

**Town of Norman Wells  
Regular Council Meeting**

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 27th, 2014,  
in the Council Chambers.**

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<b>Present:</b>	Gregor Harold McGregor Tim Melnyk Philip Bailey Renee Closs Ann Marie Tout	Mayor (Chairperson) Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
<b>Regrets:</b>	Nathan Watson Sherry Hodgson	Deputy Mayor Councillor
<b>Administration:</b>	Eric Whitworth Candi Gillis Stephanie Hughes Keith McDonald Brian Gillis John Greathead Lindsey Blake	Town Manager Town Clerk Development Officer Public Works Manager Public Works Water Plant Manager Recreation Director
<b>Visitor:</b>	Dudley Johnson	

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McGregor.

**2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- None

**3. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion: No. 14-121**  
**Moved by: Councillor Bailey**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Melnyk**  
**‘Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council, dated May 27, 2014, is hereby adopted as amended to include the following:**  
**7 h) Variance on Development Permit – Lot 384, Plan 2123**  
**8 a) Recreation – i) Playground Equipment Recommendation**  
**Draft Minutes April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Motion Carried**

**4. Delegation**

- a) Monthly Mayor’s Policing Report – April 2014  
Cst. Andrew Aucoin was not present to report

**5. Minutes**

- a) Regular Meeting of Council, May 6, 2014

**Motion: No. 14-122**  
**Moved by: Councillor Melnyk**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Bailey**  
**‘Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council, dated May 6, 2014, is hereby adopted as amended to add the word “than” to item 9 h. ’**

**Motion Carried**

- b) Public Hearing, May 6, 2014

- c) Special Meeting of Council, May 13, 2014

**Motion: No. 14-123**  
**Moved by: Councillor Melnyk**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Bailey**  
**‘Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Special Meeting of Council, dated May 13, 2014, is hereby adopted as presented. ’**

**Motion Carried**

**6. Old Business**

- a) Mill Rate By-Law 14-11  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

**Motion: No. 14-124**  
**Moved by: Councillor Melnyk**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Bailey**  
**'Be it resolved that Third Reading be given to Mill Rate By-Law 14-11.'**  
**Motion Carried**

- b) Action Items  
Discussion:

- The Town Manager gave an update on his conversation with Associated Engineering with regard to the Walking Bridge on Caribou and will bring to the next Committee of the Whole for discussion.
- The Bear Fence at the landfill was discussed and issues have been found with large gaps along the perimeter. Public Works is gathering information and will present to the Committee of the Whole when complete.
- Councillor Melnyk to confirm availability of Melnyk Hall for the Public Meeting on June 11.

**7. New Business**

- a) Schedules of Accounts (5)

**Motion: No. 14-125**  
**Moved by: Councillor Tout**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Bailey**  
**'Be it resolved that the Schedule of Accounts in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY FIVE CENTS (\$587,411.55) is hereby approved as presented.'**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: No.14-126**  
**Moved by: Councillor Tout**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Bailey**  
**'Be it resolved that the Schedule of Accounts in the amount of THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND THIRTY NINE CENTS (\$13,468.39) is hereby approved as presented.'**

Councillor Bailey inquired on the ceramic tile purchase for the Community Hall washrooms. The Town Manager advised that the purchase was for both washrooms for ease of installation and is currently installed in the Men's washroom.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: No.14-127**  
**Moved by: Councillor Melnyk**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Bailey**  
**'Be it resolved that the Schedule of Accounts in the amount of THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY EIGHT CENTS (\$3,971.68) is hereby approved as presented.'**

Councillor inquired on the Coast Fraser Tower accommodations. The Town Manager clarified that this was for the Recreation Director to stay an extra night while in Yellowknife to attend a free training session from our gym equipment provider.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** No.14-128  
**Moved by:** Councillor Tout  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Melnyk  
'Be it resolved that the Schedule of Accounts in the amount of **THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS (\$3,709.12)** is hereby approved as presented.'

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** No.14-129  
**Moved by:** Councillor Closs  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Melnyk  
'Be it resolved that the Schedule of Accounts in the amount of **SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND TWENTY NINE CENTS (\$6,133.29)** is hereby approved as presented.'

**Motion Carried**

- b) Inuvik Petroleum Show  
Mayor McGregor - Attendance

**Motion:** No.14-130  
**Moved by:** Councillor Melnyk  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Bailey  
'Be it resolved that Mayor, Gregor Harold McGregor be authorized to attend the Inuvik Petroleum Show from June 23 – 25, 2014.'

