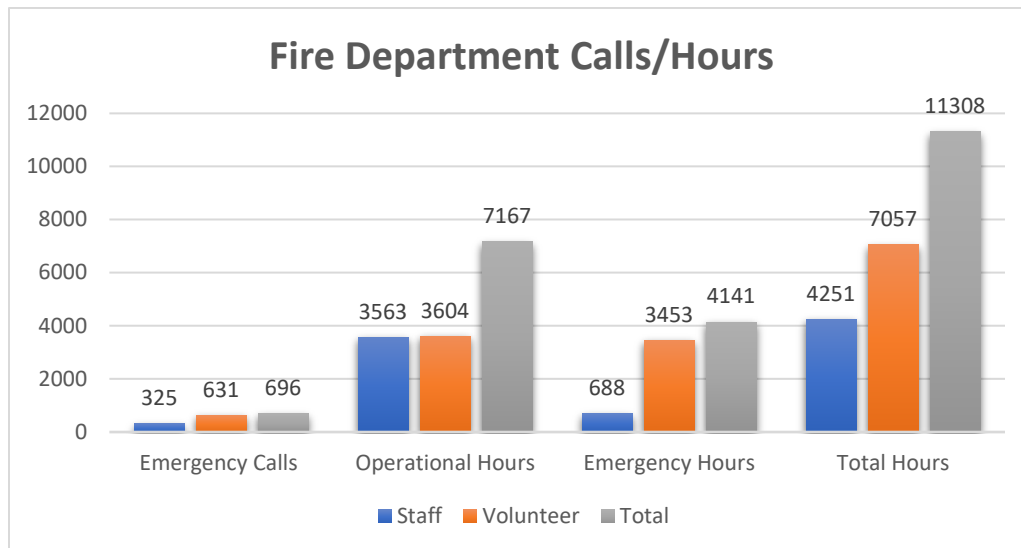
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In the month of November, the department trained on cold weather operations, patient extraction, vehicle extrication and prepped for Christmas events like the parade and Santa sleigh ride.

