

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF
CARMACKS ON NOVEMBER 17TH, 2020 AT THE RECREATION CENTRE**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lorraine Graham

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

Staff: CAO T. Thomas, A. Wylimczyk

Regrets: (1) Mayor L. Bodie

Delegation: Matt Turner from Rockhaven Resources (Zoom)

Samantha Crosby (YG)

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

AGENDA: Council reviewed the Agenda.

CAO T. Thomas would like to remove 10.1. Municipal Act Tidbits and add Firehall and Public Works Building discussion

20-22-01 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ H. Belanger motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES: From the Regular meeting on November 3rd, 2020.

20-22-02 M/S Councillors G. Skookum/ T. Wheeler motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

Matt Turner from Rockhaven Resources Ltd. Introduced himself to council. He provided council with a Power Point presentation about the ongoing project at the Klaza Mine. This year was difficult for raising money due to Covid-19. They started a project with LSCFN in mid August and began to work in September, Rockhaven is doing a

preliminary analysis on the mine. Rockhaven Resources Ltd. is trying to maximize local employment and the economy should stay in Carmacks and Whitehorse.

Rockhaven is happy to provide sponsorship for our future curling rink. Council has some ideas and will provide it Matt. Council thanked Matt Turner and Rockhaven Resources for their great support over the years.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council read letter from The Pot Hole. The business owner is asking council to allow them to sell promotional items like hats and T-shirts as well as E-cigarettes to maximize business profit. The current legislation does not allow them to do that. Council would have to create a bylaw to allow to sell those items and asked Community advisor Samantha Crosby for advice. S. Crosby is going to contact YG and Liquor Corporation to determine if a bylaw is needed and will follow up with Tracy on this matter.

20-22-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ G. Skookum motioned to file correspondence.

CARRIED

AYC

Councillor H. Belanger attended the monthly AYC meeting today. One of the discussions were how to attract more people coming to explore the Yukon.

The AYC AGM will be held on December 5th in Whitehorse. It is still unsure if the meeting should be attended in person or Zoom and how to abide the health and safety regulations due to Covid-19. Minister Streicker will be present at the meeting and there will be further discussions about the Retrofit program and the pandemic.

REPORTS

Councillor Activity Reports

Councillor G. Skookum has nothing to report and is still waiting for the Hockey equipment that should arrive this week.

Councillor T. Wheeler suggested that we ask the Fire Department to flood the ice rink at the ball field while the weather is favorable.

She told council that there is a safety issue on a local street where resident has erected a high fence on a corner property, and it is making it difficult to see the oncoming traffic turning onto Rowlinson.

CAO T. Thomas said that she will address this issue.

Councillor H. Belanger attended the AYC meeting and has nothing else to report.

Councillor L. Graham was part of the hiring committee for the Recreation Director position. CAO Thomas mentioned to council that an offer has been made to one of the applicants.

Mayor's Report

CAO T. Thomas read report to council as Mayor Bodie is away for medical reasons. He attended the OCP meeting with the full committee on November 4th, on the 12th he attended the Mayor's meeting to discuss surging Covid-19 numbers in neighbouring provinces and territories. Currently no planned action but continuing to monitor. Met with Captain Johnson of the Canadian Rangers who had a lot of questions regarding community interaction with the Jr Rangers and the community. On November 13th attended a medal award ceremony for the Carmacks Jr Rangers who were proclaimed the top JR Ranger Group for the entire North of 60 Division. Told them how proud he, council and the community were of them and their accomplishments and hard work.

Will be going on medical leave for the next few weeks, surgery scheduled for the 17th.

CAO Report

CAO Thomas provided council with written report and broke it down verbally. The OCP meeting went well and they discussed how to have engagements with the community during the pandemic like smaller groups and when would be the best time. YG and the Lands department also attended the meeting.

She has asked council to throw out some ideas for the Villager's Newsletter.

Tracy, Bonnie and Trisha are planning this year's Christmas Bazaar. They need to figure out how to follow regulations due to Covid-19. This is for the marketing of local crafts and there will be an online presentation and sale if people are unable to attend. The date is set for December 17th.

CAO T. Thomas is planning to reopen the Free store with strict rules for days for drop off and pick up posted for all to follow, as well as recommendations for allowing items to sit for 72 hours, clean thoroughly etc.

Trisha is the acting Recreation Director at this time, and she is doing a great job. She is working on organizing the next Paint Party during the Christmas season. The first party was well attended.

An offer has to been made to one of the participants for the Recreation Director position and the person will arrive on November 30th and start working from home during isolation.

She provided council with an update on the ongoing projects and has just received the Landfill Design report and will review and arrange a follow up meeting for review with Council and contractors.

CAO Thomas requested that the first budget meeting be held on November 24th, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Rec-Centre Report

No report.

Fire Department Report

Councillor Wheeler informed council that the Fire Chief inspected the Day Care facility. He did an excellent job and addressed issues and what needs improvements. It is good to have a local representative.

Municipal Maintenance Report

Council read report and has nothing further to discuss.

20-22-04 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ G. Skookum motioned to file the reports as presented.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES

20-22-05 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ H. Belanger motioned that the November 14th, 2020 payroll of \$26,007.57 being DD and Accounts payable of \$84,246.41 being cheques numbered (28613-28632) and Visa paid of \$8,355.80 (Copies attached) be accepted.

CARRIED

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1. Firehall and Public Works building discussion and update

YG Infrastructure Department met and informed Council that the FH and PW projects were over a year behind schedule and that the designs for the FH and PW were over budget and could not go out for tender as is. To avoid further delays, as well as risk increased costs, they would like to suggest that they go out for tender with one of the buildings as is, and once that tender is closed, assess the remaining budget and revisit the design and plans for the second building. Council unanimously agreed that the Firehall was the building of highest priority for the municipality and surrounding area and should commence first. YG hopes to have this out for tender by mid December with a closing date of the end of January 2021 and construction start Spring 2021. In February, council will know remaining budget amount, and can initiate process for public works building costing and design.

10.2. VOC Staff Christmas Holidays

20-22-06 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned that Village staff be granted 4 days for their Christmas holiday vacation time, and staff could determine the best dates available for programming and their needs.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

20-22-07 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Deputy Mayor L. Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Deputy Mayor Lorraine Graham

CAO Tracy Thomas