Councillor Tout asked if the Mayor will be a speaker at the event. Mayor McGregor confirmed that he has been asked to speak.

**Motion Carried**

- c) Council Policy Statement – Occupational Health & Safety

- Referred back to the Health and Safety Committee. Councillor Tout will provide comments to the Town Manager, who will then forward to the Committee Chair.

- d) Annual Donation to the SPCA Yellowknife

**Motion:** No.14-131  
**Moved by:** Councillor Melnyk  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Bailey  
'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby authorizes an annual donation of \$3,000.00 per year, for the next five years be given to the SPCA in Yellowknife in appreciation of services provided.'

Councillor Tout questioned the five year term of the donation. Mayor McGregor stated the term was so they could count on the help from us. The Town Manager noted that this is approximately the equivalent value of the services they provide to us annually.

**Motion Carried**

- e) Sole Source, Fort Garry Fire Trucks  
Pumper Truck Repairs

**Motion:** No.14-132  
**Moved by:** Councillor Melnyk  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Bailey  
'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a Sole Source Contract with Fort Garry Fire Trucks for the Pump Truck repairs as per Quotation # RL2058A, for the amount of \$26,700.00 plus applicable taxes.'

Councillor Bailey asked if the truck was going out for repairs. The Town Manager stated that this is for the pumper truck that is to be replaced next year and that the service is being provided in Norman Wells including proper training on the maintenance. The pump is not functional at this time and this work is just to maintain it for a one year period.

**Motion Carried**

- f) Discretionary Use Development Permit  
Lots 2183 & 2184, Plan 3966

**Motion:** No.14-133

**Moved by:** Councillor Melnyk

**Seconded by:** Councillor Bailey

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby approves the discretionary use development permit submitted for Lots 2183 & 2184, Plan 3966.'**

Councillor Tout asked if it is known that the tank is double lined and what is the capacity of the tank and berm. Is the camp already in progress at this time and this is being done retroactively?

The Development Officer indicated that this was done without a permit in place. They came in for a permit and when I went to investigate it was in place. This is why I recommend that we have a discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Information on the fuel tank and berm was provided by the Development Officer with the exception of the calculation of capacity.

Councillor Tout suggested that the Development Officer look into the capacity of the berm in relation to the capacity of the fuel tank to ensure it meets the restrictions.

Councillor Tout stated for the record that it is long overdue for penalties and that we need to start somewhere.

Mayor McGregor mentioned that the Development Officer is correct that this has been ongoing for years.

**Motion Carried  
Against: Councillor Tout**

The Town Manager noted that he has discussed this with the Development Officer and upon the new zoning by-law information will be provided to the public with an effective date of when penalties will commence.

The Development Officer suggested that she would like to see the public awareness campaign start before the By-Law comes into effect so that everyone is aware before it comes into effect.

The Town Manager stated that the fines follow the Territorial Act and is referenced in ours. This is where we get the fine amounts and they are substantial.

Councillor Tout replied that she is not suggesting they be fined but cannot support it due to personal principles.

- g) Town Manager – Annual Vacation

**Motion:** No.14-134

**Moved by:** Councillor Melnyk

**Seconded by:** Councillor Bailey

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby approves the Town Managers request for Annual Vacation from August 11 to September 5, 2014.'**

**Motion Carried**

- h) Variance on Development Permit  
Lots 384, Plan 2123

**Motion:** No.14-135

**Moved by:** Councillor Melnyk

**Seconded by:** Councillor Bailey

**'Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Norman Wells hereby approves the variance on the development permit submitted for Lot 284, Plan 2123.'**

**Motion Carried**

## 8. Committee Reports

### a) Recreation

#### i) playground equipment recommendation Draft Minutes April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Councillor Closs stated that the Recreation Committee has had two meetings since they met the required amount of members. At the first meeting a general discussion took place about the playground equipment. For those who are not aware it has been about two years since the Town purchase additional playground equipment with the previous Council who wished to possibly have a playground installed out at DOT. Once Council changed we had not moved forward with any recommendations or suggestions because we did not have a Recreation Committee in place. The playground equipment has been sitting in storage for the last couple years or longer.

At our last Recreation Committee meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Committee as a whole had asked our Recreation Director if he could investigate the cost of three different options that we might have in terms of installing this equipment. One suggestion was to investigate DOT, another was to bring some equipment to the school, and the third was to split between the RCMP playground and the school. It was also a thought that we could investigate adding some equipment up at Jackfish.

