

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON APRIL 6, 2021 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Lee Bodie

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

Staff: CAO T. Thomas, A. Gregory

Delegate: Cst. Gilroy – RCMP

Patty Wallingham - NDP Mayo-Tatchun Candidate

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

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

CAO T. Thomas requested Patty Wallingham be added as a delegate.

21-07-01 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/H. Belanger motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

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

Mayor L. Bodie requested that his comments regarding the Carmacks Development Corporation support letter be clarified. During the last meeting he indicated he would be willing to write a support letter for their tender submission, however he wanted it noted that YG would make the decision on who is awarded the arena contract and that Council ultimately does not have a say in this matter.

21-07-02 M/S Councillors L. Graham/G. Skookum motioned that the minutes be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

4.1 Patty Wallingham – NDP Mayo-Tatchun Candidate

Patty thanked Council for allowing her to attend the meeting on short notice. She explained a few common themes she has gathered through canvassing in the community and highlighted some of the areas she would like to focus on, if elected. This included addictions, basic needs, decentralizing Government jobs, housing shortages and a lack of elder care facilities. Patty explained that if elected she would like to keep the relationship strong with Carmacks and attend as many Council meetings as she could. She told Council she is very interested in being part of the community and is available for any

questions.

Mayor Bodie thanked Patty for attending and emphasized the fact that not only does Carmacks need affordable housing, but housing in general.

4.2 RCMP

Cst. Gilroy provided Council with a written report and broke it down verbally. He went over the March numbers and explained that everything is on par compared with last years stats. March was a busy month for activities. The Members participated in a fishing trip with the school, did a presentation on internet safety, assisted with food bank deliveries, attended the fishing derby, and enjoyed the food and activities for Aboriginal Language month put on by LSCFN. The RCMP also agreed to host ‘Walk with a Cop’ on the third Wednesday of each month.

On March 17th, a roadblock was set up, however, they did not issue any tickets. Two impaired drivers were stopped at other points during the month, and both will be attending court.

Cst. Gilroy informed Council it was time to review the RCMP Annual Performance Plan for the new fiscal year. He reminded Council that last years focus was on positive youth interactions, community relations and enhanced road safety. He asked Council for feedback on what they believe the RCMP’s proactive focus should be on this year. CAO T. Thomas said she was concerned about people gathering and consuming alcohol on the boardwalk near the Recreation Centre over the summer months. She worries that children and youth attending programs and activities at the Recreation Centre may be exposed to this. Cst. Gilroy suggested they could increase patrols through the area, dump any alcohol found and could write tickets to deter people from gathering and consuming alcohol there. He said he would discuss the idea with the other RCMP members and report back on a plan at the next meeting they attend.

Mayor Bodie and Council Members agreed that all three priorities from last year will remain the same for this year. Mayor Bodie suggested mentioning the chosen priorities to LSCFN Council Members to ensure everyone is on the same page.

CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 Email from Donald Roberts – Chair of Yukoners Concerned

Council read the email. It was noted that the deadline for action had passed.

5.2 Email from Kate Holowatiuk – Canadian Union of Postal Workers

Mayor L. Bodie read the proposed resolution to Council and asked for feedback.

Councillor T. Wheeler said she felt the resolution was too long and covered too many things. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the resolution contained too many topics and if it were to be narrowed down, Council would reconsider adopting the resolution.

21-07-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/G. Skookum motioned to file correspondence.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

Councillor Activity Reports

Councillor T. Wheeler had hoped to be able to attend the OCP Committee meeting but was not able to attend due to staff shortages. She worked the advance polls over the weekend, where they saw 47 voters. She noted that she saw a discussion on Facebook regarding a stop sign at Freegold Road, in which she confirmed for Council is fully visible.

Councillor L. Graham reported that she took advantage of the advance polls over the weekend. She also attended the all-candidates election forum via Zoom.

Councillor H. Belanger is back in the community for a few weeks. She hoped to attend the AYC meeting on April 12th regarding missing and murdered indigenous women, however she will be working at the Election so will not be able to attend.

