



**Incorporated Hamlet of Tulita
Hamlet Boardroom
Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting
Monday September 16th, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Present: Mayor, Douglas Yallee
Deputy Mayor, Sally Horassi – *Called in*
Councillor, Robert McPherson
Councillor, James Mendo
Councillor, Angela Bernarde
Councillor, Candice Fraser
Councillor, Archie Erigaktuk - *Absent*
Councillor, Carl Yakeleya Jr. – *via Zoom*
Councillor, William Andrew

Staff: Senior Administrative Officer, Samantha Bayha
EDO/Fire Chief, Tim Tomczynski
Administrative Assistant, Kyanna Dolphus
Administrative Trainee, Hope Menacho
Finance, Andrew Spence
Recreation Director, Matthew Cybulski
Bylaw Officer, Garret Yakeleya

Public: John McPherson
Esther Bernarde
Cheryl McPherson
Hollie McPherson
Leeann McPherson
Damian McPherson
Dominic McPherson
Rena Chapple
Chief Frank Andrew
Adam McPherson
Judy Menacho
Julian Menacho
Makhla Antoine
Jeremy Moyo
Joshua Moyo
Tracy Modeste
Colby Modeste
Kadence Campbell
Reanna Campbell
Raymond Bernarde
Wyatt Bernarde
Louie Bernarde

1. **OPENING PRAYER AND CALL TO ORDER:**
Mayor Douglas Yallee called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
MOTION# 09-16-2021-510
Moved by Councillor William Andrew and seconded by Councillor Robert McPherson that Council adopt the Agenda.
CARRIED
3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**
As it arises.
4. **DELEGATION:**
a) **RCMP Report** – Cst. Sam Higgens presented the August 2021 RCMP Report.
5. **COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**
 - Questions and discussion took place under Community Concerns on matters primarily to do with Recreation and Personnel – Related issues. Emotional and sometimes inflammatory comments, inappropriate for a Public Meeting of Council were made by some member from the community, and by others. These comments are maintained by the Hamlet in electronic recording of Council Meetings and can be access if required for future reference.
6. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**
 - a. **Emergency Council Meeting Minutes August 16th, 2021**
MOTION # 09-16-2021-511
Moved by Councillor William Andrew, seconded by Councillor Robert McPherson that Council approves the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting.
CARRIED
 - b. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes August 16th, 2021**
MOTION # 09-16-2021-512
Moved by Councillor William Andrew, seconded by Councillor Robert McPherson that Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting.
CARRIED
 - c. **Emergency Council Meeting Minutes August 18th, 2021**
MOTION # 09-16-2021-513
Moved by Councillor Robert McPherson, seconded by Councillor Angela Bernarde that Council approves the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting.
CARRIED
 - d. **Emergency Council Meeting Minutes August 25th, 2021**
MOTION # 09-16-2021-514

Moved by Councillor Angela Bernarde, seconded by Councillor James Mendo that Council approves the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting.

CARRIED

e. Emergency Council Meeting Minutes August 31st, 2021

MOTION # 09-16-2021-515

Moved by Councillor James Mendo, seconded by Councillor Carl Yakeleya Jr. that Council approves the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting.

CARRIED

f. Emergency Council Meeting Minutes August 31st, 2021

MOTION # 09-16-2021-516

Moved by Councillor William Andrew, seconded by Councillor Angela Bernarde that Council approves the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting.

CARRIED

g. Emergency Council Meeting Minutes September 1st, 2021

MOTION # 09-16-2021-517

Moved by Councillor James Mendo, seconded by Councillor Carl Yakeleya Jr. that Council approves the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting.

CARRIED

h. Emergency Council Meeting Minutes September 8th, 2021

MOTION # 09-16-2021-518

Moved by Councillor Angela Bernarde, seconded by Councillor James Mendo that Council approves the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting.

CARRIED

i. Emergency Council Meeting Minutes September 15th, 2021

MOTION # 09-16-2021-519

Moved by Councillor William Andrew, seconded by Councillor Angela Bernarde that Council approves the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

8. COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS:

- a. Administration Report (Samantha Bayha)
- b. EDO Report/Fire Chief Report (Tim Tomczynski)
- c. Finance Report (Andrew Spence)
- d. Recreation Report (Matthew Cybulski)
- e. Bylaw Officers Report (Garret Yakeleya)
- f. Project & Infrastructure Committee Report (Samantha Bayha)
(Reports were distributed in advance of the Council meeting.)

9. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Land Acquisition By-law 267-21

(Review and Motion requested for Council Approval)

- Following are comments concerning By-law 267-21:
Received Information from Louise Reindeer that previous Councilors reserve the lots in front of Bear Rock for gravel haul, but the Tulita Dene Band did not agree with it. They put it on hold, Councilors reserved the lot so no one can gravel or develop on this lot, Elders have said it's a Secret area.
- Strange that the Band did not reserve the area.
- Had the lot for 30 years, and we have only paid \$1.00 for the lot.
- Continue with 1st Reading invite Community Member to the Meeting for input. Have 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading, require more information from the Elders as to why it is stated Hinter Land. If any oppose, then there is a reason to reserve the Lot.