Our Recreation Director said "sure no problem" that he would investigate the costs for us so we could decide and recommend to Council what was the most cost effective and most beneficial to our Town for our Youth. Again this was on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our minutes were submitted to the Town Office on April 14<sup>th</sup> and were presented to Council on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our Recreation Director was on Holidays for a couple of weeks and came back on Wednesday. I had sent him an email because we were supposed to have a meeting yesterday to discuss this as it was the most pressing thing on our agenda, and we were hoping to make a recommendation to Council so that the equipment could be installed as soon as possible, and so the kids could use the equipment as promptly as possible before the season ends. He had said no problem that was not going to be an issue.

On Friday morning I received an email from the Town Manager indicating that as a Recreation Committee we did not have the authority to ask the Recreation Director to investigate those costs and that we were contravening our by-law stating Council may give instructions to the Town Manager, but individual Councillors must not give direct instructions to the Town Manager or to the employees of the Town Manager without a specific direction from Council.

I took, I wouldn't say offence to this, but I was quite concerned by the interpretation that was made by the Town Manager with regards to this for two reasons; one being I thought we had Committees in place so that we could work with Council in terms of trying to get things done upon recommendations of residents and I thought this was very important seeing as the equipment has been sitting for over two years, and my second concern was the fact that we had handed these minutes in to the Town Manager on April 14<sup>th</sup> in which case he presented them to Council on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and we are only finding out this six weeks later that we were not following proper policy.

We cancelled our meeting yesterday because I did not see the point of having the members in for a meeting where we were not going to be able to have these discussions until this was sorted out. Hence the reason why it is on the agenda for today; I need clarification in terms of how that interpretation falls under that particular by-law, and as well I would like to know if the rest of Council feels that this is applicable. If so the Recreation Committee is asking if it is correct as the Town Manager stated that the Recreation Committee would have to come to Council to request that the Recreation Director investigate the costs for those playgrounds. We have cancelled yesterday's meeting and now we are delayed again. I am asking the Council if I am incorrect in my interpretation.

The Town Manager replied that he had a legal interpretation from our lawyers regarding this matter. It is quite clear that section 27 of the Council Procedures By-Law prevents individual Councillors from giving direct instructions to employees without a specific direction from Council. Instruction should not be interpreted broadly and includes any direction to do anything. Therefore the by-law would prohibit a request to investigate. There is no provision in the by-law or the CTV Act that would provide a Committee

with the powers to give instructions to employees, similar to that of Council. So a Committee should generally not be instructing staff. Furthermore the by-law does not allow for this to be waived where the employee doesn't object to the instruction, so the employee failing to object is not relevant. However the wording in section 27 does provide the Councillors must not direct employees without a specific direction from Council. Therefore if Council directed the Recreation Committee to work with the Recreation Director to determine the options for playground equipment the Committee request of the Rec. Director is proper. This is reasonable as a Committee of Council will clearly require the work of Town staff in order to complete their own work. That is the interpretation from our solicitor.

Councillor Bailey questioned the allocation of the equipment and asked if the park at Mountain Avens is town owned. The Recreation Director replied "yes". Councillor Bailey asked why it is not considered with the rest of the playgrounds. There are hazards with the equipment up there. The equipment is not level, there are 2x6 sticking out of the ground, and children do use it. I would like that to be brought forward to the Committees attention.

Councillor Closs stated that the Committee could certainly think of that location as well.

The Recreation Director noted that he and the Town Manager had been discussing this location and that he was going to bring it to the attention of the Recreation Committee. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Councillor Tout asked if a Committee wished to have a staff member do something, is it not enough for them to ask the Town Manager if it can be done or does it actually have to be brought to Council as a whole.

The Town Manager stated that it would have to go to Council the way it is currently worded but personal preference is the fact that it should come through me, as direction to staff should come through one person. If Committees are directing staff to do things contradictory to what I want them to do, then who is the boss. Theoretically I am the employee of Council and staff members are employees of mine. To be reasonable if it came to me, and to correct Councillor Closs that the minutes were sent to me, these meeting minutes were never sent directly to me and I received them the same time everyone else received the council package. If it was a May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting then I would have received them that Friday the same as everybody else. I do not get them in advance and I am not sure where that came from.

