

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF CARMACKS  
ON OCTOBER 4, 2022, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor: L. Bodie (Chair)  
Councillors: D. Hansen, H. Belanger, K. Unterschute, J. Lachance  
Staff: E. Mather, L. Teggarty  
Delegation: S. Shaw (Casino Mining Corp.), G. Morgan (Casino Mining Corp.),  
Foreman B. Tonnersen, Corp. G. Beauchamp  
Resident: J. Difrusica

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

**AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.

CAO L. Teggarty requested an in-camera.

**22-19-01 M/S Councillors J. Lachance/H. Belanger motioned that the agenda be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:** From the regular meeting on September 6, 2022 and September 20, 2022.

**22-19-02 M/S Councillors J. Lachance/D. Hansen motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION**

**4. 1 Casino Mining – Shena Shaw**

VP Environmental and Community Affairs, S. Shaw presented on the Casino Mining Project and the next steps that will take place in the VOC. The Casino Mining team has grown this year, including a new President, VP Environmental and Community Affairs, Chief Operating Officer and Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Director.

S. Shaw explained that the company is trying to maximize Yukon consulting firms and teams to keep business local. The Casino's Project timeline began in the late 1990's and early 2000's where the exploration of a site started. The YESAB application was submitted in 2014 for an open-pit mine with a commercial life of 27 years and a 3-year pre-production period. An estimated amount of 120,000 tons of ore is predicted to be processed each day.

Councillor D. Hansen inquired about the metal molybdenum. S. Shaw replied that it is a chemical element that the Canadian Government has released on a Critical Minerals List which, is used to make compounds like steel. Mining for this element will help ensure Canada remains a green economy without relying on importing materials from countries like China.

The power for the mine will need a 200MW capacity LNG power generation facility, with a nominal load of 130MW that will be built. For environmental reasons, the power generation facility will not run-on diesel.

The mine will be located approximately 150 km northwest of Carmacks. A road is under construction to the mine, off Freegold Road although, staff will primarily access the mine by flying-in and fly-out via the site airstrip. The peak construction phases will consist of an estimated 1400 employees and operation phase of an estimated 700 employees.

Crp. G. Beauchamp asked S. Shaw if the RCMP would be able to access the road to the mine in case of an emergency. S. Shaw confirmed that the RCMP would be able to access the mine after the road construction is completed. The bypass road will remain open for public transportation. The Casino Road to the mine will be a controlled road, with a gate and will be closed to the public.

S. Shaw reported that future projections of climate change will be taken into consideration.

Mayor L. Bodie mentioned that the Freegold Road will eventually reach Dawson City. YG has revised the gateway funding for the bridges over the 3 creek crossings: Beau Creek, Seymour Creek, and Crossing Creek.

The Casino Mine's permitting process began with an assessment sent to YESAB. Then, in 2014 the Casino submitted the application to the Executive Committees. Next, it was sent to the Panel Review to analyze the potential dangers to local Caribou herds. After the YESAB process, the application will move on to apply for all necessary permits. The Panel Review has been estimated to take 2 years till completion.

Cst. G. Beauchamp suggested that S. Shaw reach out to Principal R. Buyck at Tantalus Community School for student recruitment, during this upcoming career day. S. Shaw agreed and informed the Council that they will also be recruiting through paper ads, job fairs, Yukon University, online job sites and the media.

Councillor H. Belanger inquired if they intend on providing training to the communities. S. Shaw confirmed that they intend on offering training in Carmacks. A long-term workforce is their ideal vision. The Casino Mining Corporation wants to revitalize Carmacks and provide residents with job opportunities.

G. Morgan asked Council if they heard any residents from the community express concerns about the mine's construction. Mayor L. Bodie responded that he has yet to hear any detrimental remarks about it. Cst. G. Beauchamp pointed out that the Mine will invite a larger population into Carmacks and by default, more substance abuse and drug trafficking. J. Difusica asked G. Morgan and S. Shaw if the Mine and the Camp will be dry, banning alcohol and drug-use. Also, if a worker is caught using either, will they be dealt with internally or by the RCMP. They responded that the Camp, and the Mine will prohibit the use of alcohol and illegal substances. The disciplinary details and rules are still to be worked out as well as other details concerning the Mine and the camp.