STATISTICS



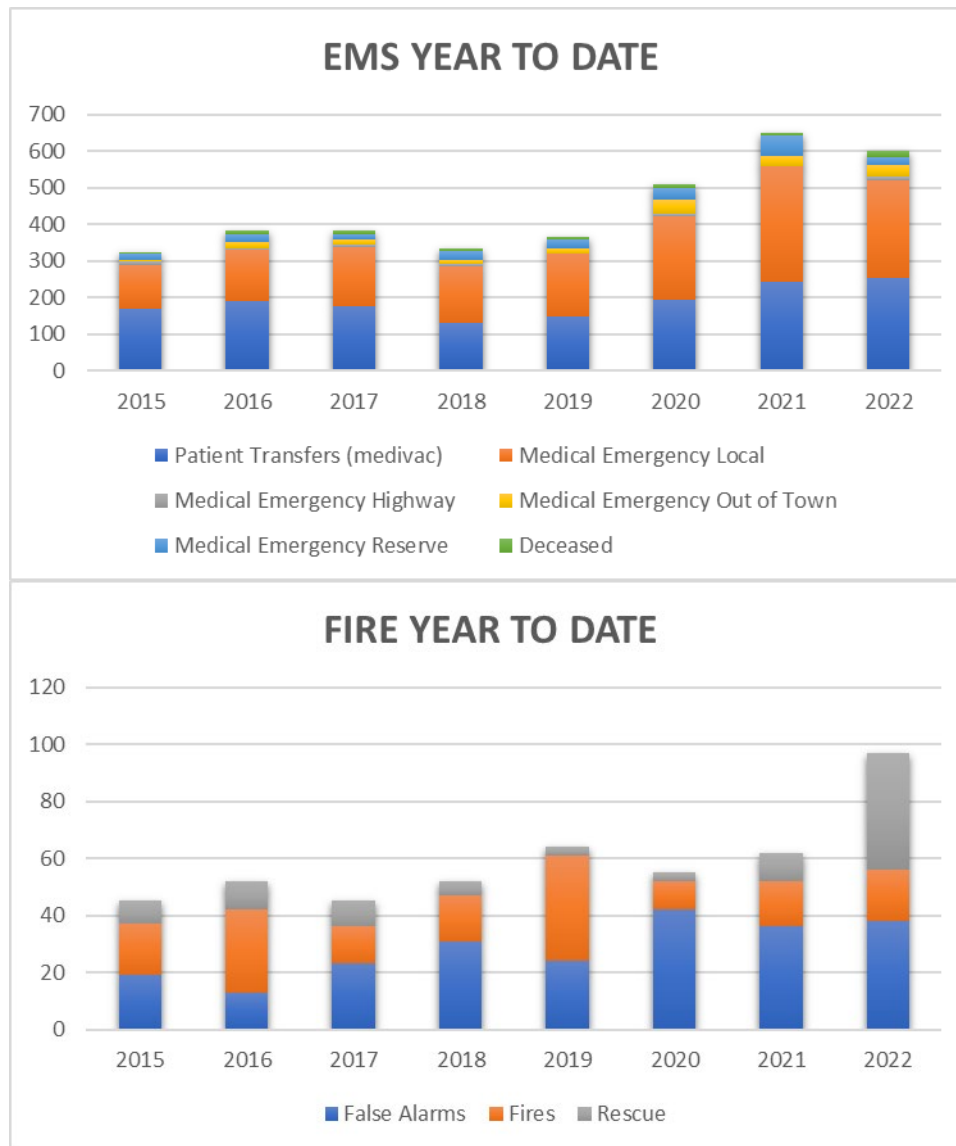


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MAINTENANCE

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:



REPORT TO COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT: PROTECTIVE SERVICES

DATE: December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

None

Prepared by:

Travis Wright
Director Protective Services/Fire Chief
Date: December 2nd 2022

Reviewed By:

Glenn Smith
Senior Administrative Officer
Date: December 2nd, 2022

REPORT TO COMMITTEE



COMMITTEE: **STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL** **DATE:** December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: **MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the Municipal Enforcement Report for November 2022 as presented.

BACKGROUND:

Monthly Stat Summary	
Animal Control	8
Traffic	16
Snow	7
Other	7

This month has seen a decrease in animal calls. With the cold weather setting in, fewer animals are being seen outdoors. Animal welfare for the ones being left outdoors is being monitored to ensure their safety and care are proper and suitable. Problematic areas are monitored closely, as time is a factor in cold weather.

Downtown patrols have been increased to show a more visible presence to help support local businesses and buildings dealing with problematic individuals harassing other individuals or patrons in the downtown core. This will continue over the winter to assist in giving the downtown businesses and organizations support in dealing with this issue.

Snow clearing around town is being supported by continuing to work on and make sure that vehicles are adhering to parking time limits on roadways and making sure they are moved during snow clearing schedules. There have been a few problematic vehicles in areas such as the school zone and the nature trail on Riverview Drive that have had to be addressed. This issue will continue to be addressed in an effort to keep the streets clear and make them safer for snow removal.

A public message was sent out at the beginning of the month online to help educate citizens about their responsibility to keep the snow from their driveways out of the streets and the sidewalks clear. This is an ongoing issue that people will be reminded, warned about, and enforced upon to keep the streets and sidewalks clean and safe for pedestrians this winter.

School Safety

The Protective Services Specialist continues to monitor and patrol the school zones during peak times to ensure motorists are compliant with regulations to ensure the safety of school zones

REPORT TO COMMITTEE



COMMITTEE: **STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL** **DATE:** December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: **MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

during shorter daylight conditions and snow and ice that create more hazards, especially during early morning hours.

Upcoming Goals

The Protective Services Specialist is continuing work on the 1021 Fire Officer Course. This professional development has been prioritized to help assist and support the Protective Services Division and the Fire Department Operations. 2023 planning with the Protective Services Director will be done next month to identify priorities, initiatives, and special projects in the upcoming year.