Councillor Melnyk said that for a number of years we have been playing fast and loose with the rules, especially when it deals with Town Planning. Basically Recreation and Town Planning are the two Committees that are attached to an employee. With Town Planning especially there were constant requests to the Development Officer to investigate things and come back to the Committee with findings. I think there has to be some give on both sides. If it is an honest request for information that should not be too hard to ask, but if it is an onerous exercise then maybe that should come to Council. The unfortunate thing is that the Committees only meet once a month and it is a long circuitous route to get to a resolution, especially if it comes back for questions to be investigated and answered.

Councillor Tout noted that at one time it was written into those job descriptions to support those Committees and it was considered an integral part of their job. As Councillor Melnyk said, it was just a given that Committees could ask the staff member assigned to them to work on their behalf. It was not something that was going to take the majority of their time but it was par for the course that they were asked to look into things for the next meeting. I agree that we need to be a bit flexible or we will lose these Committees all over again if it takes months to have someone authorized to do research to take back to the Committee to make a resolution to bring to Council. I am fine with routing the request through the Town Manager and documenting in the minutes that the Committee will ask the Town Manager. I think bringing it back to a Council meeting for a resolution is huge hoops to go through.

Councillor Closs stated that she has no problem bringing it to the Town Manager and just assumed that the Recreation Director was the one to ask from previous experience on the committee. In the future if that is the way we want to go I have no problem doing that. I just was envisioning delay after delay and winter comes delaying it another year where the kids cannot access this playground equipment. I have no problem bringing it to the Town Manager or even to Council for that matter if that is the way we choose to go. I just worry about the delay in time if the Town Manager stated that he did not receive the documents until May 2<sup>nd</sup> and we are now at May 27<sup>th</sup> so that is three or four weeks ago that I could have brought it to Council in the meantime and had the discussion, or brought it to his attention. He could have also picked up the phone and asked to talk about this further. I'm just concerned that this put a full blown stop in the way for the discussion to be able to happen at the Committee.

Mayor McGregor suggested that the Chair of the Committee speak directly to the Town Manager with plans and requests and ask for his permission to give direction to a staff member. If the Town Manager says no or cannot spare the time, then it goes to Council.

Councillor Tout asked if the Recreation Committee By-law provides that you can make resolutions electronically, just for the time factor involved. The Committee can make a resolution to make a recommendation to Council. Rather than wait, if the research can be done quickly is there a mechanism to have it come to Council quicker than it normally would.

Mayor McGregor feels the Town Manager has the right to be brought into it by the Chair of the Committee. There is a reason that these rules are in place.

Councillor Tout stated that she is not disagreeing with that portion and is only trying to expedite the process.

If it requires a resolution for the Committee Chair to phone or speak to the Town Manager and states what needs to be done asking for him to authorize the support person to do something. Are you happy with that? The Town Manager replied "yes". Mayor McGregor asked Councillor Closs if she is happy with that. Councillor Closs replied "I am fine with that".

The Town Manager clarified that one of the items brought forward by the Recreation Director would also require legal advice and advice from our insurer. It is not just simply getting a cost. You also have to find out about the legal end of it as I think one of the intentions was to put the playground on somebody's personal property and we would need to look at what does that entail for a legal ruling and insurance. That was the other thing that concerned me more so than the locations. We try to keep conversation with the solicitor very limited and it normally funnels through me anyway so that I can keep it very focused and they know who to talk to. That is what jumped out to me as it was more than just getting costs.

Mayor McGregor suggested that this be put out as a guideline for the Committees, if that is the best way or do we want a full resolution.

The Town Manager suggested that the Council Procedures By-Law be changed to reword section 27 that communication from Committees be funneled from the Chair to the Town Manager. We can come up with the wording and bring it to Council for review.

Councillor Closs asked what she is to do with the Recreation Committee now. May the request be made to have the Recreation Director investigate? Mayor McGregor and the Town Manager replied "yes".

- b) Town Planning
  - i) none

- c) Resource Development Impact Group
  - i) none

Councillor Melnyk had talked to several members of the RDIG and would like to try to have a meeting to get back on track as two have been missed. It would be nice if the members could be polled and meet at the earliest week convenience whether it be called a special meeting, especially due to the circumstances of the pull outs of the oil companies. We should definitely be having a discussion concerning that and we need to get the Committee on track. If we miss a third meeting we will spin off into oblivion and I would hate to see that happen.

Councillor Tout questioned the process with Committees, and this goes to RDIG specifically, does the Chair of the Committee have the authority to arbitrarily set meeting times or is the meeting schedule established by the Committee?

Mayor McGregor stated that it is usually the Chair who sets the meeting time.

