

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF CARMACKS
ON APRIL 20, 2021
IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor: Lee Bodie

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

Staff: CAO T. Thomas, A. Gregory

Delegates: Kate Holowatiuk – Canadian Union of Postal Workers (Zoom)

Ron Rousseau – Canadian Union of Postal Workers (Zoom)

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

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

Councillor H. Belanger asked to add the topic of Teen Night at the Recreation Centre to New and Unfinished Business.

21-08-01 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/H. Belanger motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES: From the regular meeting on April 6, 2021.

21-08-02 M/S Councillors L. Graham/H. Belanger motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

4.1 Kate Holowatiuk and Ron Rousseau - Canadian Union of Postal Workers

Kate Holowatiuk and Ron Rousseau provided Council with information on their “Delivering Community Power” campaign in which Canada Post would work to confront climate change, promote better access to services, provide better banking services and ultimately make the most of the existing public postal service network. They envision Canada Post locations being the hub of Yukon communities and ideally offering lower shipping rates and addressing wages differences. They asked for Council’s support in adopting their resolution.

Council discussed the proposed resolution and determined that although they are in favor of lower shipping rates in the communities and fair wages, still felt that no clarity was provided on the long and complex resolution. Council agreed they are not interested in

submitting a letter of support at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

REPORTS:

Councillor Activity Reports

Councillor T. Wheeler attended both Joint Council Meetings.

Councillor L. Graham attended both Joint Council Meetings. She enjoyed the meetings and is excited about the prospect of attending future meetings and engaging as a larger group.

Councillor G. Skookum attended the first Joint Council Meeting. He also enjoyed the meeting and thought it was a great way to start off a relationship with the new LSCFN Council Members. He apologized for missing the second Joint Council Meeting.

Councillor H. Belanger attended both Joint Council Meetings.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bodie attended both Joint Council Meetings. He enjoyed the meetings and looks forward to future meetings with LSCFN Council.

He also attended a Mayors Meeting with the Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley. Mayor Bodie provided Council with a summary of the meeting. It was confirmed that the COVID-19 Moderna vaccination supply is running short, but that will not affect any allocations in the territory. Ontario has requested any excess health care workers be sent to them; however, the Yukon will not be sending any at this time. YG is relying on the honour system to keep social gatherings within the limits as they have no way of monitoring this. Vaccinated individuals are asked to continue wearing masks as it is better at controlling the source. YG is concerned about the variants in Alberta and BC, therefore, even if an individual is showing COVID-19 symptoms after being fully vaccinated, they must still be tested. Civil Emergency Measures Act Officers are counting on health officials and Yukon residents to help report anything they may believe to be suspicious as the Yukon borders are not being manned 24 hours a day. A report with the vaccination numbers for all the communities is due to come out in May. Yukon Health Centres will provide future immunizations for anyone who would like to be vaccinated. And lastly, Wilderness Tourist guidelines were discussed. These tourist groups have been instructed that they must take the quickest route possible to get to their destination and are only allowed to stop to refuel and for emergencies.

Flood monitoring was also discussed. It was reported that the southern Yukon experienced a 175% snowfall this year and YG is expecting flooding. However, northern Yukon received much less snow.

CAO Report

CAO T. Thomas presented Council with a written report and broke it down verbally. The next Council Meeting is May 4, the next interagency meeting is May 19, and the AYC AGM is scheduled for May 8 via Zoom. The Mother's Day walk will be held on May 9.

As for project updates, the RFP's for tree clearing at the cemetery and cabin removal at Merv Tew Park recently closed. They were awarded to local Kando Enterprises and work is expected to begin soon. HRV's were installed at the duplex and electrical and plumbing work will follow. CAO T. Thomas is looking at any cost sharing opportunities with Tantalus School and LSCFN for the electrical and plumbing services.

The Recreation Centre and Village Office energy retrofit will be starting soon. The contract and details have been finalized but the project final agreement was delayed due to the election. The message sign which will be displayed in front of the Village Office has been ordered. It is due to be installed in June.

CAO T. Thomas will be meeting with Michael Ukrainetz and Michael Edwards from YG tomorrow to discuss the urgent issues regarding the culvert and drainage rehabilitation project and the stress that has been placed on the sanitary collection system due to the spring melt. CAO T. Thomas is hoping YG can find flood and stormwater systems funding to assist with this issue.

A memo on the OCP timeline was reviewed. If all goes as planned, a third reading of the OCP is expected to happen at the end of August.

CAO T. Thomas reported that a step-student has been hired to assist at the Village Office for 6 weeks over the summer. The plan is for this student to assist with the development of the cemetery policy, database and bylaw, help with the creation of the Carmacks visitor guide and other research projects as required.

CAO T. Thomas is also hoping to hire a summer student to offer additional administrative support at the Village Office over the summer. This position opening will be posted publicly tomorrow.

Kenneth Mayer was recently hired as the new Recycling Coordinator. The Recycling Assistant position will remain open to applicants for another two weeks.

Municipal Maintenance Report

Council read the report provided.

CAO T. Thomas reported the Public Works Foreman is very happy with his hardworking team.

Council agreed that they look forward to reading the Foreman's report and appreciate the photos and detail that go into each report.

AYC Report

Councillor H. Belanger reported that the AYC AGM will be held on May 8 and that packages should have been sent out to everyone.

21-08-03 M/S Councillors H. Belanger/T. Wheeler motioned to file the reports as presented.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES

21-08-04 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned that the April 3, 2021 payroll of \$34,905.07 being DD and Accounts Payable of \$100,129.87 being cheques numbered (28840-28866) and Visa paid of \$4,453.30 be accepted.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

8.1 262-20 Fees and Services Bylaw – 3rd reading

21-08-05 M/S Councillors H. Belanger/G. Skookum motioned to give Bylaw 262-20 Fees and Services Bylaw – 3rd reading.

CARRIED

8.2 270-21 Records and Information Management – 1st reading

21-08-06 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned to give Bylaw 270-21 Records and Information Management – 1st reading.

CARRIED

Mayor Bodie suggested Council give Bylaw 270-21 Records and Information Management a second reading during the meeting.

21-08-07 M/S Councillors H. Belanger/L. Graham motioned to give Bylaw 270-21 Records and Information Management – 2nd reading.

CARRIED

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Recreation Strategic Plan RFP Award

CAO T. Thomas informed Council there were two submissions for the Recreation Strategic Plan RFP – Groundswell Planning out of Whitehorse and Expedition Management Consulting out of Alberta. She reported that both groups had great proposals and cost estimates on both proposals were very similar. CAO T. Thomas recommended to Council that they award the contract to Groundswell Planning based out of Whitehorse as they would be able to conduct onsite and in person engagements, whereas due to travel restrictions, Expedition Management Consulting would only be able to conduct online engagement strategies. Groundswell Planning is also assisting with the Carmacks OCP and can incorporate any existing information that has already been gathered.

CAO T. Thomas requested Council make a motion to award the Recreation Strategic Plan to Groundswell Planning.

21-08-08 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned to award the Recreation Strategic Plan Project to Groundswell Planning.

CARRIED

9.2 Teen Night at the Recreation Centre

Councillor H. Belanger asked for clarification on the age group allowed to attend Teen Night at the Recreation Centre and if it was possible for any exceptions to be made. Councillor Belanger recused herself from meeting due to conflict of interest and Council had further discussion and requested that CAO T. Thomas bring the topic forward to the Recreation Director and Recreation Board for final decision.

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions from the public.

IN-CAMERA

No in-camera.

ADJOURNMENT

21-08-09 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Mayor Lee Bodie adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Mayor Lee Bodie

CAO Tracy Thomas