Emergency Services

The Protective Services Specialist organized the purchase and set up of the new docking station that is used to bump test and calibrate the gas monitors. This will be a valuable resource that can be used by multiple divisions of the Town of Hay River. The organization and acquisition of custom-manufactured EMO Monitor support equipment have been completed so that the new devices can be installed and tested shortly.

COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:	
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Strategy:

Goal:

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:
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All applicable Bylaws and Territorial Legislation

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

REPORT TO COMMITTEE



COMMITTEE: STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL **DATE:** December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT REPORT

OFFENCE	INQUIRY	INVESTIGATED (NO SUBSTANTIATION)	WARNINGS (VERBAL, LETTER OR VISUAL)	FINES / ENFORCEMENT	OTHER ACTION
Animal Control Bylaw					
Animal Abuse/Welfare	21	8	5	4	4
Barking Dogs	28	12	5	5	6
Dog Attack	6	1	3	1	1
Dog Bites	4	0	0	0	4
Loose Cat/Dog	67	13	17	6	30
Sled Dog Complaints	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	22	3	4	2	12
Business License					
No Business License	36	0	13	5	18
Operating business not as permitted	1	0	0	0	1
Traffic Bylaw					
Vehicle/Trailer Parking	82	7	23	40	12
ATV/Snow Machine	14	5	5	3	1
Fail to Stop (Sign or Light)	3	0	2	0	1
Distracted Driving	2	0	0	2	0
No Seat Belt	1	0	0	0	1
Fail to carry/No valid driver's licence	0	0	0	0	0
Suspended/Prohibited Driver	0	0	0	0	0
Fail to carry-No Insurance/Registration	4	0	3	1	0
Unsecure Load	0	0	0	0	0
Obstructed Windshield/Windows	0	0	0	0	0
Fail to drive to road conditions	0	0	0	0	0
Improper use of plate/ No Plate	1	1	0	0	0
Drive w/o lights during low visibility	0	0	0	0	0
Speeding	50	4	36	3	7
Speeding (School/Construct/Industrial)	1	0	1	0	0
Suspected Impaired Driver	1	1	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	3	0	0	1	2
Unsafe/Hazardous Behaviour					
Miscellaneous	12	2	2	1	7
Intoxicated- Unable to care for self	10	1	0	0	9
Public Disturbance	1	0	0	1	0
Snow Removal Bylaw					
Sidewalks not cleared	9	0	7	0	2
Driveway cleared on to street / sidewalk	8	0	8	0	0
Snow being put on private property	1	0	1	0	0
Miscellaneous	2	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	468	59	151	95	126

REPORT TO COMMITTEE



COMMITTEE: **STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL** **DATE:** December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: **MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Prepared by:
Jonathan Wallington
Protective Services Specialist
Date: December 2, 2022

Reviewed By:
Travis Wright
Director, Protective Services
Date: December 2, 2022



REPORT TO COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT: Lands

DATE: December 5th 2022

SUBJECT: Un-surveyed Commissioners Land Lease Application

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER request Administration to apply to the Government of the Northwest Territories to acquire Headlease for the Un-surveyed parcel of land (as per attached sketch) located on Paradise Gardens area.

Also, for Administration to prepare an Acquisition Bylaw to submit to Council.

BACKGROUND:

As we are aware, Paradise Valley was particularly hard hit in May 2022 flooding. Mr. Greg Haist have a development permit to build a new home on Lot 1034 Plan 1632 – 426 Paradise Road. The property was under approximately seven (7) feet of water during the recent flood. As such, Mr. Haist believed that to proceed and build a home on the lot will not be ideal.

The Town received an application from Mr. Greg Haist to sublease an approximate six (6) hectares or fifteen (15 acres) parcel of Commissioners land, located along Mackenzie Highway 2, on Paradise Gardens, as per attached sketch.

