

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF  
CARMACKS ON MARCH 16, 2021 AT THE RECREATION CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor: Lee Bodie

Councillors: T. Wheeler, L. Graham, G. Skookum, H. Belanger (Zoom)

Staff: CAO T. Thomas, A. Gregory

Delegates: Ron Gartshore – Carmacks Development Corporation

Eric Fairclough - Carmacks Development Corporation

Peter Grundmanis – Yukon Party Mayo-Tatchun Candidate

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

**AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.

Councillor T. Wheeler requested the addition of the Health Centre parking lot to New and Unfinished Business.

Mayor L. Bodie requested Peter Grundmanis be added as a delegate.

**21-06-01 M/S Councillors L. Graham/G. Skookum motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:** From the regular meeting on March 2, 2021.

**21-06-02 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION:**

**4.1 Ron Gartshore and Eric Fairclough**

As the new CEO of Carmacks Development Corporation, Ron Gartshore expressed his desire to work with the Village of Carmacks in efforts to better achieve more for the community. He explained to Council that he would like to gather information on the different skills, resources, and equipment Carmacks has to offer and then create a community resource guide where all services would be laid out clearly and could be well advertised. He would also like to complete a door-to-door survey and build a database that would identify community needs, barriers, and interests.

Eric Fairclough spoke with Council regarding the Carmacks arena. It was explained that CDC has identified the arena construction project as an important opportunity and is interested in offering a solution to resolve the current issue of failed construction contracts. Carmacks Development Corporation would like to propose a community solution that would involve project management by experienced TSL Contractors. This would allow work on the project to begin immediately and focus on community participation. They have spoken with Minister Streicker and The Hon. Mr. Pallai however no further progress has been made on the proposal due to the election being called.

Eric Fairclough explained to Council that he is hoping for community support which would cause YG to take a more serious look at the proposal. Mayor L. Bodie indicated that he would be willing to write a letter of support for the proposed idea but noted YG would make the decision on who is awarded the arena contract and that Council ultimately does not have a say in the matter.

#### **4.2 Peter Grundmanis - Yukon Party Mayo-Tatchun Candidate**

Peter Grundmanis thanked Council for adding him to the agenda. He explained he was not in attendance to give a campaign speech, rather to introduce himself to community leaders. If elected, he plans on involving himself as an observer and attending as many Carmacks Council meetings as possible. He promised Council that he would listen and do his best to learn about what is going on in the community and the challenges being faced.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Council read the email from Michael Khan regarding a short film shoot to take place in Carmacks in July 2021. The email was a general inquiry regarding lodgings, filming locations, interest of local actors, etc. Council was in support of their film making ventures but agreed the filmmakers may be most successful in reaching out to the community via social media for feedback on some of these inquiries.

**21-06-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/H. Belanger motioned to file correspondence.**

**CARRIED**

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **Councillor Activity Reports**

Councillor T. Wheeler attended the AYC Board Meeting. She also attended the OCP review and gave Jane Koepke with Groundswell Planning a positive review on her OCP work. She plans to attend the next scheduled OCP meeting.

Councillor L. Graham did not have anything to report and had a quiet two weeks.

Councillor G. Skookum informed Council that he got a call from CBC Radio last week where he participated in an interview on how drugs and alcohol were affecting the community. He indicated that he did so as a concerned community member, not as a Village councillor.

Councillor H. Belanger attended the last AYC Board Meeting. She informed Council she will be traveling for work over the next couple weeks.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor L. Bodie attended the OCP Meeting. He felt there was very good input coming from it and looks forward to the next meeting.

### **CAO Report**

CAO T. Thomas provided Council with a written report and broke it down verbally. The next Council Meeting will be held April 6<sup>th</sup> and the next joint Council Meeting will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Heritage Hall. CAO T. Thomas attended the AYC Board Meeting and the Admin Forum. The Admin Forum discussions included landfill regionalization, report reviews and next steps.

CAO T. Thomas reported that the OCP Meeting was very interesting and informative, and she found the “what we heard” report very helpful. The report summarized that 92 surveys were completed; the online discussions were very successful and there was low turn out for the in-person community events. Many community comments were focused on recreation and beautification of the community – most of which are already in the plans for next year. Comments also presented opportunities for partnership with LSCFN. The next OCP meeting is scheduled to be in person on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

An update on all the ongoing projects was provided. Phase 2 on the Merv Tew project is going out for tender this month, and the intention will be to put it out in smaller contracts in the hopes that more local skill can be utilized.

The disc golf design team completed a tour of the area today. The team is very excited and hopes to make it a community project and invite residents to participate in as much of the design process as possible. They also hope to hold a grand opening this fall with a BBQ, giveaways, and disc golf lessons. CAO T. Thomas proposed the idea of having mining companies sponsor each net to reduce costs.

