



# Town of Norman Wells Newsletter

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## Mayor:

Dudley C. Johnson

## Councillors (one position vacant):

Bob Greek, Laurel McDonald,  
Frank Pope, and Craig Scott

**Committee of the Whole (C.O.W.) Meetings** are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular Meetings of Council** are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m.

Requests to appear before Council as a delegation should be made to the Town Manager no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Council Agendas and Minutes are available at [www.normanwells.com](http://www.normanwells.com)

Copies of Mayor's correspondence are available at the Town Office.

Contact the Town Office: 587-3700,  
Fax at 587-3701, or by e-mail at [info@normanwells.com](mailto:info@normanwells.com)

## Notice of By-Election February 29, 2012

The following persons have been nominated for 'Councillor' for the Town of Norman Wells, NT:

1. Lepine, Jesse
2. Melnyk, Timothy

By-Election: Wed., Feb. 29th.

11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.,

Advance Vote: Wed., Feb. 15th.

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## PROXY VOTING

If you do not expect to be able to vote at the By-election or the Advance Vote, you may vote by Proxy. Please obtain the "Application to Authorize Proxy Vote" from Judy Sheppard, Returning Officer, 587-3705

## Finance:

- The 2012 capital, operating, natural gas and water & sewer budgets are approved by Council with a slight increase in the natural gas.

## Utilities — Natural Gas:

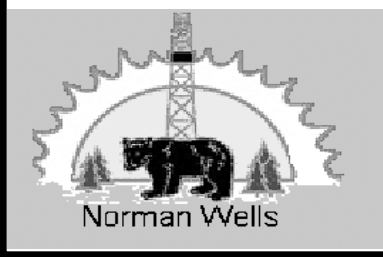
- All the distribution lines are in very good shape.
- Harlan Wheeler will be attending Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) for his apprentice gasfitter's ticket, for two months, as of February 27, 2012.

## Recreation:

- Youth:  
Tuesday afterschool shinny hockey; Wednesday afterschool sports at school gym; Thursday youth curling at curling rink; Friday night sports at school gym;
- Adults:  
Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday—Circuit training boot camp at community hall;  
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Saturday—Zumba® at community hall;
- Update on Fitness Centre renovations:  
This project is top priority and we are expecting renovations to be concluded for grand opening in March 2012. For questions or concerns, please contact Recreation at 587-3721. We apologize for a delayed opening due to unexpected circumstances beyond our control and we appreciate your ongoing support.

## Lands:

- Working with Industry, Tourism & Investment (ITI) and MACA on proposed Camp Canol Territorial Park.
- Ongoing work for proposed new long term health care facility.
- Preparation for the 5-year review of the Zoning By-law & Community Plan.



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## *Mayor Johnson's Report*

Dear Residents:

Welcome to 2012! I hope it will be a happy and prosperous year for all residents. I want to extend my thanks to all residents for the forbearance in getting through the first major storm of the year. I know driving and getting around was difficult at times, but the major priority of the town was keeping roads open in case of an emergency. The contractor did a fine job with clearing snow. I also extend my thanks to town outside workers who, despite the weather, worked to ensure everything was in working order in the event of a power outage or other emergency.

Over the past months the council is working hard to find the right solution for alternate energy along with researching funding for the costs related to it by exploring avenues for assistance. After many meetings, we have advertised for a Project Manager and an individual or company will be hired soon. Local companies as well as out of town companies are studying our energy situation in hopes of providing us with viable options for the future.

The good news, NTPC is hiring a plant operator for six months, which means we will have on-the-ground support in the case of an emergency. NTPC has plans to upgrade the plant in the near future. GNWT is building a long-term care facility in Norman Wells. This will mean more jobs for local residents along with available training for those interested in obtaining employment there. A By-Election will be held February 29, 2012 and the two candidates are Jesse Lepine and Timothy Melnyk. Please get out and vote. With all the new oil exploration taking place, the increase in employment, increase in business activity, and the arrival of new residents, I am full of optimism for our town.

Thank-you for all your time and your ongoing support.

Mayor Dudley C. Johnson

## *Town Manager's Report*

Hello to all the residents of Norman Wells. I am pleased to be the new Town Manager and I am looking forward to meeting you. Some items that I have been working on since I have arrived are:

1. The development and evaluation of the "Request for Proposals" for a firm to assist residents and businesses in the conversion from natural gas to an alternate source of energy.
2. Met with the Minister of Health and the local MLA on Monday, January 23 to discuss: Health Centre; health promotion, and prevention programs; possible ambulance services.
3. Met with the Deputy Minister of MACA and discussed: ambulance service; community boundaries.
4. Met with IOR representative, Sharon Kaiser, and discussed the funding formula (changing of the formula, because of the estimations for budget purposes); requested an extension to the gas situation; requested assistance for local residents to convert to an alternative energy source.
5. Hired Darren McDonough, a new Water Treatment Plant Operator.
6. Dates for the Northwest Territories Association of Communities, May 10-13. This conference is being hosted by the Council of the Town of Norman Wells and will bring up to 125 people to town.

Christopher J. Parker, SAO/Town Manager