The purpose of the sublease is to build a house and shed for farm machinery and equipments. Also, to clear and cultivate approximately 3.7 hectares (9 acres) of land area for market garden and other suitable uses.

The subject lot of interest has a surveyed road allowance which would provide road access to the lot.

Dept. of Lands, Fort Smith confirmed that the subject parcel of land can be applied for as per email that states:

“The identified area is currently untenured land; however, the parcel would still need to go through consultation to ensure that it’s available for leasing. The Town can submit an application for the head lease.”

Further details of the proposed use of the land are explained on the attached letter/development proposal from Greg Haist.



REPORT TO COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT: Lands

DATE: December 5th 2022

SUBJECT: Un-surveyed Commissioners Land Lease Application

COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

Land Administration Bylaw
Certified Assessment Roll

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Town to pay GNWT for Annual Head Lease fee set by GNWT.
- Sub Tenant to pay annually to the Town the following:
 - 1). Lease Fees = \$6,200 * (estimate)
Commissioner's land *"lease fees shall be ten (10%) of the Assessed value per annum"* as per Land Administration Bylaw; and
 - 2). Property Tax = \$ 0.00 *
Mr. Greg Haist may apply for property tax exemption under Bylaw 1468 Senior Citizen Tax Relief.

* Amounts are based on the estimated Land (only) Assessed Value of 62,000 provided by Department of Assessment, MACA, GNWT, June 29th, 2022.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Town apply for title to land and subdivide for agricultural use.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter of Interest from Mr. Haist
- Sketch of subject parcel of land
- House plan

Prepared by:
Susan Gallardo
Lands & Taxation
Date: 29 June 2022

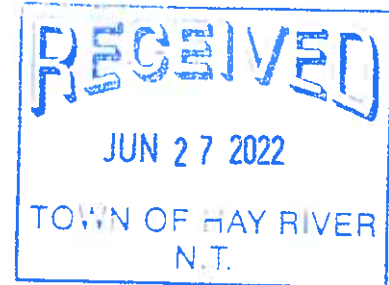
Reviewed by:
Glenn Smith
Senior Administrative Officer
Date:

GREGORY G. HAIST

426 Paradise Road, Hay River, NT, XOE OR4, Phone (867) 876-1567

June 24, 2022

Susan Gallardo
Lands & Taxation
Town of Hay River



Hi Susan:

Please find attached an application for Commissioner's Land including maps from the NWT Atlas showing the location of the parcel. The new parcel is adjacent to existing surveyed parcels in Paradise Valley. There is a surveyed road allowance which would provide legal access to the parcel. The new parcel is approximately 6 ha (15 acres). I expect to clear and cultivate approximately 3.7 ha (9 acres). I would also expect to build a house and machine shed for farm equipment. The buildings would be located at an elevation above any anticipated flooding.

Paradise Valley was particularly hard hit in the recent flooding in May 2022. I currently own two lots (Lots 1034 and 1035, Plan 1632 LTO) in Paradise zoned Market Garden. These lots had approximately 7 feet of water over the entire area during the recent flood. I was expecting to build a new house on Lot 1034 (street address 426 Paradise Road). I have a development permit for the house but because of the extent of the flooding, I don't think it's a good idea to proceed with a house at that location.

I would like to stay close to the farm but have a location for a house and farm equipment that is above flooding. The land I have identified will meet these conditions.

Also attached are the preliminary house plans that were submitted for the development permit at 426 Paradise Road.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (867) 876-1567.

