

VILLAGE OF FORT SIMPSON

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting #RM04-2026 of March 9, 2026

REGULAR MEETING # RM04-2026
Village of Fort Simpson Council Chambers
Monday, March 9, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Village of Fort Simpson Council Chambers

Present:	Mayor	L. Wright
	Deputy Mayor	K. Tsetso
	Councillor	R. Pascua-Matte
	Councillor	J. Campbell
	Councillor	J. Tsetso
	Councillor	E. Chalifoux
	Councillor	T. Bellefontaine

Absent:	Councillor	R. Cli
	Councillor	C. Cli

Also present:	SAO	A. Larabie
	OM	M. Gast
	FS Curling Club	L. Nadia
	FS Curling Club	M. Lys
	RCMP	A. Sgt. Andrew Kern
	Clerk	E. Amundson

1) Call to Order

Mayor Wright called meeting to order at 7:03 pm

2) Agenda Additions

6 a) Dehcho First Nations – Kristen Tanche moved to next RM

3) Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution #2026-056

Moved by: DM Tsetso

Seconded by: Councillor Tsetso

THAT Council adopt the agenda of Regular Meeting RM04-2026 as amended

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4) Declarations of Interest None

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5) Councillor Absences

Resolution #2026-057

Moved by: Councillor Chalifoux

Seconded by: Councillor Campbell

THAT Council excuse Councillor R.Cli and Councillor C.Cli

from Regular Meeting RM04-2026

CARRIED

6) Delegations

a) RCMP – February report

Acting Sgt. Kern, summarized attached report to council; statistics referred to Fort Simpson, not including surrounding communities. He spoke of Crimestoppers, the usefulness of reporting, he also mentioned there are currently five (5) full-time members and one recruit. Acting Sgt. Kern took questions from Council

b) Dehcho First Nations – Kristen Tanche moved to next RM

c) Fort Simpson Curling Club – Marti Lys

Laurie Nadia, President of Fort Simpson Curling Club, delegated to Council. She wanted a response to a proposal sent and presented to Council. She reiterated plans of the Fort Simpson Curling Club and referred to the proposal to ITI (GNWT Infrastructure, Trade and Investment) for renovation funding, would like to know from Council the delay in responding, she took questions and clarified the reasons FS Curling Club would like a five-year lease instead of two-year. Council will work on this in Committee Meeting and reply before April 2026

7) Adoption of Minutes

a) #RM03-2026

Resolution # 2026-058

Moved by: Councillor Pascua-Matte

Seconded by: Councillor Campbell

THAT Council approve the minutes of RM03-2026, February 23, 2026, as amended

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8) Reports

a) Mayor Wright Report

Presented his report verbally to Council that the NWTAC AGM was a learning experience, the NTPC presentation, the Housing information and the Mackenzie Valley Highway were all good

b) SAO Report

The letter was sent to Chris Clarke-McQueen Director of Infrastructure on Feb 24/2026. To propose the Fire Training ground as the best area for the New Health Center location On Feb 24/2026 Mitch and I had a TeamViewer meeting regarding transportation for medical appointment (seniors)

We explained to Melinda MACA Kevin Whitehead and Heather Warner that the Village does not have a vehicle to assist seniors getting to the Health Centre for Medical Appointment the meeting lasted 30 min

I was out for a Medical last week for 2 days

Working on the Cashflow forecast with Mike. I expect to present the Cashflow forecast in a Finance, Administration, Human Resource committee meeting this month

Still working on the Collection Bylaw and Property Tax Administration and Collection Bylaw. When the draft is ready, I expect to bring it to the financial committee for input Capital Plan, Mitch and I will prepare a Draft document to be presented at the Financial Committee meeting in March

We will advertise for a part-time dog catcher which was approved in the 2026 Budget

9) Tabled Items and Old Business

a) SAO Extension

Resolution # 2024-059

Moved by: Councillor Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Tsetso

THAT Council extend SAO's employment under the same terms and conditions as per current agreement to June 11, 2026

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b) 5-year Capital Plan Workshop with Management

OM and SAO will do -pick a date

c) Community Emergency Response Planning Revised Proposal

Signed and sent

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d) Schedule of Council Meeting 2026

Resolution # 2026-060

Moved by: Councillor Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Chalifoux

THAT Council accepts revised 2026 Council Meeting Schedule and rescinds previous resolution # 2025-240 RM22-2025 10 d) Council Schedule

CARRIED

e) Fire Break

OM presented options of use of the open space, sub-division, replanting, housing needs. There will be skitters out, wood will be available. MACA and Fed have funding.

10) New Business

a) Request of a support letter from Liidlii Kue First Nation

Draft changes attached

b) Tentative date for Auditor

April 7-12, 2026

c) Constellation Bookkeeping – date to assist with Audit

April 3-14, 2026

d) Request of Council attendance to meet with NTPC, Clean Design System

Tabled to COW, come up with date. Video or presentation? Tri-Council?

11) Correspondence and Information

a) Bylaw No. 2026-004 Council Indemnity By-Law, Third reading

Resolution # 2024-061

Moved by: Councillor Pascua-Matte

Seconded by: Councillor Campbell

THAT By-Law # 2026-004 "Council Member Indemnity By-Law "be given a 3rd reading

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12) Correspondence and Information

a) Legacy Housing NWT Mortgage program

b) Emails- Re: Minister Altay

c) GNWT LEAD Testing / Report

13) Council Matters and Concerns

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- DM Tsetso: comment NWTAC was well attended and well represented by VOFS, connections, resolutions accepted, announce supported Dehcho First Nations Wellness- Kristen Tanche. Recreation Committee giving direction question the action. Comprehensive role confusion.
- Councillor Chalifoux: snow removal on roads has made the road very slippery, fell a few times
- Councillor Tsetso: Commend the VOFS Staff on clearing snow. Fire break, land clearing, there is a wealth of resource NT, Alaska, Yukon, under growth, biomass energy, on the land recreation, use of firebreak.
- Councillor Campbell: thank VOFS staff PW on snow removal. Need dog catcher, loose dogs at Unity Store, need public information for dog owners, securing dogs and veterinarian need. Last Friday, losing a community member during the cold snap, need to be vigilant
- Councillor Pascua-Matte: NWTAC, very good, learned a lot, Councillor Cheryl Cli asked many questions was a star of the show. Street naming when will the contractor begin consultation. COW next week? Committee Meeting too? Report for golf course, brainstorm for contract. Dog catcher-by-law- on call? Paperwork from last bylaw meeting,
- Councillor Bellefontaine: Open Sky invite NWTAC-funding formula. Dog issue information VOFS Vet-SPCA- partnership

14)In Camera None

15)Adjournment

Resolution # 2026-062

Moved by: Councillor Tsetso

THAT Council adjourn regular meeting RM04-2026 at 8:23 pm.

CARRIED

Les Wright
Mayor

Andre Larabie
Senior Administrative Officer