



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
January 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>COUNCIL</u>	Crystal McAteer Boyd Langford Brent Anderson Terry Jessiman Josh Lambert Mark Liboiron Jan Welke	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor (V/C) Councillor Councillor
<u>STAFF</u>	Clark McAskile Jena-Raye Clarke Jeri Phillips Rodney Schmidt Bill Schnarr Lydie Watters	Chief Administrative Officer Director of Community Services Director of Finance and Administration Director of Emergency Services Communications Coordinator Municipal Clerk/Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McAteer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Regular Meeting Agenda for
January 8, 2024

Request for additions or amendment to the agenda.

Resolution #001-24

Moved by Councillor Liboiron

THAT Council adopt the January 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda
with the following additions:

- 15.4 be moved to 13.1 under New Business
- 18.6 Council Conversation

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC HEARING

4. PRESENTATIONS

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Acting Sergeant Brendan Fast RCMP
High Level Detachment

The monthly RCMP report was presented by Acting Sergeant Brendan
Fast.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

6.1 December 11, 2023, Regular
Council Meeting unapproved meeting
minutes

Resolution #002-24

Moved by Councillor Jessiman

THAT Council approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of
December 11, 2023 as amended.

CARRIED

7. DELEGATION BUSINESS

7.1 RCMP High Level Detachment
December 2023 Occurrence Stats and
Monthly Summary

Resolution #003-24
Moved by Councillor Welke
THAT Council accept the RCMP High Level Detachment December
2023 Occurrence Stats and Monthly Summary for information.

CARRIED

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

8.1 Mayor's Report

Resolution #004-24
Moved by Councillor Anderson
THAT Council accept the Mayor's Report for information.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Committee reports on which
Councillors are appointed:

- Deputy Mayor Langford
- Councillor Anderson
- Councillor Jessiman
- Councillor Lambert
- Councillor Liboiron
- Councillor Welke

Deputy Mayor Langford:
December 13 – Dene Tha' First Nation Council
December 14 – Northwest Species At Risk
December 14 – Night of Lights Contest
December 18 – Dene Tha' First Nation Council

Councillor Anderson:
December 13 – Dene Tha' First Nation Council
December 14 – Farewell for Director Gavin

Councillor Jessiman:
December 14 – Farewell for Director Gavin
December 14 – Night of Lights Contest
December 18 – High Level Airport Beautification Task Force

Councillor Lambert:
December 14 – Farewell for Director Gavin
December 14 – Night of Lights Contest
December 14 – High Level & District Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Liboiron:
December 13 – Dene Tha' First Nation Council
December 14 – Farewell for Director Gavin
December 14 – Night of Lights Contest

Councillor Welke:
December 13 – Dene Tha' First Nation Council
December 14 – Farewell for Director Gavin
December 14 – Night of Lights Contest
December 18 – Dene Tha' First Nation Council

Resolution #005-24
Moved by Councillor Liboiron
THAT Council accept the Council Committee Reports for information.

CARRIED

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Council's Action List

Resolution 006-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Langford
THAT Council accept the Council Action List for information.

CARRIED

10.2 Upcoming Events List

Resolution #007-24

Moved by Councillor Anderson
THAT Council accept the Upcoming Events List for information.

CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Municipal of Environment and Protected Areas– Preparation for Severe Drought

Council discussion.

13.2 Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance – Building Resiliency to Multi-Year Drought in Alberta Workshop January 31, 2024

Resolution #008-24

Moved by Councillor Welke
THAT Council approve attendance for Mayor McAteer, Councillor
Anderson and Councillor Lambert to the Building Resiliency to Multi-
Year Drought Workshop on January 31, 2024.

CARRIED

13.3 REDI – Alberta Post-Wildfire Workshop

Resolution #009-24

Moved by Councillor Liboiron
THAT Council accept the REDI – Alberta Post-Wildfire Workshop for
information.

CARRIED

13.4 Ratification of the Town of High Level Letter of Support for Beaver First Nation Rural Transit Solutions Fund Application, December 14, 2023

Resolution #010-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Langford
THAT Council ratify the letter of support for Beaver First Nation Rural
Transit Solutions Fund Application.