Councillor Melnyk replied that it is the Committee that sets the meeting time.

Councillor Tout stated that at the first RDIG meeting that got up and running it was agreed by the Committee that it was regular scheduled date of the first Monday of the month. The next meeting has been scheduled for next Wednesday and is an arbitrary decision that several members of the Committee find odd as it is not process.

The Town Manager said that this is correct it was arbitrarily changed by the Chair. It is not for us to say because it is your Committee. We as staff do not set out the time it is the Chair that sets the time. The Chair should be polling the members and not the staff.

Councillor Tout agreed.

It puts the staff in a predicament as they follow the direction of the Chair and the agenda is sent on the direction of the Chair. We had to make a decision based on the direction given. For lack of direction we had to take what we had.

Councillor Tout asked if it would be appropriate in that situation if the Chair is not available for the regular agreed upon date then the alternate chair would take it over?

Mayor McGregor said that on most Committees he has been on it usually is the Chair who picks the meeting date. If it was not discussed at the last meeting, you all assumed that it was going to be on the first Monday.

Councillor Tout reiterated that that was the schedule established at the first meeting.

Mayor McGregor questioned how long ago that was set and if it was with the Chair in place now.

Councillor Tout replied "yes"

The Town Clerk noted that the date of June 4<sup>th</sup> was as directed by the Chair.

The Recreation Director, through the Town Manager, would like to have the Chairs of the Committees advised that the Council Chambers must be booked through the Town Office for meetings.

The Town Manager added the booking should be made through the Office Administrator. This will eliminate the possibility of double bookings.

Mayor McGregor asked if the members want to have the meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> and bring up concerns with the Chair at that time or is the Chair not going to be available? What is the situation?



Councillor Tout noted that some of the Committee members, at least one will not be available on the 4<sup>th</sup> and would have been available on the regular scheduled day. I do not know what the attendance of the other members will be. I think it is more about having a discussion with the Chair. I don't know if that is the Committee's discussion, or with all due respect, the Mayor or Council as a whole. The meeting that didn't happen was due to the Chair not showing up and we did not have quorum so we all went home. To date there has not been any acknowledgement of that to the Committee members. These are people who are giving up their time to serve on the Committees and deserve a bit better.

Councillor Bailey suggested the Committee by-laws be reviewed in this respect.

The Town Manager indicated that each Committee has a by-law that lays out the responsibilities. I think it is quite clear that it is the Chair. In the case of the RDIG, I was there as well, the members were polled and all members chose the first Monday.

Councillor Bailey stated that it is then in contravention of the by-law.

The Town Manager stated that the poll was done by the Chair.

Councillor Bailey asked if the by-law stated that if the Chair is not available the Alternate takes over.

The Town Manager replied "yes".

Councillor Tout said that if someone cannot make the time and it is not working then maybe the alternate needs to step in or maybe it needs a new Chair. It is just not working very well.

Mayor McGregor asked the Town Manager to provide the minutes where the date was set by the Committee so he can meet with the Chair. He noted that he is leaving tomorrow. It was asked if this was an acceptable solution.

Councillor Tout looked to the Alternate Chair and asked if he is willing to have the meeting on the regularly scheduled date, and suggested that it proceed on the regular scheduled date.

Councillor Melnyk stated he would start off by polling the members.

- d) Emergency Measures Organization
- i) none

Councillor Closs stated that she will be the contact person for the EMO once school closes to replace Mike Duclos.

## 9. Departmental Reports

- a) Public Works – April

The Town Manager introduced the new Public Works Manager, Keith MacDonald.

Councillor Bailey asked if the washrooms at the Community Hall are complete.

- o Public Works replied that the male washroom is complete and the female still needs to be done.

Councillor Bailey asked if the pool is ready to go.

- o The Recreation Director replied that the water is in and there is work being done on the boilers as well as repair to some busted pipes. The lifeguard will arrive on Sunday and we hope to open on Monday.

Councillor Tout inquired on the preliminary plans for oiling of the roads.

- o Public Work replied that the DL10 will be coming on the first barge.

Councillor Tout asked the Mayor if it is still practice to do the Town Square before doing the roads.

- o The Mayor responded that he is not aware of how it was done last year.

Councillor Tout stated that several years ago there was a concentrated effort to do the downtown square first.

- o Public Works stated that they now start at DOT and work their way in.

Councillor Melnyk replied that they should get the downtown square done as quickly as possible. It can be an ordeal to get the parking lot empty.

b) Gas Utility Report - April Discussion

c) Water & Sewer - April Discussion

Councillor Bailey asked if options are still being explored for the desludging of the lagoons.