Yours truly,

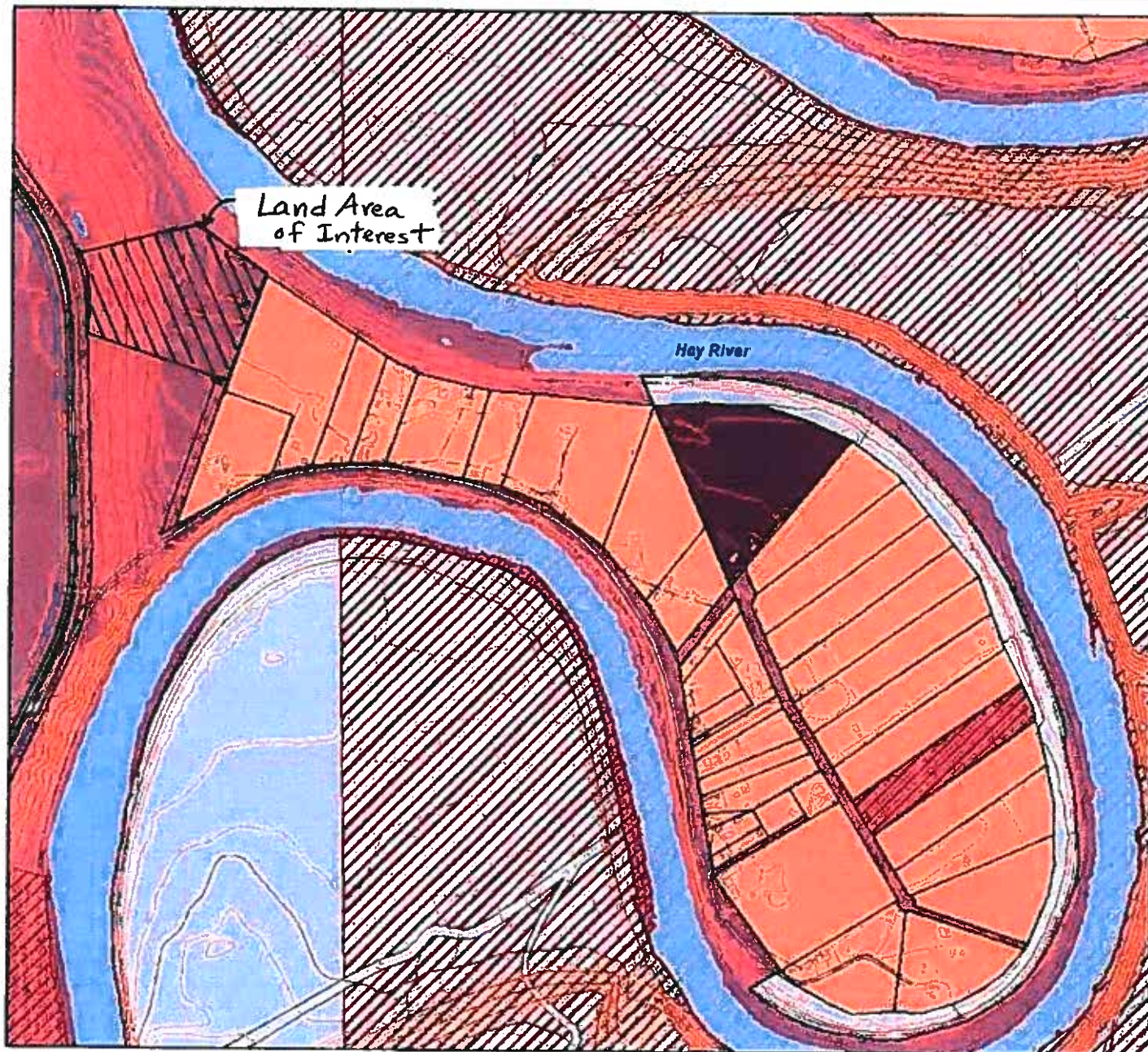
Gregory G. Haist



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June 16, 2022

Legend

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- Suspension Order
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- Public Highway
- Private Land

Land at Paradise Valley
Hay River, NT.

