

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF
CARMACKS ON MARCH 2, 2021 VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Mayor: Lee Bodie

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

Staff: CAO T. Thomas, A. Gregory

Delegates: Cst. Gilroy - RCMP

Samantha Crosby - YG

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

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

Councillor H. Belanger asked to add the reopening of the Village Office to New and Unfinished Business.

CAO T. Thomas requested permission to rearrange the agenda for this meeting and discuss New and Unfinished Business after Correspondence.

21-05-01 M/S Councillors L. Graham/H. Belanger motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES: From the regular meeting on February 16, 2021.

21-05-02 M/S Councillors L. Graham/G. Skookum motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

4.1 RCMP

Cst. Gilroy provided Council with a written report and broke it down verbally. He informed Council that February was a good month, and their numbers were consistent with February 2020.

RCMP participated in the community Food Bank deliveries, continued to work with LSCFN to further develop a Restorative Justice Program and conducted nightly patrols for impaired drivers. On one occasion, an impaired driver was stopped and determined to

be twice over the legal blood alcohol limit. This driver was charged and will be appearing in court.

The RCMP also reported two serious files in February. One file occurred near Braeburn and involved a man shooting at two hunters who he believed were trespassing on his property. The Emergency Response Team from Whitehorse and Yellowknife were called in to assist the local officers in apprehending the suspect. The suspect was eventually arrested and had his firearms and firearms license seized.

The second serious file involved the search for a suspect who performed a home invasion at a mining site. The offender bear sprayed and assaulted the occupants before stealing their vehicle. The offender was later apprehended in Prince George after evading police.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9.1 Repeal of Motion

CAO T. Thomas informed Council that it was determined that proper procedures were not followed during the last Council meeting in regard to the pecuniary interest issue involving Motion # 21-04-06 (M/S Councillors L. Graham/H. Belanger motioned a bylaw be drafted to override Section 8(1)(a) and (b) of the Cannabis Licensing Regulation pursuant to the Cannabis Control and Regulation Act and allow for items other than cannabis and cannabis accessories be sold in a licensed premise.).

CAO T. Thomas explained that both Mayor L. Bodie and Councillor H. Belanger have a pecuniary interest in the matter and should not have voted and should have left the room during the discussion.

Samantha Crosby confirmed for Council that, although she did read out a definition of pecuniary interest from the municipal act *193.01(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a person is monetarily affected by a matter if the matter monetarily affects (c) a society in which the person is a member, officer or employee;* it was not the correct definition that should have been used. Following the meeting, an additional clause in the Municipal Act was identified that stated a clear pecuniary interest for two Council members. *193.01(1) Subject to subsection (3), a member of council has a pecuniary interest in a matter only if (a) the matter could monetarily affect the member of council or **an employer** of the member of council;*

Councillor H. Belanger said she is fine to recuse herself, however informed council she is not a permanent employee at the Pot Hole and is used only as a backup employee.

Mayor L. Bodie noted he does not work at the Pot Hole, but is an employee of the same business owner.

Councillor H. Belanger and Mayor L. Bodie determined that, to ensure compliance with legislation, they should recuse themselves from the discussion and voting. Council members and CAO T. Thomas agreed as it would eliminate the possibility of any potential issues in the future.

Mayor L. Bodie formally stated that by error in good faith it was discovered that he had pecuniary interest in the matter, and he should not have discussed or voted on resolution 21-04-06. He will remove himself from the discussion and voting on the reconsideration of the motion.

Councillor H. Belanger formally stated that by error in good faith it was discovered that she had pecuniary interest in the matter, and she should not have discussed or voted on resolution 21-04-06. She will remove herself from the discussion and voting on the reconsideration of the motion.

21-05-03 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned to cancel the votes of Mayor L. Bodie and Councillor H. Belanger in regards to motion 21-04-06 due to a pecuniary interest.

CARRIED

21-05-04 M/S Councillor G. Skookum/T. Wheeler motioned to repeal resolution 21-04-06 and reconsider the request without Mayor L. Bodie or Councillor H. Belanger present.

CARRIED

Mayor L. Bodie asked Councillor L. Graham, the Deputy Mayor, to take over chairing the meeting before he removed himself from the meeting. Councillor H. Belanger removed herself from the meeting.

9.2 Reconsideration of The Pot Hole request

Councillors L. Graham, T. Wheeler, and G. Skookum discussed the request made by The

Pot Hole. The Councillors were all in agreeance that creating a bylaw solely for this purpose was not desirable and that the current regulations set out by the Government of Yukon on this matter would remain in effect.

21-05-05 M/S Councillor G. Skookum/T. Wheeler motioned not to create a bylaw that would override Section 8(1)(a) and (b) of the Cannabis Licensing Regulation pursuant to the Cannabis Control and Regulation Act and allow for items other than cannabis and cannabis accessories be sold in a licensed premise. Rather, the legislation already instated by the Government of Yukon on this matter will remain in effect.

CARRIED

Mayor L. Bodie and Councillor H. Belanger returned to the meeting. Councillor L. Graham handed over chair responsibility back to Mayor L. Bodie.