CARRIED

13.5 Request for Decision: Memorandum of Understanding with the High Level & District Chamber of Commerce

Resolution #011-24

Moved by Councillor Welke
THAT Council approves a month-to-month Memorandum of
Understanding with the High Level & District Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED

13.6 Briefing Note: Feedback for Telus

Resolution #012-24

Moved by Councillor Jessiman

THAT Council accept the Briefing Note: Feedback for Telus for information.

CARRIED

13.7 Request for Decision: Amendment to Proposed 2024 Wage and Salary Grid

Resolution #013-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Langford

THAT Council approve the amendment to the Proposed 2024 Wage and Salary Grid.

CARRIED

13.8 Request for Decision: 2024 Conferences, Conventions and Workshops

Resolution #014-24

Moved by Councillor Anderson

THAT Council approve the number of attendees at the conferences and conventions as amended for 2024.

CARRIED

14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

14.1 City of Yellowknife, December 18, 2023 – 2023 Wildfires

14.2 Hay River, December 5, 2023 – Fire Fighter and Evacuation Centre Tribute

Resolution #015-24

Moved by Councillor Liboiron

THAT Council accept items 14.1 to 14.2 for information.

CARRIED

15. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

15.1 Tolko Industries LTD, December 5, 2023 – Tolko Support for High Level Multipurpose Evacuation Centre

15.2 Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs – Tax Holiday Ending After 2024 Municipal Tax Year

15.3 Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, December 15, 2023 – Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Program

15.4 The School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, September 2023 – The Canadian Northern Corridor Community Engagement Program: Results and Lessons Learned

Resolution #016-24

Moved by Councillor Jessiman

THAT Council accept items 15.1 to 15.4 for information.

CARRIED

16. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

17. QUESTION PERIOD

18. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor McAteer thanked the viewers, ending the public portion of the meeting and requested a motion to move into closed session.

Resolution #017-24

Moved by Councillor Welke

THAT Council move into closed session at 7:36 p.m., pursuant to FOIP section 24(1)(b)(i), (c), and (d), respectively.

CARRIED

Per section 197(6) of the MGA, the following individuals remained in closed session:

Elected officials – C. McAteer, B. Langford, B. Anderson, T. Jessiman, J. Lambert (V/C), M. Liboiron, J. Welke; and

Staff – C. McAskile, J. Clarke, J. Phillips, R. Schmidt, B. Schnarr and L. Watters.

C. McAskile, J. Clarke, J. Phillips, R. Schmidt, B. Schnarr and L. Watters left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Resolution #018-24

Moved by Councillor Anderson

THAT Council move out of closed session at 9:19 p.m.

CARRIED

18.1 Request for Decision: Bushe River Fire Service Agreement Committee
Town of High Level Appointees

Advice from Officials, pursuant to FOIP Part 1, Division 2, sections 24(1)(b)(i), (c) and (d).

18.2 Briefing Note: Alberta Advantage Immigration Program Rural Renew Stream

Advice from Officials, pursuant to FOIP Part 1, Division 2, sections 24(1)(b)(i), (c) and (d).

18.3 Briefing Note: Mackenzie Frontier Tourism Association Request for Apology

Advice from Officials, pursuant to FOIP Part 1, Division 2, sections 24(1)(b)(i), (c) and (d).

18.4 Briefing Note: Update on Northwest Species at Risk Transfer

Advice from Officials, pursuant to FOIP Part 1, Division 2, sections 24(1)(b)(i), (c) and (d).

Resolution #019-24

Moved by Mayor McAteer

THAT Council appoint Councillor Jessiman to the Bushe River Fire Service Agreement Committee, with Councillor Welke as an alternate and support from Administrative staff.

CARRIED

18.5 Administration Conversation with Council

Advice from Officials, pursuant to FOIP Part 1, Division 2, sections 24(1)(b)(i), (c) and (d).

18.6 Council Conversation – Administrative Recruitment and Request for Decision on Late Penalties

Advice from Officials, pursuant to FOIP Part 1, Division 2, sections 24(1)(b)(i), (c) and (d).

19. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #020-24

Moved by Councillor Liboiron

THAT Council adjourn the January 8, 2024, Regular Council meeting at 9:19 p.m.

CARRIED

[Original signed by C. McAteer]
Mayor

[Original signed by L. Watters]
Municipal Clerk