



TOWN OF NORMAN WELLS

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## BENEFITS FOR SENIORS

- Property tax relief
- Free gym membership
- Free snow clearing

For details, call: 867-587-3700

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

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867-688-0669

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867-688-0668

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587-2222

## Meet Our New SAO, Cathy Clarke

After an extensive search, Town Council is pleased to welcome Cathy Clarke as the Town Manager/Senior Administrative Officer.

Cathy brings almost 30 years of municipal and senior management experience. Her most recent position was CAO for Haines Junction, Yukon Territory.

Darren Flynn, who has provided interim SAO services, will assist Cathy until he leaves Norman Wells in mid-March.

Mayor Frank Pope says, "We're lucky to have Cathy come to work for us. Her experience in building teams and improving capacity will help guide Council and improve services to the residents of Norman Wells."



*Cathy Clarke and her husband, Sandy Mack, look forward to the life that Norman Wells has to offer—hiking, hunting, and volunteering and participating in community events.*

## Greetings from the Mayor

Your Town Council elected last October has now been in office for three months. I am pleased to report that all regular meetings have been held as scheduled.

Council has also met with several groups and organizations at their request. Everyone on Council has made the effort to attend these additional meetings.

Committees of Council are established and working diligently on various initiatives. Staff are engaged and extremely busy working on behalf of our community.

I have made myself available to meet with residents at their convenience. To date, six people have taken advantage of the opportunity to meet—some at the office and others at a place of their choice.

The annual audit was completed in early February and the report should be received soon.

The annual budget has been completed, the mill rates for 2019 set, and several new by-laws have been incorporated into our system, tightening up operational requirements.

A big thank you goes out to Darren Flynn, who has been acting Town Manager for the past six months. He has straightened out many issues left in limbo from the previous Council and Government Administration. He has ensured staff are treated with respect, and has provided to new Council orientation and sound advice. He has also ensured the new SAO will come in to a well-organized and efficient operation.

# Finance Manager Earns Top Marks



Finance Officers are responsible for following legislation, policies, and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to maintain the financial health of an organization. Based on Misty Rayner's results in gaining her Finance Officer Certification, the Town is in good hands.

Misty challenged all five of the required exams without having attended any of the courses, scoring an average of 91 percent.

The Certification is offered through the School of Community Government, Government of the Northwest Territories.

Misty is spearheading the conversion of a new accounting software system for the Town that will increase efficiencies and improve service to Norman Wells customers.

*The Town's Senior Administrative Office and Council will meet with the GNWT Negotiating team on March 20, 2019, for an update on the status of negotiations and an overview of the provisions of the agreement relevant to the Town.*

# Historic Agreement Signed



Representatives of the Norman Wells Land Corporation, Mayor Frank Pope, and both territorial and federal governments celebrated the signing of the Self-Government Agreement-in-Principle for the Sahtu Dene and Metis of Norman Wells, on January 16, 2019.

# Town Wins Award

The Town of Norman Wells received the 2018 Waste Management Award for Planning, Monitoring & Reporting Practices regarding water, wastewater, and landfill.



# New Council Sworn In

Norman Wells elected a Mayor and six Councillors on October 15, 2018. Fourteen candidates ran for Council and three mayoral candidates vied for seats in a historic election that ended a year of government administration.

Mayor Frank Pope and the Councillors took their oath of office on November 6, 2018 and immediately got down to work holding their inaugural meeting. Councillor Alexis Peachey was appointed Deputy Mayor at that first meeting.

*Back row (left to right): Deputy Mayor Alexis Peachey, Mayor Frank Pope, Councillor Trevor Smith  
Front row (left to right): Councillor J.-P. Bernard, Councillor Pascal Audet, Councillor Jim Boyle, Councillor David Wever*

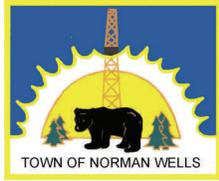


# New Developments in Lands

Johannie Lapierre is no stranger to small towns. She grew up in the Magdelan Islands in a village of about 800 people. French is her first language, and she has a Master’s degree in French Literature. Johannie worked as the Town receptionist when she arrived in August 2018. In November, she was appointed Development Officer.

Her role is to help with every step of a development project—from the purchase or lease of a property to the building improvements. She is also the secretary of the Town Planning Committee and the Economic Development Committee. As part of her work with Lands, Johannie oversees the Property Assessment and Taxation Act.





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### CONNECT WITH YOUR COUNCIL

The Town of Norman Wells is governed by a Town Council consisting of a Mayor and six Town Councillors. The Mayor and Councillors serve a four-year term.

### MEETINGS WITH THE MAYOR

The Mayor is available for meetings with individual residents and community groups upon request. If you or your group would like to schedule a meeting with Mayor Pope, please contact Cathy Fynn at the Town office:

Phone: 867-587-3700

Email: [towninformation@normanwell.com](mailto:towninformation@normanwell.com)



# 2018/2019 Ray Persson Arena Schedule

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT JUSTIN (867) 688-0668 OR CODY (867) 688-0686

	MONDAY (1:00PM-10:00PM)	TUESDAY (1:00PM-9:00PM)	WEDNESDAY (1:00PM-9:00PM)	THURSDAY (1:00PM-10:00PM)	FRIDAY (1:00PM-9:00PM)	SATURDAY (10:00AM-6:00PM)	SUNDAY (10:00AM-6:00PM)
10:00AM-11:00AM						MINOR HOCKEY <b>THUNDER</b>	PUBLIC /FAMILY SKATE
11:00AM-12:00PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	INITIATION 10-11AM NOVICE/ATOM 11-12PM	
12:00PM-1:00PM						PEEWEE/BANTAM 12-1PM	CLOSED - LUNCH
1:00PM-3:30PM	MMS ICE TIME / OPEN ICE	MMS ICE TIME / OPEN ICE	MMS ICE TIME / OPEN ICE	MMS ICE TIME / OPEN ICE	MMS ICE TIME / OPEN ICE	OPEN HOCKEY	PARENTS & TOTS SKATE
3:30PM-4:45PM	OPEN HOCKEY	POWERSKATING PROGRAM 	PUBLIC SKATE	PUCK SKILLS PROGRAM 	MMS SCHOOL HOCKEY 	PUBLIC/ FAMILY SKATE	PUBLIC SKATE / OPEN HOCKEY
5:00PM-6:00PM	CLOSED - DINNER	CLOSED - DINNER	CLOSED - DINNER	CLOSED - DINNER	CLOSED - DINNER		
6:00PM-7:00PM		OPEN ICE	MINOR HOCKEY <b>THUNDER</b>	FIGURE SKATING 			
7:00PM-8:00PM	FAMILY SKATE	DISCO SKATE 	INITIATION 6-7PM NOVICE/ATOM 7-8PM PEEWEE/BANTAM 8-9PM	SENIOR HOCKEY 	OPEN HOCKEY	CLOSED	CLOSED
8:00PM-9:00PM	SENIOR HOCKEY 						
9:00PM-10:00PM		CLOSED	CLOSED		CLOSED		