9.3 Reopening of the Village Office

Councillor H. Belanger noted that on a prior occasion Council has requested the front doors of the Village Office be unlocked, however, they have remained locked. CAO T. Thomas explained she would prefer the matter be deferred until after Carmacks has received its second round of Covid-19 vaccinations and noted that YG has extended their work from home order. Council expressed their concerns that the doorbell doesn't always work, and members of the public are complaining. CAO T. Thomas explained that the issue is operational as well as a matter of public safety. The state of emergency persists in the Yukon, and the recommendations for controlling numbers and safety precautions remain. The safety of vulnerable citizens and the Village staff is paramount, and she would like to discuss the possible changes with her staff before making any decisions. Council believes with the proper safety measures the Village Office staff will not be exposed to any additional risk. CAO T. Thomas agreed to discuss with her staff tomorrow before unlocking the doors.

REPORTS:

Councillor Activity Reports

Councillor T. Wheeler apologized for missing the last council meeting. She informed Council she was present for the last Recreation Board meeting. She also reported that she signed up for her second dose of the Covid-19 vaccination.

Councillor L. Graham attended the same meetings as the rest of the other Council

members, so had nothing new to share. She had a question from a resident who was wondering why the Village is not hiring any locals with a grader to clear the streets as they are becoming very tight as snow accumulates. CAO T. Thomas said she would investigate this issue. Councillor L. Graham asked if priority snow clearing could be given to spaces that contain emergency service vehicles. She also asked if anyone knew why the gravel pit had been closed. Councillor T. Wheeler shared that the gravel pit had been closed because it had become unsafe and unstable.

Councillor G. Skookum said things have been quiet for him and did not have anything new to report.

Councillor H. Belanger will be away this week and next week as she is working in Teslin. She reported she will be attending the AYC Board of Directors meeting on March 6th. Councillor H. Belanger followed up with CAO T. Thomas as to why the landfill was closed one Wednesday last month. CAO T. Thomas had checked with her staff who do not believe the gates were closed and that perhaps the community members reporting it were referring to the Recycling Centre which was closed due to the cold temperatures.

Mayor's Report

Mayor L. Bodie attended a radio interview regarding the Official Community Plan, which went well. He also just received a letter from Minister Streicker, informing him of a meeting tomorrow. The meeting will explain why YG has chosen to extend the Emergency Order and continue to keep the Yukon borders closed.

CAO Report

CAO T. Thomas provided Council with a written report and broke it down verbally. The next Council Meeting will be held March 16th, the next AYC Board of Directors Meeting will be on March 6th and the CAO Forum will be on March 5th via Zoom. The second round of Covid-19 vaccinations will be administered in Carmacks on March 8th and 9th.

Regarding project updates, CAO T. Thomas does not have any major updates. A request has been submitted to YESAB to realign the road at the cemetery. The workplan for the Recreation Centre and the Village Office retrofits is still being finalized. She reported they are hoping to hire someone to do as much pre-work as possible removing snow around the corners and ditches before the snow melt in a proactive attempt to limit flooding.

Councillor H. Belanger expressed her concerns about the large chunks of ice near the mouth of the Nordenskiöld River and her fears of a possible flood this year. CAO T. Thomas responded that she would discuss the issue with the Department of Environment, but she believes that, like the flooding in November 2020, they won't have many options

and likely all they will be able to do is monitor the situation.

The next OCP meeting is scheduled for March 12th via zoom and they are hoping to have a following meeting on March 31st in person. These meetings will discuss the results of the OCP community survey and visioning.

CAO T. Thomas informed Council she is working on a few new bylaws that will be coming forward soon. These includes bylaws regarding procurement, codes of conduct, procedure, Council indemnities and records management.

Councillor H. Belanger asked CAO T. Thomas if she knows what the CPI is yet. CAO T. Thomas had not heard yet, however, Samantha Crosby reported it was 133.2 in 2019 and increased to 134.5 in 2020.

CAO T. Thomas will be out of quarantine on March 7th and is signed up to receive her second Covid-19 vaccination on March 8th.

Rec-centre Report

Council read the written report.

Fire Department Report

Council read the written report.

AYC Report

Councillor H. Belanger will be attending the AYC Board of Directors meeting on March 6th. She noted there was a lobbyist registry which some Councillors may have received. It was later confirmed that all Councillors and Mayors are exempt from being a lobbyist.

21-05-06 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned to file the reports as presented.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES

21-05-07 M/S Councillors L. Graham/H. Belanger motioned that the February 20th, 2021 payroll of \$30,041.69 being DD and Accounts Payable of \$54,545.77 being cheques numbered (28778-28792) be accepted.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

8.1 271-21 Recreation Committee

21-05-08 M/S Councillors H. Belanger/T. Wheeler motioned to give Bylaw 271-21 – Recreation Committee –2nd reading.

CARRIED

21-05-09 M/S Councillors L. Graham/H. Belanger motioned to give Bylaw 271-21 – Recreation Committee –3rd reading.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions from the public.

IN-CAMERA

No in-camera.

ADJOURNMENT

21-05-10 M/S Councillor H. Belanger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Mayor Lee Bodie adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Mayor Lee Bodie

CAO Tracy Thomas