- o The Water Plant Manager stated that to date the process has not stopped and involves the SLWB, EHO, ENR and trying to talk to anyone with authority or jurisdiction. All are in agreement that centrifuging is one of the best options. This process will save shipping costs. I am meeting with SLWB on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The materials in the lagoons have been tested and lab tests were completed on Friday. There are two firms involved right now, trying to get this off the ground. I contracted out KBL to do the sewage lagoon analysis. I have some budgetary numbers that I wanted to have for tonight in case I was asked. I have to discuss with the Town Manager and they would like to send up two representatives to meet with Council as a delegation to talk about the approach. That would be KBL and New Alta and that would be at their cost.

Councillor Bailey asked for a guess on the costs

- o The Water Plant Manager stated it would be over a half million easily. I would say close to 800K. I have talked to several companies that do this type of work and an 80 x 40 foot laydown area is needed and they are at nine thousand dollars a day and say it would be 60 – 80 days. I am trying to come up with the best solution. This is why I have asked the reps from KBL and New Alta to come here.

Councillor Bailey asked how quickly the Water Plant Manager is hoping to have this done with the addition of the new Health Facility, are you hoping to have this done prior to them coming onto the system.

- o The Water Plant manager hopes this can be done this season.

Councillor Bailey asked how long of a life expectancy this will give us.

- o The Water Plant manager stated it will depend on the population and demands of camps. Historically lagoons call for desludging every 5 – 10 years but in the Northern climates they only work a few months of the year I am sure that is reduced. Once desludging is done I would like to get aeration in there to keep it active as long as we can.

Councillor Bailey asked about the break-up.

- o The Water Plant manager noted that it was a non-event this year. Very minimal overtime was incurred this year. We were well prepared and it did not happen.

d) Recreation - April

Councillor Bailey asked if Saturday is still a go for clean-up.

- o The Recreation Director replied that it is and start time is 10:00 am.

e) Lands – March/April

Councillor Tout inquired on the lots requested for transfer to IORL.

- o The Development Officer stated that it is R2 and R3 that go across from Canol through the IORL lease and give access to the cemetery.

**10. Council Forum**

- Councillor Bailey
- Asked if someone could have a look at the conditions of the playground on Mountain Avenus as there are hazards there.
  - Inquired on what is being done with the Daycare facility and would like to put a suggestion forward that if the Youth and Elder Facility is not adequate for the programs we are running could we potentially use the Daycare Facility with slight modifications as this would be closer to the new Health Care Facility. Then we could look at repurposing or selling the current Youth & Elder Facility. This is a discussion for the next Committee of the Whole.
- Councillor Melnyk
- Inquired on the status of the bear fence for the landfill.
  - Do we have any plans for KBL or anyone to come back to remove waste from the landfill? If nothing is happening through a company we need a plan B to keep clean-up efforts going forward.
- Councillor Tout
- I would like to speak about communication. I am aware that you have worked on establishing a Facebook page for the Town but I don't think anybody has been actually told that as no notice was sent out. I would still like to see us issue a news letter on a regular basis because we are missing a fair number of people who are not Facebook regulars. A lot of people are unaware of what is going on and not knowing there is a Facebook page they would not think to look there. There is opportunity for us to get out communication in different forms.
- Councillor Closs
- There were some comments made to me that the Real Estate portion of our community channel is out dated. We have incoming teachers trying to find houses and some of the postings have expired drastically and contact numbers are not in service anymore and emails do not work. Can we see if this can be updated?
- Mayor McGregor
- Sorry I will not be here for clean up this year. We desperately need clean up this year. I have not seen it as bad as it is this year.
  - I just wanted to mention that Husky has pulled out and I don't know how bad it will be but there may be some belt tightening in Town for several years. If you recall a few years ago how tight things were for work. I am very concerned and as a Town I don't know how much we can do about it. I understand a delegation went to Husky to try and change their mind but I don't know how successful that will be.

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11. **Correspondence to Council**  
a) none

12. **Correspondence from Council**  
a) none

13. **In Camera**  
a) none

14. **Adjourn**


**Motion: No. 14-136**


**Moved by: Councillor Bailey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Melnyk**

**'Be it resolved that we hereby adjourn the time being 8:17 pm.'**

**Motion Carried**

  
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Gregor Harold McGregor  
Mayor

  
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Eric Whitworth  
Town Manager