



**TOWN OF HAY RIVER
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
May 25, 2023 @ 6:31pm**

Kandis Jameson- Mayor

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA #23-062
 - Remove item number 6, Pine Point delegation from the agenda.
 - Add 9i development appeal board appointment to the agenda.
 - Moved by Brian Willows
 - Seconded by Karen Wall
 - All in favour
3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
 - Kandis Jameson- Mayor declared interest for item number 9h and 11a.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, CEREMONIES & PRESENTATIONS
 - Kandis Jameson- Mayor
 - Welcomes residents back into the community.
 - Keith Dohey
 - Thanks everyone that made the re-entry possible.
5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING #23-063
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council, March 20th, 2023 – page 2-6
 - Moved by Keith Dohey
 - Seconded by Karen Wall
 - All in favour
6. ~~DELEGATION~~
 - ~~• Pine Point Mining – Veronica Chisholm and Darrell Martindale~~
 - Removed from the agenda.
7. INFORMATION ONLY
 - Monthly Policing Report for March 2023 – page 7-12
8. ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES
 - Glenn Smith- Senior Administrative Officer
 - Administration will be working on formal recognition after the evacuation alert has been lifted.
 - Thanks council on behalf of administration for their guidance and support.
 - The reopening plan was executed yesterday.



- Still to be determined on when individuals with special needs will be able to return to the community.
 - Notice from ECC that the fire status has been changed to held.
 - Will be sending information to residents about fire smarting.
 - Town office opened at 1pm today with limited services.
 - The recreation centre is open.
 - Public Works is working hard to restore sewer services.
- Abena Nyarko- Director of Finance
 - Working with MACA to obtain funding for some of the expenses incurred during the wildfire.
 - Office is open with limited services until Monday when staff can return.
 - The Finance team will be working hard to catch up on work that was missed during the evacuation period.
- Patrick Bergen- Assistant Senior Administrative Officer
 - One of the benefits of the evacuation is that it enabled the Town to stress test the communication methods.
 - The number of views of the Town's page on Facebook was 23,000 on the highest day and an average of 10,000 per day. A third of the viewers were from Hay River and media outlets used the information that was posted by the Town.
 - The website averaged 2,200 page views per day.
 - There were 1,830 views on YouTube. 89 percent of traffic to YouTube was from Facebook. The downside was that the live system was overwhelmed.
 - We learned how to communicate efficiently with the municipality and externally.
 - Communication will be reduced going forward and will focus on proactive measures that residents can take to be safer.
 - Has a number grant reports due and the DMAF funding for the airport road.
 - Assessing options available from the CMHC housing accelerator fund.
- Brad Harrison- Director of Public Works
 - The focus for the week will be prepping the systems for the return of the public.
 - Servicing and restoring equipment used during the wildfire.
 - Working on asset protection from wildfire with the use of sprinklers and other equipment.
 - Will be prepping for the Town clean up. The date hasn't been determined.
 - Working on the final stages of tendering Industrial Drive and will provide an update at the next council meeting.
- Glenn Smith- Senior Administrative Officer
 - Would like to execute a debrief on the wildfire in terms of lessons that could be learned.
 - Will continue to work with KFN on their reopening plan and how the Town can support them.
- Kandis Jameson- Mayor



- Thanked Glenn for his leadership and hard work during the evacuation.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Public Works Monthly Report for April – page 13-21#23-064

- Moved by Brian Willows
- Seconded by Karen Wall
- All in favour

b. Recreation Monthly Report for April – page 22-30 #23-065

- Moved by Keith Dohey
- Seconded by Karen Wall
- All in favour.

