

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE  
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON JULY 20, 2021 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor: Lee Bodie  
Councillors: T. Wheeler, L. Graham, G. Skookum (Zoom)  
Staff: CAO T. Thomas (Zoom), A. Gregory  
Regrets: H. Belanger

**ORDER:** Mayor L. Bodie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.

CAO T. Thomas notified Council that Whidden Construction will not be attending the meeting as a delegate. Rather, they are planning to attend the next Council meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> via Zoom.

Councillor G. Skookum requested the topic of street signs be added to the agenda under New and Unfinished Business.

**21-14-01 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:** From the regular meeting on July 6, 2021.

**21-14-02 M/S Councillors G. Skookum/L. Graham motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION:**  
No delegation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  
No correspondence.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Councillor Activity Reports**

Councillor T. Wheeler did not have much to report. She informed Council that the daycare has reopened.

Councillor L. Graham also did not have much to report. She informed Council she is currently working from home.

Councillor G. Skookum recently returned from vacation and noticed work on the arena has started.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor L. Bodie attended a Mayor's meeting with Dr. Hanley on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Hanley stressed that he wanted to see vaccination rates increase to 95%. He explained there are many unvaccinated Yukon residents who are susceptible to the virus and they are behind the increase in Covid-19 numbers. Dr. Hanley said informal gatherings with non vaccinated residents is not recommended and he continues to encourage social distancing and the use of masks. He also noted that the hospital in Whitehorse is at its maximum capacity.

At the mayors meeting, Minister Mostyn provided a flood update and Carmacks is currently downgraded in risk, however the Southern Lakes Region remains very high. There are negotiations underway with the Armed Forces to stay longer than their original deadline to help with filling sandbags and providing support during the floods.

Roni-Sue Sparvier was introduced as the new communication liaison for Yukon communities.

Mayor L. Bodie noted CEMA representatives are enforcing orders as best they can. Chief Tom reported all the Covid-19 cases in Carmacks have recovered and the daycare has reopened.

Mayor L. Bodie accompanied Greenwood Engineering to the Nordenskiold Cemetery and offered his suggestions on the design.

### **CAO Report**

CAO T. Thomas presented Council with a written report and broke it down verbally. She reported all projects are going well. She has asked the Recreation Committee for volunteers to assist in the hiring of the Recreation Director.

It was reported that the Yukon River has gone down by 3 feet from its highest mark. A

local contractor is currently working on taking down the berms and sandbags. The Visitor Information Centre has reopened since the flood waters have receded.

CAO T. Thomas attended a meeting regarding the heritage building assessments. A list of all heritage buildings was provided to Council and CAO T. Thomas asked for feedback on which buildings should be assessed. Mayor and Council agreed the buildings that are the most visible and not on private property should be assessed.

CAO T. Thomas is working hard on completing the application for the Canada Community Revitalization Funding to extend and revitalize the boardwalk. She requested that Greenwood Engineering assess the flood damage to the boardwalk to include this into the proposal, and also asked them to look at the wooded area past the Recreation Centre and recommend ideas on how to open up the area and make the space feel safer.

Since the building of the 6-plex has overloaded the Carmacks landfill with construction debris, YG has hired a local contractor to compress this material and open up more space. This will allow space for any incoming construction debris from the arena project.

CAO T. Thomas reported that she was very pleased with the work completed by the STEP student over the summer, who developed a draft Cemetery Bylaw, information to populate the visitor guide as well as several other research projects.

Councillor G. Skookum asked CAO T. Thomas if a joint report would be compiled by the Village and LSCFN on the recent flood situation in order to use it for funding applications to demonstrate the impacts and risks. Mayor and Council agreed this would be a good idea, and CAO Thomas will ensure it is placed on the list.

Mayor L. Bodie suggested the Public Works Foreman and his team be publicly acknowledged for their hard work during the flood and saving the community from a potential disaster.

Mayor L. Bodie also noted a high voltage unit at Merv Tew Park that may be a safety hazard. He asked if plans there were plans to address that or if it could be cordoned off to prevent injury.

### **Municipal Maintenance Report**

Council read the report provided.

CAO T. Thomas noted that the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Dawson City is run and funded by YG. She would like to formally request YG follow the same model in Carmacks. Council expressed their support for this idea.

### **Fire Department Report**

Council read the report provided.

Council was pleased to see multiple meetings in June and that all Fire Department members were in attendance.

### **AYC Report**

No AYC report.

**21-14-03 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned to file the reports as presented.**

**CARRIED**

### **ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES**

**21-14-04 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/G. Skookum motioned that the July 10, 2021 payroll of \$42,653.81 being DD and Accounts Payable of \$49,655.95 being cheques numbered (29022-29045) and Visa paid of \$3,980.26 and CIG's paid of \$8,166.96 be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

### **BYLAWS**

No bylaws.

### **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **9.1 VOC Volunteer Policy**

Council read the policy.

**21-14-05 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned to accept the VOC Volunteer Policy draft.**

**CARRIED**

#### **9.2 Cemetery Bylaw**

Council read the bylaw and confirmed the initial draft was well done. CAO T. Thomas explained that she would present further details and address any concerns during a Committee of the whole meeting which she hopes to schedule soon.

### **9.3 Motion to award Carmacks Recreation Centre Controls Update contract**

CAO T. Thomas reminded Council that due to time constraints and a single bid, the decision to award the contract to Arcrite Northern Limited was originally done via email. However, she recommended it now be formalized with a motion.

**21-14-06 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Graham motion to award the Carmacks Recreation Centre Controls Update contract to Arcrite Northern Ltd.**

**CARRIED**

### **9.4 Budget Variance Report**

Council reviewed the budget variance report as presented.

### **9.5 Street Signs**

Councillor G. Skookum inquired about the future of the old wooden carved street signs that were recently replaced with higher visibility ones for emergency services. He noted that a resident asked permission to have several of the signs. CAO T. Thomas explained that a few other residents had also asked to keep the signs, however she felt that the best full community use would be to keep the signs for future development projects where they would be publicly displayed for everyone to enjoy. Mayor and Council agreed it would be good to retain these signs for the foreseeable future due to all the upcoming projects, but if it was determined that they would not be utilized, Council would look into options for equitable distribution to interested individuals.

### **QUESTION PERIOD**

No questions from the public.

### **IN-CAMERA**

Motion to move into Closed Meeting in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, Section 213 (3) (a) if in the case of a council, the council decides during the meeting to meet as a council committee to discuss a matter;

**21-14-07 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to go in-camera at 8:09PM.**

An in-camera discussion by Council regarding a lands matter.

**21-14-08 M/S Councillor I. Graham motioned to go out of in-camera at 8:14PM.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**21-14-09 M/S Councillor L. Graham motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM.**

Mayor Lee Bodie adjourned the meeting at 8:15PM.

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Mayor Lee Bodie

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CAO Tracy Thomas