The cemetery access road realignment is in the YESAB review process right now, and HPW has inspected the proposed new site as well. The trail's brochure, village map and signage design work should be completed in April. Stormwater system Phase 1 work is still in discussions regarding the best options and approach to use that will be able to

utilize local labor and equipment. CAO T. Thomas is still waiting on an update report from Associated Engineering regarding the Solid Waste Facility Upgrades. After consulting with other communities, it has been recommended that a weigh scale would be necessary to charge fees at the landfill.

CAO T. Thomas reported that the assessment of heritage buildings are scheduled for late spring. The playground inspections and repairs are scheduled for spring and summer.

CAO T. Thomas informed Council on the Lagoon status. She explained that last fall a geotechnical test at the preferred location was done where they found ice rich permafrost which limits the site viability. Further testing will have to be completed in the summer and/or other site options considered.

In regard to the landfill closure and post closure costs memo, CAO T. Thomas reported that the landfill lifetime is estimated at 95 years. Per capita, the Municipal Solid Waste is 1.6kg/day and Construction and Debris is .7kg/day. The future value was noted at 3.9 million in 24 years assuming the sinking fund of approximately \$20,000 was invested annually. It is also recommended that municipal solid waste be combined with construction debris to reduce costs and reduce fire risk.

CAO T. Thomas also reported \$18,000 in savings after going out for tender and switching heating fuel providers last year. She is also continuing to work with Archives to get the Records Management Policy/Bylaw finalized.

It was reported that the audit for 2020 was going very well thus far and BDO thanked the administration team for their timely assistance throughout.

### **Municipal Maintenance Report**

Council read the written report.

### **AYC Report**

Councillor H. Belanger provided Council with an update on the AYC Board of Directors meeting. LIC is not being brought forward in the spring sitting, rather it will be brought forward in the fall. The excess Safe Restart funding has been reallocated amongst the municipalities.

In regard to the Covid vaccinations, over 41,000 have been administered in the Yukon thus far and there is confidence the goal of vaccinating 75% of the population will be achieved.

The Top of the World highway will remain closed until the Canada/US boarder is reopened.

Mitacs has hired a student intern from the University of Alberta who will be creating a survey on land development and housing. Input from the communities is encouraged.

It was recommended that municipalities advertise the upcoming Council election in hopes of increasing the diversity of people running.

**21-06-04 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned to file the reports as presented.**

**CARRIED**

## **ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES**

**21-06-05 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/H. Belanger motioned that the March 6th, 2021 payroll of \$35,047.66 being DD and Accounts Payable of \$45,286.77 being cheques numbered (28793-28815) and Visa paid of \$8,942.41 be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

## **BYLAWS**

No Bylaws.

## **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **9.1 AYC AGM Resolutions**

Councillor T. Wheeler would like to see more support from YG for rural first responders. She explained they can sometimes have a difficult time accessing supplies and training for volunteers is lacking. Councillor L. Graham agreed with this and believes YG is not consulting with first responders in the communities and because of this, they risk losing volunteers.

Mayor L. Bodie would like AYC to work with the banks to loosen up mortgage rules for communities. He explained it is very difficult to be approved for a mortgage if you live in one of the smaller Yukon communities.

### **9.2 Investments**

CAO T. Thomas informed Council that the Village's investments earned \$18,000 in 2020, however current rates are so low that the Village savings accounts are actually paying the highest rate with the least amount of risk. Based on this, she recommends leaving the balance in the savings account while continuing to monitor interest rates for

significant increases. She requested a motion to move the invested funds from the investment account back into the savings account.

- 21-06-06 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned to move the invested funds from investment account ending in 7149 back into Village of Carmacks' savings account ending in 4115.**

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 CPI**

CAO T. Thomas informed Council that Whitehorse's CPI has increased by 1.3% for 2021. After a discussion, Council agreed that Carmacks' CPI will increase by 2% for 2021.

- 21-06-07 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned to increase the CPI by 2% for 2021.**

**CARRIED**

### **9.4 Health Centre Parking Lot**

Councillor T. Wheeler explained that four years ago, ATCO and NorthwTel approved their property, located beside the health centre, to be turned into an overflow parking lot for the Health Centre. YG said that Highways and Public Works would clear the lot and turn it into a parking lot. However, nothing has been done by Highways and Public Works. Councillor T. Wheeler asked that a reminder letter to be sent to Highways and Public Works in hopes of getting some movement on this promise.

### **QUESTION PERIOD**

No questions.

### **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;

- 21-06-08 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to go in-camera at 8:26PM.**

- 21-06-09 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned to go out of in-camera at 8:51 PM.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- 21-06-10 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM.**

Mayor Lee Bodie adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.

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Mayor Lee Bodie

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CAO Tracy Thomas