c. Tourism and Economic Development Report for April – page 31-35 #23-066

- Moved by Robert Bouchard
- Seconded by Keith Dohey
- All in favour

d. Emergency Services Monthly Report for April – page 36-40 #23-067

- Moved by Karen Wall
- Seconded by Keith Dohey
- All in favour

e. Municipal Enforcement Monthly Report for April – page 41-44 #23-068

- Moved by Brian Willows
- Seconded by Karen Wall
- All in favour

f. Letter of Support for Hay River Youth Centre– page 45-46 #23-069

- Moved by Keith Dohey
- Seconded by Karen Wall Brian Willows
- All in favour

g. DMAF Funding Grant Application – page 47-48 #23-070

- Moved by Keith Dohey
- Seconded by Robert Bouchard
- All in favour

h. Waste Facility Fees and Charges Update – page 49-62 #23-071

- Kandis Jameson left the room.
- Request for motion was read by Keith Dohey



- Moved by Brian Willows
- Seconded by Karen Wall
- Robert Bouchard
 - Understands where the Town would like to go with the charges in terms of cost recovery.
 - Thinks that a phased in approach should be used to avoid sticker shock.
 - Concerned that residents may chose to dispose their garbage in undesignated areas around Town.
- Keith Dohey
 - The charges have been amended to apply a phased-in approach.
 - Customers will be charged 70% and the remaining 30% will be spread over the next two years.
- Glenn Smith
 - Rates were adjusted to reflect concerns of sticker shock and to ensure that it wouldn't have a big impact on the budget for 2023.
 - It will be up to the contractors to determine the rates. The Town doesn't regulate that.
 - At the end of the day it's more reflective of the landfill costs.
- Robert Bouchard
 - Would it be possible to decrease some of the rates if costs are reduced?
- Glenn Smith
 - There are lots of ways of reducing costs in the landfill such as conservation, recycling and accessing third party funding.
 - The cost of the new landfill is pending and funding still needs to be determined.
 - The charges can be reduced if it turns out that too many revenues are being generated.
- Keith Dohey
 - Charges will ultimately be passed down to customers.

Keith Dohey

- For those on the phone, can it be assumed that a non-answer is approval?
- Linda Duford
 - Yes

i. Development Appeal Board Appointment – page 63-64 #23-072

- Kandis Jameson returned to the room to request the motion.
- Moved by Robert Bouchard
- Seconded by Keith Dohey
- All in favour

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS



- Excuse councilor Chambers from meeting
 - Moved by Keith Dohey
 - Seconded by Karen Wall
 - All in favour

11. BYLAW

a. Bylaw 2332/PWS/23 – Solid Waste Management Bylaw – Third Reading – page 65-90

- Kandis Jameson left the room.
- Request for motion was read by Keith Dohey
- Moved by Brian Willows
- Seconded by Robert Bouchard
- All in favour
- #23-073

b. Bylaw 2450 – Fees and Charges Amendment – Third Reading – page 91-104

- Kandis Jameson returned to the room.
- Glenn Smith- Senior Administrative Officer
 - Noted that the bylaw includes tipping fees so there may be a conflict of interest with the mayor.
- Kandis Jameson left the room.
- Request for motion was read by Keith Dohey
- Moved by Brian Willows
- Seconded by Karen Wall
- All in favour
- #23-074

c. Bylaw 2451 – Taxation 2023 Bylaw – First and Second Reading – page 105-107

- Kandis Jameson returned to the room and requested the motion.
- 1st Reading
 - Moved by Keith Dohey
 - Seconded by Brian Willows
 - All in favour
 - #23-075
- 2nd Reading
 - Moved by Keith Dohey
 - Seconded by Brian Willows
 - All in favour
 - #23-076

12. IN CAMERA

a. Matters under Consideration - pursuant to Cities, Towns & Villages Act, S.N.W.T.



2003 c. 22, Section 23. (3), (e)

- Moved by Brian Willows
- Seconded by Robert Bouchard
- #023-077
- Out of in camera at 7:15pm
- Moved by Keith Dohey
- Seconded by Bouchard
- #23-078

13. ADJOURNMENT

- Regular meeting adjourned at 7:16pm
- Brian Willows
- #23-078