Scale 1: 10,000

250 metres



UTM Zone: 11

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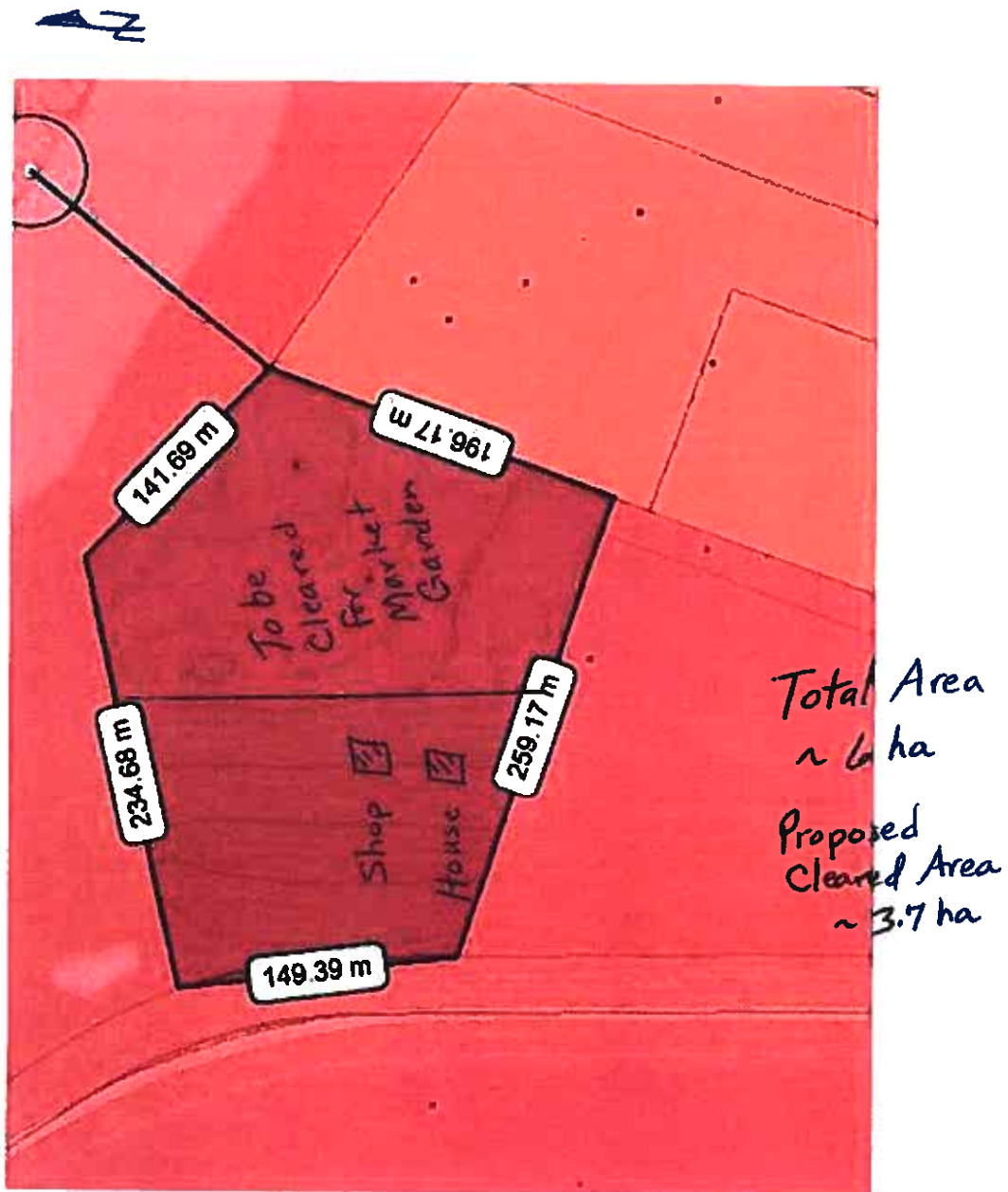
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150 metres