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Moved by Councilor Candice Fraser, seconded by Councilor Robert McPherson that Council agrees to the 1st and 2nd Reading, also to invite community members for more feedback and/or concerns regarding By-Law 267-21.

b. Land Reserve lot 249 – Great Bear River Bridge Project

(Review and discussion requested of Council)

- Heavy traffic will still be coming through the community with safety precautions put in place.
- Build an access road leading to the bridge site other than having heavy traffic run through our community.
- We are not asking for a major investment; rather for a safer route to the Bridge-site.
- 4-mile bridge is unfeasible.
- Council agrees with the Skidoo access road.
- Semi-trucks will be going through by-pass to drop off equipment for the GBRB Project.
- Freight will be able to go on the Barge, minimum freight so community will have the first go.
- Will follow up on the training list for local residents.
- Local residents will be provided jobs with good wages. Residents will need to prepare themselves for the jobs that will be provided.
- Local Business will be involved in the Project from the start to the end.
- The response letter has stated everything that we have discussed. will wait for a reply.
- Council will leave as is until GNWT Infrastructure comes to the community and have a meeting with them.

c. Great Bear River Bridge – Request for Input

(Review and discussion requested of Council)

- Council has responded with their in-put on August 27th, 2021.

d. Save the Date: Alcohol Strategy Development – Minister Julie Green

(Council to select Two representatives to attend)

- Council has selected Councilor Angela Bernarde and Councilor Candice Fraser to attend the meeting in Yellowknife.
- Meeting has been pushed to the last two weeks of October 2021.
- SAO will submit names to Julie Green.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Contribution Agreement- Community Public Infrastructure

(Approval motion requested for Council)

MOTION#09-16-2021-521

Moved by Councilor Robert McPherson, seconded by Councilor William Andrew that Council approves to accept the funding from CPI of \$800,021.

b. Contribution Agreement – Federal Gas Tax

(Approval motion requested for Council)

MOTION#09-16-2021-522

Moved by Councilor Robert McPherson, seconded by Councilor William Andrew that Council approves to accept the Federal Gas Tax funding.

c. Contribution Agreement – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

(Approval motion requested for Council)

MOTION#09-16-2021-523

Moved by Councilor Robert McPherson, seconded by Councilor William Andrew that Council approves to accept the Canada Infrastructure Program of \$300,075.

d. Letter from Minister Shane Thompson – Covid-19 Expenses

(Review and discussion requested for Council)

- The Hamlet will no longer receive anymore Covid-19 Funds from GNWT.
- Hamlet of Tulita should provide a letter to GNWT about how the Hamlet has handled the Covid-19 Outbreak and Seek reimbursement for the fund that had been spent.
- The Hamlet have only received \$160,000.

MOTION#09-16-2021-524

Moved by Councilor Angela Bernarde, seconded by Councilor Robert McPherson that Council approves to continue with the meeting after 3-hour duration.

e. Expression of Interest – Men’s Healing Fund

(Review and discussion requested for Council)

- If Tulita Dene Band is applying for the same funding, Hamlet would not apply since this will following under the Tulita Dene Band.
- Will check in with the Band.
- Table until we receive more information.

11. COUNCIL CONCERNS/DISCUSSIONS:

- Personnel Matters will be discussed In-Camera.
- Concerning Public works, the SAO reported that former Water Treatment Plant Tainee will moved to the position of Building Maintainer. It was also reported that

interviews will start next week for Public Works Foreman, Assistant Foreman and Recreation Coordinator.

- Patrolling of the River/Airport continues to be a priority.
- Residents are still requesting Covid-19 Water deliveries.
- The need for equipment storage at the baseball field has been addressed.
- 4-mile ATV Trail will need to be extended.
- Council requested a Lawyer from MACA to explain matter concerning Personnel and Conflict.
- Stop/Slow-down sign is required at the intersection by Mac Champagne House.
- No reply has been received from GNWT infrastructure concerning relocation of the Hamlet building.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Letter of Support from MLA Paulie Chinna – Great Bear River Bridge

b. Letter of Support from NWT Chamber of Commerce – GBRB Project

c. Letter of Support from Metis Community – Community Plan & New Subdivision

d. Letter of Support from Mayor Pope Norman Wells – GBRB Project

e. Enbridge – Public Awareness Program Information

f. Treaty Talks Project – Request for Youth and Community Members Participation

g. Indigenous Power of Mentoring Event for Indigenous Youth ages: 18 – 30

(All Correspondence received for information)

13. IN CAMERA SESSION:

a. Discuss Legal/Personnel Matter

MOTION # 09-16-2021-525

9:20 pm moved by Councillor seconded by Councillor that Council approves to go In Camera.

CARRIED

14. OUT OF CAMERA:

15. ADJOURNMENT

I certify these minutes are true to the best of my knowledge.

Senior Administrative Officer
Samantha Bayha

Minutes approved by Council this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor
Douglas Yallee

Administrative Assistant
Kyanna Dolphus