#### **4.2 RCMP - Cst. G. Beauchamp**

Cst. G. Beauchamp informed Council that he moved to Carmacks August 6<sup>th</sup> and began his first day of duty on August 8<sup>th</sup>. He has moved from Iqaluit and his goals are focused on the long-term safety and the well-being of Carmacks residents. He remains vigilant of visitors who pass through Carmacks frequently. He is also in liaison with the RCMP in Whitehorse who have intel on known drug suppliers in the Yukon. Cst. G. Beauchamp has been building files on suspects after receiving calls by Carmacks residents. He remarks that hearsay is not valid information that can be filed for a proper investigation. Only concrete evidence is applicable.

Cst. G. Beauchamp noted that doing surveillance on his own is challenging. Luckily Cpl. D. McNeil will be arriving from Dawson City to reside and work permanently in Carmacks at the RCMP detachment. Cst. G. Beauchamp has been attending the school and attended the Truth and Reconciliation event last Friday. The children at the school have begun building a relationship with the officer so that they feel safe to approach Cst. G. Beauchamp.

Cst. G. Beauchamp reviewed and compared this year's RCMP report to last year's statistics concerning this month.

Cst. G. Beauchamp held 2 check-stops last week. He noted the upcoming week is National Road Safety week. Cpl. D. MacNeil will be present next week to aid with more check-stops along the highways and in Carmacks.

He noted that Cpl. D. McNeil will be arriving October 6<sup>th</sup> and Cst. T. Woodman will be returning in November. Then, the Carmacks RCMP detachment will be fully staffed.

### **4.3 MMR – Foreman B. Tonnersen**

Mayor and Council had invited B. Tonnersen to attend. They wanted to know what they could do to help and support him and the Public Works team. Councillor K. Unterschute added that the previous Foreman used to attend occasional Council Meetings to present his reports and discuss present or future matters with the Council.

Foreman B. Tonnersen informed Council about the metal accumulation residing at the Landfill. He presented Council with proposal from a contractor to discard of it. The Councillors agreed to discuss the contract later in New and Unfinished Business, 9.4 Landfill Metal Contract.

Foreman B. Tonnersen also briefed the Council about jobs that the Municipal Maintenance Team has been working on including replacing worn highway banners, filling potholes, trading broken avalanche guards with new ones, dealing with recalled vehicles, hiring, and training employees for the Recycling Centre. He also mentioned that the boil water advisory is to remain until water-samples return clean.

Foreman B. Tonnersen agreed to attend a Council meeting before Christmas.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **5.1 Crime Stoppers**

Council reviewed the attachments provided. It was noted that we already have signs. A letter will be sent to Crime Stoppers informing them that we have banners and thanking them for their letter.

### **5.2 Letter of Complaint - Elsie Davies**

Council reviewed the attachment provided. CAO L. Teggarty will be reaching out to the RCMP and will report back to the resident.

## **REPORTS:**

### **6.1 Council Activity Reports**

Councillor D. Hansen attended a tour of the Firehall to view J. Difruscia's concerns. She also had an Executive meeting with AYC. On September 8<sup>th</sup> she viewed a demonstration with Wildlife management that presented an innovated structure that can provide protection from fire. The product is thin as tinfoil yet structured and can wrap around buildings.

Councillor D. Hansen also attended the Joint Council Meeting with LSCFN on September 27<sup>th</sup>. She remarked that it is always a pleasant event when they can meet.

Councillor K. Unterschute reported that he went to the Joint Council Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, as well.

Councillor J. Lachance attended the Joint Council Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> and did a walkthrough of the Firehall.

Councillor H. Belanger also went to see the Firehall to view J. Difruscia's concerns.

### **6.2 Mayor's Report**

Mayor L. Bodie reported that the Joint Council Meeting went well. He and Chief N. Tom sat next to each other, to discuss multiple topics.

He had just returned from attending the 2022 Housing Summit in Whitehorse.

### **6.3 CAO Report**

CAO L. Teggarty mentioned that the Joint Council Meeting went well. She will also be meeting with LSCFN Executive Director J. Lee to discuss topics that were brought up during the meeting.

CAO L. Teggarty updated the Council on the boardwalk project. It is being raised up in flood prone areas and crush will be placed on top to provide a safe walking trail during the winter. Staff will meet with A. Greenwood to discuss snow removal around the remediated areas.

H. Belanger expressed concerns that the piled dirt will fall out from the sides under the boardwalk. CAO L. Teggarty will discuss her concerns with A. Greenwood.