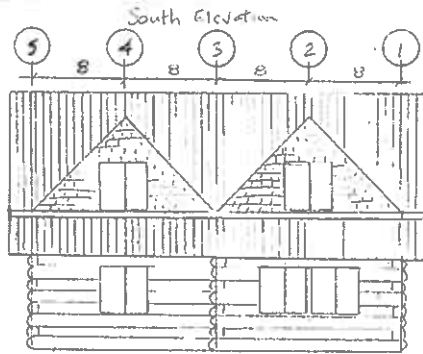
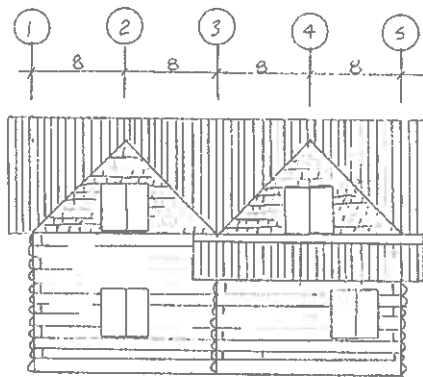


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Land @ Paradise Valley
Hay River, NT



North Elevation

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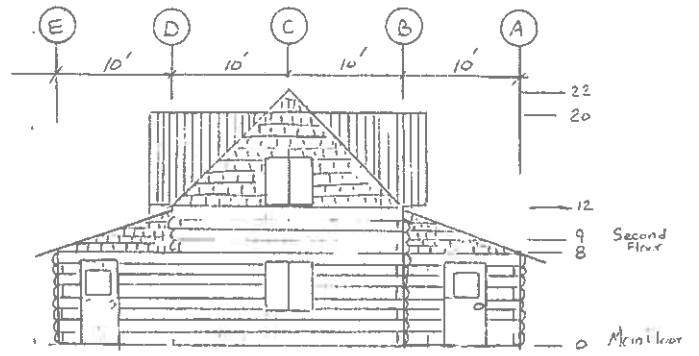
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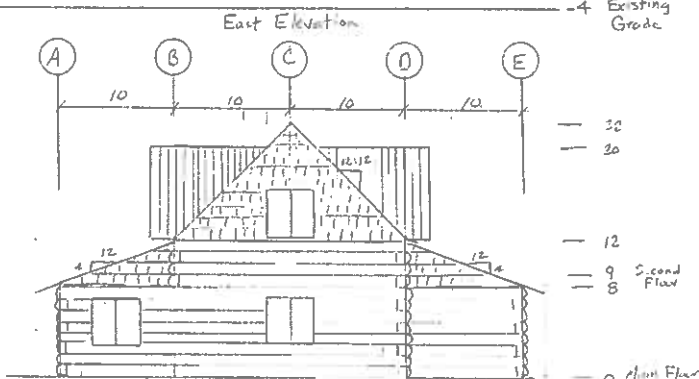
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River Cabin
July 14, 2021
GH
Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"



REPORT TO COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

DATE: December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: Sidewalk Snow and Ice Control Award

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER awards the Sidewalk Snow and Ice Control Tender to JD Contracting for a term ending May 2025 (3 years)

BACKGROUND:

A public tender was issued on October 31st for Town of Hay River sidewalk snow and ice control services. The tender was advertised for 14 through the Town of Hay River Website and our Facebook page.

Snow and ice control services are completed on an as required basis for sidewalks and some paved recreation trail systems that are the responsibility of the Town. Sidewalks that abut private property are the responsibility of the property owner and are not included in the scope of the tender. Only one bid was received by JD Contracting.

2022-2025 Rates

John Deere 3320 Tractor- \$70.00 per hour

Mclean NV5 tractor-\$70.00 per hour

1 Bidder for 2022-2025

Historical 2021-2022 Rates

John Deere 3320 Tractor- \$65.00 per hour

Mclean NV5 Tractor-\$65.00 per hour

1 Bidder for 2021-2022

COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:

To maintain snow and ice-free surface for pedestrians.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Hourly Rates provided. Budget for 2023 is \$15,000

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A



REPORT TO COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

DATE: December 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: Sidewalk Snow and Ice Control Award

Prepared by:

Brad Harrison
Director of Public Works
Date: December 2, 2022

Reviewed by:

Glenn Smith
Senior Administration Officer
Date: December 2, 2022