



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 October 25, 2021, 3:30 pm (Council Chambers & Zoom)

Approved via Resolution 2021-380

<p><u>PRESENT</u> Mayor Michael St Amour Deputy Mayor Allan Flamand Councillor Sandra McMaster Councillor Darren Sopel</p>	<p><u>ABSENT</u></p>	<p><u>STAFF</u> SAO, Tammy Neal</p> <p><u>MINUTES PREPARED BY</u> SAO, Tammy Neal</p>
<p><u>GALLERY</u> Mike Unger Winnie Cadieux</p>	<p><u>DELEGATES</u> Jamie Koe, Deputy Minister of Lands, GNWT Department of Lands Blair Chapman, Assistant Deputy Minister of Operations, GNWT Department of Lands Melanie Williams, Director of Lands, GNWT Department of Lands Leslie Wilson, Superintendent GNWT Department of Lands, Ft Smith</p>	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael St Amour called the Tuesday, October 5, 2021, Regular Council Meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

1. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

There were no Councillor absences.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

There were no agenda additions.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2021-364

Motion to adopt the October 25, 2021, Special Council Meeting Agenda, as presented

Moved by: Councillor Sandra McMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Darren Sopel

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4. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.

Initials: Mayor MSA SAO TM

5. DELEGATIONS

a. Land Transfer Updates

Jamie Koe, Deputy Minister, GNWT Department of Lands

Blair Chapman, Assistant Deputy Minister of Operations, GNWT Department of Lands

Melanie Williams, Director of Lands, Dept Lands

Leslie Wilson, Superintendent Dept Lands, Ft Smith

Mayor Michael St Amour thanked delegations for attending the meeting and requested introduction.

A presentation was provided to Council, pertaining to the status of the land transfers:

6 large undeveloped parcels

- * Application for 6 undeveloped parcels received in 2011
- * Enterprise acquired fee simple title in 2015; process took time due to the consultation process and the requirement for Enterprise to review/amend land administration bylaws
- * One parcel later sold by Enterprise to AWP

65 leased parcels of land

- * Application received in 2011
- * Required inspections to ensure compliance with legislation
- * Consultation occurred in 2012 and determined the bulk transfer approach would be more appropriate
- * 3 lots later removed from agreement with Enterprise, NWTMN and KFN
- * 3 lots were removed from the process
- * 1 parcel transferred in 2018
- * 7 additional parcels transferred in 2019
- * Consultation was required again with Indigenous Governments
 - 11 lots initially consulted on in 2019, re-initiated in 2021 and included 15 additional lots (26 total)
 - 25 of these consultations have been closed and transfer documents are being drafted. One lot is still in the consultation process.
 - 8 parcels (3 commercial leases) yet to begin consultation process

Equity Leases


- * 20 equity leases initially part of the 65 parcels
- * Now being considered under the Equity Lease Project
- * 14 are in the consultation phase
 - Consultation will be closed on 13, by October 27, 2021
 - Consultation will potentially be closed one 1, by Nov 4, 2021

Discussion:

A Council Member explained the history of the past several years and how Enterprise could not sell land for several years. Recently, last fall and this spring, lands were inspected and once compliant, residents were asked to apply for their land and pay a \$250 fee; nothing has been heard since and land still cannot be sold.

Q: Will residents be getting titles to their equity leases? How close are we to the equity leases being transferred?

A: GNWT can commit that land transfers are being worked on and there is a process. Status will be relayed to community every 30 days.

Initials: Mayor  SAO 

A: 13 close on October 27th
1 closes on November 4th
If any items are raised, residents will be notified

Q: Rumors regarding the consultation process; heard two people from town are holding up process; is this true, if so who?

A: 13 of the 14 transfers closed, so transfers will move forward; the last one closes next week if there are no consultation issues.

Enterprise advanced most opportunities; consulting broadly across the north is what took time. The GNWT is further ahead in Enterprise, but the GNWT brought forward other communities' land transfers at the same time. In 2020 inspections took place and Enterprise was prepared vs other communities. The GNWT will be improving customer service and communicating better.

It was expressed that for 9 years Enterprise couldn't sell land and the population dropped and it will continue to drop if Enterprise can't move forward; happy with the update, thank you.

Q: What about the other leases, commercial/highway commercial? Enterprise is changing its bylaw structure. Other businesses would like to know if they will get opportunity to purchase their lots as well, its not just equity lease owners.

A: Residents can apply for title to leases as well.

A Council Member expressed concern; being harassed and was threatened, regarding land issue. RCMP were notified.

The SAO is to post harassment policy at mailbox and other buildings.

6. REPORTS - NIL

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S) - NIL

8. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS - NIL

9. NEW BUSINESS - NIL

10. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW - NIL

11. BYLAWS & POLICIES - NIL

12. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS - NIL

13. CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING - NIL

14. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION - NIL

Initials: Mayor MSM SAO [Signature]

15. ADJOURNMENT

- a. **November 16, 2021, Regular Council Meeting**
7:00 pm Council Chambers

Resolution 2021-365

Motion to adjourn the October 25, 2021 Special Council Meeting at 4:46 pm

Moved by: Councillor Sandra McMaster

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Al Flamand

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Michael St Amour,
Mayor

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Tammy Neal,
Senior Administrative Officer