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

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bodie voted at the advance polls over the weekend. He attended the all-candidates election forum via Zoom which he found very enlightening. He also attended the OCP Committee meeting where there were good discussions regarding the future plans for the old Highway and Public Works yard. Currently, the main vision is that it be used as a multi-purpose space that would address recreation and housing needs.

Mayor Bodie will be submitting his resolution to AYC before the deadline. He will be suggesting that AYC work with the banks to loosen up mortgage rules for communities as it is very difficult to be approved for a builder's mortgage if you live in one of the smaller Yukon communities.

CAO Report

CAO T. Thomas provided Council with a written report and broke it down verbally. She informed Council the next regular Council meeting is April 20th and the AYC AGM will be held on May 8th via Zoom. There will be a third Covid vaccination clinic held April 9th at the Heritage Hall. The Joint Council meeting is scheduled for April 8th at the Heritage

Hall.

A project update was provided. There are currently 2 tenders out for tree clearing at Merv Tew Park and at the cemetery. She is still waiting on final response from YESAB to realign the road at the cemetery. Discussions are being held with YG about their desire to conduct a heritage assessment at the cemetery. There are also 2 tenders out for a strategic plan for the recreation centre and business plan for the arena. CAO T. Thomas has received many inquiries and she is hopeful there will be a few submissions.

CAO T. Thomas reported that the trail signage, brochure, and map should be completed in April. She is hoping to get a summer student this year to help with the development of the Visitor guide using the brochure and map in it.

HRV installation at the duplex is scheduled for next week. The funding agreement for the Recreation Centre and Village Office energy retrofit is currently being drafted by Energy Solutions Centre. The work for the retrofits is expected to be going out for tender in May.

CAO T. Thomas is still waiting on a response from Highway and Public Works regarding the safety pilot project for the highway corridor. Since this was an issue brought up many times in the OCP survey, CAO she is hoping there may be funding available through YG as there is a demand from the community.

CAO T. Thomas informed Council that the message sign that will go out front of the Village Office is currently being designed.

Regarding updates on Merv Tew Park, the disc golf designers were in Carmacks a few weeks ago to do some planning. There is a tender currently out for the removal of the cabin that is near the washrooms as well as removing some trees.

For the culvert and drainage project, local contractors are being asking to submit a quote to clear snow from corners and ditches to reduce the chance of flooding this year. The project has been delayed slightly due to the recent, heavy snow fall.

CAO T. Thomas updated Council on topics from the last OCP meeting. Some key issues that were identified during the last meeting included: housing, lack of available land, aging population, economic development, emergency preparedness plan and asset management. The old Highways and Public Works yard was also discussed and the hopes for it to be turned into a multi-use space that would include housing and space for recreational activities. The next steps for the OCP includes further discussions with committee members and a timeline on when the first draft will be submitted to the committee. The goal is to have the OCP approved by the next municipal election.

The Village of Carmacks was approved for a Yukon step student this summer however,

since YG delayed the application period, most applicants have already found jobs. A second selection process was completed, and a student was offered a position but has yet to accept. The Yukon University also hoped to use the Village of Carmacks as a field placement for one of their students, however there are more positions available than there are students, so the Village of Carmacks will not be getting a student this summer.

CAO T. Thomas is still waiting for an updated engineering report regarding the landfill design and upgrade options. She has gathered some information on fees being charged in other communities but suggested they wait to discuss this until they have the final report. Councillor T. Wheeler suggested they construct a plan that will work best for them and then reference the advice from the YG report. CAO T. Thomas scheduled a Landfill preliminary meeting on April 20th at 6pm to discuss ideas and fees.

CAO. Thomas asked Council that if they receive any email inquiries or concerns from local contractors regarding projects that they do not respond and rather just send the inquiries directly to her for response.

Councillor H. Belanger asked if she would be in conflict if her business bid on a contract for a project being offered through the Village of Carmacks. Mayor Bodie and Council members agreed that she would not be in conflict, however, she would state conflict and withdraw for the award meeting.

