

**Town of Norman Wells
Council Minutes
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday December 20, 2016 – 7:00 pm
Council Chambers, Town of Norman Wells**

Present:	Nathan Watson Tim Melnyk Lise Dolen Pam Gray	Mayor (Chairperson) Deputy Mayor Councilor Councilor
Regrets:	Harold McGregor Heidi Deschene Sherry Hodgson	Councilor Councilor Councilor
Staff:	Catherine Mallon Janna Trace	Senior Administrative Officer Town Clerk

1. **Call to Order – 7:03pm.**
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
 - None
3. **Review and Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Melnyk
Seconded by: Councilor Dolen

'Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, dated December 20, 2016, is hereby adopted as presented.'

Motion Carried

4. **Old Business**

- a) **Draft Budget 2017**

Discussion: Council further reviewed the Draft Budget 2017 and made additional changes to individual line items.

- b) **Update on Meeting with Minister of Lands, Hon. Louis Sebert re: Imperial Oil**

Discussion: Mayor and SAO had brief meeting with Minister. Asked to meet request came through MLA Office. Mayor discussed Town's concern around Imperial Oil leaving. Got clarification that artificial islands in Mackenzie River are Federal jurisdiction. Talked about potential of using islands after Imperial Oil leaves as platforms for either hydroelectricity or wind energy. Councilor Dolen brought up that this topic had been previously discussed with a former Council and that Council is on the right path in looking in on this. Mayor Watson stated that with concern that Imperial Oil could leave the town can go from lots of time to little or no time very quickly if a decision is made. Council agreed. Deputy Mayor Melnyk added that this concern needs to be reflected in a capital budget as well as the strategic plans for the Town. Council needs to decide how they are going to use the oil money while it is in Town, i.e. reduce energy costs of buildings, enhance thermal energy of buildings and doing preventative maintenance. Council agreed that this is an important topic and will work with Staff on getting proper numbers and strategic plan in place for the Town.

10. **Council Forum:**

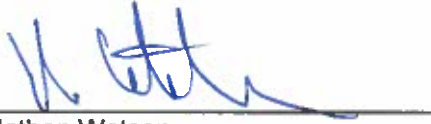
Councilor Dolen

Heard about a letter from Jennifer Waterhouse re: improvement of community infrastructure in form of extension of sidewalk from Town Square to corner of Raven Road and Mackenzie Drive. As a person who walks, it is a needed improvement. Mayor Watson: lots of foot traffic going to Ed Hodgeson building. Deputy Mayor Melnyk: we could easily cut a path through and add lighting to a post that is there.

14. Adjourn

'Be it resolved that we hereby adjourn, the time being 8:09 p.m.'

MOVED BY: Councilor Gray



Nathan Watson
Mayor



Catherine Mallon
Town Manager