

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE  
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON AUGUST 3, 2021 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor: Lee Bodie  
Councillors: T. Wheeler, L. Graham (Zoom), H. Belanger  
Staff: CAO T. Thomas, A. Gregory  
Delegates: Whidden Construction - Matthew Whidden  
RCMP - Cst. Gilroy  
AYC Consultant - Dennis Shewfelt  
Regrets: G. Skookum (1)

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

Councillor H. Belanger suggested a moment of silence be observed to honour the late Mitch Bruce, a beloved Carmacks Tantalus School teacher. She suggested this be done at future Council meetings when a death occurs in the community. Mayor and Council agreed.

All present observed a moment of silence.

**AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.

CAO T. Thomas requested a letter from the Yukon Legislative Assembly be added to Correspondence.

Councillor T. Wheeler asked to add face masks to New and Unfinished Business.

**21-15-01 M/S Councillors H. Belanger/T. Wheeler motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:** From the regular meeting on July 20, 2021.

**21-15-02 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

## **DELEGATION:**

### **4.1 Whidden Construction**

Matthew Whidden provided Council with an update on the arena project. His team has been on-site for almost 3 weeks and has been making good progress. The underground plumbing, heating systems and concrete preparations have been completed. Electricians and the slab contractor will be arriving in the upcoming weeks to begin their work. Matthew also reported a local labourer was hired to assist with the project.

Council thanked Matthew and his team for coming back to Carmacks and helping them get the job done. Matthew said he was pleased to be back and excited to work on the project.

### **4.2 RCMP**

Cst. Gilroy provided Council with a written report and broke it down verbally. He informed Council the month of July was an average one, although calls for service involving alcohol was noticeably down compared to last year.

Members continue to focus on their Annual Performance Plan. July 11<sup>th</sup> was Yukon Traffic Enforcement Day. On this day, the Carmacks RCMP issued 3 warnings and the Whitehorse Traffic Unit wrote 18 tickets in the area.

In the month of July, members conducted 2 boat patrols on the Yukon River and 1 ATV patrol in the outlying areas of Carmacks. They also participated in Walk with Cop, however due to inclement weather, no community members attended.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **5.1 Letter from Yukon Legislative Assembly**

Council read the letter which stated they are seeking community members representing First Nations, municipalities, and rural Yukoners to form the Yukon Climate Leadership Council. Council suggested the request be made public to draw more applicants.

**21-15-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/H. Belanger motioned to file correspondence.**

**CARRIED**

## **REPORTS:**

### **Councillor Activity Reports**

Councillor T. Wheeler enjoyed her recent vacation and is back to work next week.

Councillor L. Graham also enjoyed her recent time off touring the Yukon.

Councillor H. Belanger has been busy working as a medic at the local mines.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor L. Bodie spoke to a reporter about the upcoming changes to the mask regulations. He informed the reporter that as of August 4<sup>th</sup>, the Village of Carmacks will be following YG's change, and masks will not be mandatory in indoor public spaces. However, it is up to individuals to decide what they feel most comfortable with.

On July 27<sup>th</sup> Mayor L. Bodie attended a meeting with Dr. Henley. Dr. Henley expressed that this is not the end of the pandemic, rather a more relaxed phase. As of August 4<sup>th</sup>, self isolation will no longer be mandatory, and masks will not be required in indoor public spaces except for at clinics, hospitals, and dentists.

YG is working on COVID-19 vaccination strategies for the unvaccinated, young children and those who need booster shots. They plan to continue rapid response testing in communities.

Frustrations were expressed regarding individuals not following isolation rules within the community. It was suggested that stricter measures need to be taken in the future, as fines were not enough of a deterrent.

### **CAO Report**

CAO T. Thomas presented Council with a written report and broke it down verbally. She provided a project update for Council. A trail brochure has been drafted but requires a few changes before being published. The Visitor Guide is almost complete. The Telegraph Office repairs have been finished. The HVAC system installation in the duplex has been completed. The contractor for Merv Tew phase 1 is being unresponsive to address some minor deficiencies on the project. If the contractor is unable to complete the required work, another contractor will be brought in to complete the project.

Building retrofits have gone out for tender. The tender for the Administration Building HVAC system upgrades was cancelled due to market conditions. The project managers will reach out to smaller contractors to gauge interest. However, if interest remains minimal this part of the project may be postponed to spring 2022.

The heritage buildings assessment site work is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. CAO T. Thomas hopes to apply for funding under the Yukon Historical Properties Assistance Program once she has the final report.

Whidden Construction is willing to provide some necessary equipment to be used to erect the message sign in front of the Village Office to avoid having to rent and transport it. The culvert and ditch project is on hold until the river water levels drop.

In regard to Merv Tew phase 2, no contractors have expressed interest in doing the fence, so we continue to seek smaller independent Yukon carpenters.

CAO T. Thomas provided updates on the Nordenskiold Cemetery Improvement project. Due to the proposed realignment of the access road to address public safety issues, a YESAB application was required. YESAB recommended that a heritage assessment be completed prior to any ground disturbing work being done and this was completed in July. During this assessment some archeological remnants were found. A full assessment of the property is now required, and no ground disturbance is allowed - including burials. CAO T. Thomas is meeting with YG and LSCFN to better outline the restrictions in place, next steps, costs, and funding.

A Community Spirit Tour has been proposed for Carmacks. Mayor and Council concurred that it would be a good addition to the Merv Tew Park grand opening, tentatively scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>, however, to host any out-of-town individuals, active COVID-19 cases will have to drop first.

CAO T. Thomas asked for Council to clarify their position on the indemnity bylaw and if another Committee of the whole meeting was necessary. It was agreed another meeting was not necessary and CAO T. Thomas should draft the bylaw and bring to a future Council meeting.

### **Recreation Report**

Council read the report provided.

### **Fire Department Report**

No report.

### **AYC Report**

Councillor H. Belanger reported that Minister Jordan announced \$2.5 million in Rural Transit Solution funding. She was also unable to attend a community check-in meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**21-15-04 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/H. Belanger motioned to file the reports as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES**

**21-15-05 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned that the July 24, 2021 payroll of \$41,092.09 being DD and Accounts Payable of \$91,498.94 being cheques numbered (29078-29091) be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

## **BYLAWS**

No bylaws.

## **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Outstanding Property Taxes**

Council read the report.

### **9.2 Regional Landfill Report Discussion**

Council read the report. Dennis Shewfelt went over the landfill administrative report, provided his recommendations, and addressed Council's questions.

**21-15-06 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned to move forward with the presented recommendation.**

### **9.3 Flag Policy**

Council reviewed a sample flag policy. Council agreed Carmacks should have a flag policy to ensure consistent messaging. CAO T. Thomas will draft a policy to present to Council at a future meeting.

### **9.4 Trail Brochure**

Council reviewed a draft brochure and agreed it was well done. A few updates will be made before publishing.

### **9.5 Face Masks**

Councillor T. Wheeler suggested the Village of Carmacks put out a public notice that they will be following the recommendations put forth by YG regarding mask requirements. Although masks will no longer be mandatory as of August 4th, Dr. Henley is recommending individuals continue to wear masks.

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

No questions from the public.

**IN-CAMERA**

No in-camera.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**21-15-07 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26PM.**

Mayor Lee Bodie adjourned the meeting at 8:26PM.

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Mayor Lee Bodie

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CAO Tracy Thomas