The firehall tender has been extended until April 15th to close after the election, and YG has decided that they are not releasing the tender for the arena until after the election.

CAO T. Thomas confirmed that Mack Ayles was hired as the full-time Municipal Systems Operator for Public Works.

Rec-centre Report

Council read the report provided.

Councillor T. Wheeler mentioned that the Recreation Board is looking for new members. She also noted that she has heard a lot of positive feedback from the recent Whitehorse Adventure Trips.

Fire Department Report

Council read the report provided.

AYC Report

Councillor H. Belanger informed Council the AYC Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women final report presentation meeting will be held on April 12th, followed by the

Yukon Tourism Advisory Board presentation.

21-07-04 M/S Councillors L. Graham/G. Skookum motioned to file the reports as presented.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES

21-07-05 M/S Councillors H. Belanger/T. Wheeler motioned that the March 20, 2021 payroll of \$ 37,710.00 being DD and Accounts Payable of \$38,783.53 being cheques numbered (28818-28839) be accepted.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

8.1 262-20 Fees and Services – 3rd Reading

CAO T. Thomas explained that nothing in the bylaw had changed since the 2nd reading in 2020. The progress in approving the bylaw was halted last year due to rate discussions. Councillor T. Wheeler expressed her concerns with having any specific amounts in the bylaw because if amounts were ever adjusted, the bylaw would have to be repealed, rewritten, and adopted. She also said she did not agree with charging \$1200 to rent the Recreation Centre for a wedding but charging less for a potlatch.

Councillor G. Skookum was asked how residents of LSCFN would feel about the proposed funeral rental fee of \$500/day. He said it would not be well received as it is usually a very difficult time for families and that some people would not be able to afford such a high fee.

CAO T. Thomas acknowledged this concern. She stated that there still needs to be a rental fee charged to cover staffing expenses and clean up for such events, however she suggested amending the rental fee for the Recreation Centre for a funeral to \$250/day and wedding/potlatch to \$1000.

Mayor Bodie suggested that the 3rd and final reading be postponed until the next council as he would like to ensure that LSCFN Council Members at the Joint Council Meeting on April 8th were aware that their concerns were heard, and an adjustment made.

21-07-06 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned to defer the 3rd reading of Bylaw 262-20 Fees and Services until the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Joint Council Meeting Topic Items

Council agreed to inform LSCFN Council of the recreation rental fees during the meeting.

CAO T. Thomas presented some ideas on what she would like to see discussed at the Joint Council Meeting. She would like to discuss project updates and hopefully set up an OCP land development meeting where Jane Koepke from Groundswell Planning can present and answer any questions. She would also like to discuss project partnership including trail development, and a joint HPW yard/ campground development and arena maintenance.

CAO T. Thomas will summarize all the ideas in a handout to present at the meeting.

9.2 CDC Support Letter

Mayor Bodie clarified that he would be willing to write a support letter however, it is ultimately YG's project. He also clarified that he is in support of anyone who can get the project completed quickly and utilize as many local businesses/employees as possible.

CAO T. Thomas communicated a few points of concern with writing a support letter for a specific business and that it may not be appropriate as it may impact a future relationship for the company who is eventually awarded the contract, and if Council should be endorsing private companies. As well, writing a letter of support for a specific business may delay the project after the election as the minister may not want to move forward on a project that had some potential issues.

Councillor T. Wheeler suggested Council write a letter supporting quick action on the project and the utilization of as many local contractors as possible, without supporting one business in particular. Mayor Bodie and Council agreed with this idea.

Councillor T. Wheeler suggested that, in the future, before agreeing to support a delegate's ideas immediately after presentation, they allow some time for consideration and discussion.

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;

21-07-07 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to go into in-camera at 8:40PM

21-07-08 M/S Councillor H. Belanger/T. Wheeler motioned to go out of in-camera at 8:47PM.

ADJOURNMENT

21-07-09 M/S Councillor L. Graham motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:48PM.

Mayor Lee Bodie adjourned the meeting at 8:48PM.

Mayor Lee Bodie

CAO Tracy Thomas