



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 24, 2024**

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

DEPUTY MAYOR COUNCILORS	Eva Hope Julia Capot Blanc Cathy Gonet Greg Wilson Hillary Deneron
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ABSENT

MAYOR COUNCILORS	Genevieve McLeod Barbara McLeod	[Resignation Received] [Without Notice]
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STAFF - Senior Administrative Officer John W. McKee

The Chairperson (Mayor) took the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council approved the meeting agenda without changes.

MOTION 2024- 38

That the agenda for the special meeting of June 24, 2024, be approved as presented.

Moved: Julia Capot Blanc

Seconded: Greg Wilson

Carried.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interests were declared.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting, and no changes were made.

MOTION 2024- 39

That the minutes for the May 16, 2024, meeting be approved as presented.

Moved: Greg Wilson
Seconded: Julia Capot Blac
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FOR THE MINUTES

NWT CORNER SERVICES

The Senior Administrative Officer presented council with a briefing note on the services provided by NWT Coroners to clarify issues raised at the May 16, 2024, meeting.

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Health Center has requested the Safety Officer's assistance with patient medivacs. For clarification, the Safety Officers will continue to provide transportation for residents to the Health Center but will not assist with medivac transportation. Council concurred.

MAYOR RESIGNATION

Mayor Genevieve McLeod resigned as Mayor effective immediately as she has been transferred to Fort Simpson.

After discussion, councillors appointed Councillor Cathy Gonet as Mayor, effective June 25 until the next Municipal Election in 2024. Councillor Gonet accepted the appointment.

MOTION 2024- 40

That the resignation of Genevieve McLeod as Mayor of the Fort Liard Hamlet Council be accepted effective June 24, 2024.

That Councillor Cathy Gonet be appointed as Mayor effective June 25, 2024, until the 2024 Municipal Election.

Moved: Hilary Deneron
Seconded: Greg Wilson
Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

FORT LIARD EVACUATION PLAN - revised

The Senior Administrative Officer presented the council with a new, expanded Community Evacuation Plan should a community evacuation become necessary. The Hamlet Emergency Response Plan Appendix "C" had flow charts that provided little

detail. The expanded plan includes much more detail about the objective and responsibilities of the plan and a new section covers returning evacuees' re-entry into the community.

This revised Emergency Evacuation Plan will replace Appendix "C" of the Fort Liard Emergency Response Plan.

MOTION 2024- 41

That the Fort Liard Emergency Evacuation Plan be approved as presented and replace Appendix "C" of the Fort Liard Emergency Response Plan.

Moved: Hillary Deneron

Seconded: Julia Capot Blanc

Carried.

CPI PROJECT 820601

Council reviewed a Capital Project Briefing Note to retrofit a 2013 Ford F250 pickup truck. A mechanical inspection determined that the vehicle was not roadworthy, and the truck was removed from service. A cost analysis determined that retrofitting this vehicle is cost-effective [estimated cost of \$15,000] versus replacement. Aurora Ford in Hay River will complete the retrofit.

MOTION 2024- 42

That Project 820601 "F250 Ford Truck Retrofit" be approved for an estimated cost of \$15,000.00

Moved: Greg Wilson

Seconded: Julia Capot Blanc

Carried.

NORTHERN YOUTH ABROAD PLAN

Applicant Adrian Allen withdrew his request.

NWT WILDFIRE RESILIENCE PROJECT AGREEMENT

The Agreement with the NWTAC provides funding of \$1,152,000 to provide sixty-four hectares of Fuel Management Treatment as per the 2019 Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Dollars to complete 64 hectares as per the plan.

Requests to modify must be strategic.

Funding cannot be used for fire smarting around homes

Any changes need to meet the forestry perspective.

Consultation with ADK done for Federal Government – only need to notify when work starts.
Work must be put out to tender.
Work will require approvals before work starts.
Work can be accelerated, but funding is based on eight years.
NWTAC trying to negotiate out of signage
Indigenous Consultation Affidavit required.
Cost cannot exceed Agreement dollars – less work is completed if the price is high.
A line of Credit will be necessary for the cash flow project.

After discussion, councillors agreed to enter into the Agreement with the NWT Association of Communities.

MOTION 2024- 43

That the Hamlet of Fort Liard enter into an Ultimate Recipient Agreement with the NWT Association of Communities for Vegetation/Fuel Management Treatment in the amount of \$1,152,000.00

Moved: Greg Wilson
Seconded: Julia Capot Blanc
Carried.

BYLAWS

BYLAW 339

Bylaw 339, "Emergency Management" was given first reading. This Bylaw replaces Bylaw 314 and provides the Hamlet with powers relating to emergency management, requiring the Hamlet to provide emergency measures within the Hamlet and develop Emergency Response Plans. Section 11, "Protection from Liability has been added.

MOTION 2024- 44

That Bylaw 339, "Emergency Management," be given the first reading.

Moved: Hillary Deneron
Seconded: Greg Wilson
Carried.

Bylaw 339, "Emergency Management" was given second reading.

MOTION 2024- 45

That Bylaw 339, "Emergency Management" be given the second reading.

Moved: Julia Capot Blanc

Seconded: Greg Wilson

Carried.

BYLAW 340

Bylaw 340, the "Municipal Service Rate Amendment," amends the extra municipal services and callout rates. The cost of these services exceeds the rate charged, and the new rates reflect the actual cost. Note that the rate for Sunday services includes the cost of testing the water quality necessary since the plant operator is not on duty on Sundays. Bylaw 340 was given the first reading.

MOTION 2024- 46

That Bylaw 340, "Municipal Service Rate Amendment" be given the first reading.

Moved: Julia Capot Blanc

Seconded: Greg Wilson

Carried.

Bylaw 340 was given a second reading.

MOTION 2024- 47

That Bylaw 340, "Municipal Service Rate Amendment" be given the second reading.

Moved: Greg Wilson

Seconded: Julia Capot Blanc

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Noted:

ADK – Emergency Management

MACA – Response to ADK concerns re Fort Liard Emergency Management

REPORTS

GWNT – Budget Highlights 2024-2025

ARTICLE – "The GNWT New Emergency Response Plan Falls Short"

NEXT MEETING

The next regular council meeting - July 18, 2024

Agenda Item requested – Liquor Plebiscite

MLA requests a meeting with Minister Caroline Wawzonek on July 29, 2024. Most councillors said they would not be available and requested that the meeting be rescheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2023- 48

That the special meeting of June 24, 2024, be adjourned.

Moved: Greg Wilson

Seconded: Julia Capot Blanc

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



Cathy Gonet
Mayor



John W. McKee
Senior Administrative Officer

June 24, 2024

Hamlet of Fort Liard

Fort Liard NT., X0G 0A0

Dear Senior Administrative Officer and Hamlet Council,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation as the Mayor of Fort Liard, effective June 24, 2024.

I appreciate the opportunities of working along side each and everyone one of you. Thank you for your guidance and support.

Please let me know how I can of help during the transition period and I wish you all the very best going forward.

Sincerely,



Genevieve McLeod