CAO L. Teggarty suggested that a New Arena committee consisting of the Recreation Director M. Cybulski, a member of Council and herself to discuss and implement opening plans, staffing and deficiencies would be extremely beneficial. Councillor J. Lachance offered to join, on behalf of Council.

**22-19-03 M/S Councillor D. Hansen/J. Lachance motioned to create a New Arena Committee with members including Recreator Director M. Cybulski, Councillor J. Lachance and CAO L. Teggarty at 9:11 PM.**

**CARRIED**

### **6.4 MMW Report**

Report was reviewed.

### **6.5 Fire Department Report**

Report was reviewed.

## **6.6 RCMP Report**

Report was reviewed.

## **6.7 AYC**

Councillor D. Hansen informed Council about the Executive meeting she attended. Consultant J. Stackhouse has been discussing five policies that are in the works and Councillor D. Hansen will expand once the policies have been finalized.

## **ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES**

### **7.1 September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Council read the report provided.

### **7.2 September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Council read the report provided.

## **BYLAWS**

### **8.1 CAO Appointment Bylaw 281-22 – First Reading**

**22-19-04 M/S Councillor D. Hansen/H. Belanger motioned to give 281-22 CAO Appointment Bylaw first reading**

**CARRIED**

### **CAO Appointment Bylaw 281-22 – Second Reading**

**22-19-05 M/S Councillor J. Lachance/K. Unterschute motioned to give 281-22 CAO Appointment Bylaw second reading**

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 Auditor Appointment Bylaw 282-22 – First Reading**

**22-19-06 M/S Councillor H. Belanger/D. Hansen motioned to give 282-22 Auditor Appointment Bylaw first reading**

**CARRIED**

### **Auditor Appointment Bylaw 282-22 – Second Reading**

**22-19-07 M/S Councillor H. Belanger/J. Lachance motioned to give 282-22 Auditor Appointment Bylaw second reading**

**CARRIED**

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9.1 COVID-19 Mandatory Vax**

**22-19-08 M/S Councillor K. Unterschute/J. Lachance motioned to rescind the Covid-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy from December 2021**

**CARRIED**

It was noted by Councillor D. Hansen that this motion was previously carried at the *June 22, 2022* meeting.

**9.2 Deputy Mayor Rotation**

Mayor and Council discussed the Deputy Mayor position rotation. It was decided that each councillor will be given the opportunity to be Deputy Mayor.

**22-19-9 M/S Councillor H. Belanger/K. Unterschute motioned Councillor D. Hansen appointed Deputy Mayor for the term of eight months effective immediately**

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Landfill Metal Removal Contract**

The quote for the landfill metal removal was discussed.

**22-19-10 M/S Councillor J. Lachance/K. Unterschute motioned to accept the metal removal quote for \$64,755.00 + GST.**

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Water Flooding - J. Difrusica**

Resident, J. Difrusica expressed concerns to Council about potential flooding on his property. He reported that during the construction of the Firehall he saw a hose was pointing towards his property and expelling water. He is cautious of the repercussions of the water-hose overflowing the manhole and reaching his property or the property in-between the Firehall and his residence. He also inquired if the flooding could affect the Wastewater Sewage Plant by seeping into the water table in the ground.

Mayor L. Bodie mentioned that resident J. Difrusica and select Councillors have already discussed his concerns with the Firehall Senior Engineer for the project. Mayor L. Bodie and the Senior Engineer answered questions at a site visit with J. Difruscia. Mayor L. Bodie offered to consult with an independent engineer and to seek out Geo Tech's report. Community Advisor A. Hill will investigate his concerns and pass them along to the YG Infrastructure Department.

Councillors H. Belanger and J. Lachance reassured resident J. Difusica that they will look into the situation and he will be contacted once answers to his questions have been received.

#### **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;

**22-19-11 M/S Councillor D. Hansen/K. Unterschute motioned to go in-camera at 10:31 PM.**

An in-camera discussion by Council regarding a land matter was held.

**22-19-12 M/S Councillor D. Hansen/K. Unterschute motioned to go out of in-camera at 11:04 PM.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**22-19-13 M/S Councillor H. Belanger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 PM.**

Mayor L. Bodie adjourned the meeting at 11:04 PM.

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Mayor L. Bodie

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CAO L. Teggarty