

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON AUGUST 17, 2021 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor: Lee Bodie
Councillors: T. Wheeler, L. Graham, G. Skookum (Zoom)
Staff: CAO T. Thomas, A. Gregory
Regrets: H. Belanger (1)

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

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

Mayor Bodie asked to add an item to New and Unfinished Business – Letter to the Minister regarding evicted teachers.

21-16-01 M/S Councillors L. Graham/G. Skookum motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES: From the regular meeting on August 3, 2021.

21-16-02 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

No delegation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 Letter from Ryan Doyle regarding Bullying Elimination Week

Council read the letter. Council agreed they support the notion, however due to a lack of concrete action presented, they chose not to make a motion at this time.

5.2 Thank you letter from the Women's Directorate Yukon

Council read the letter. Council appreciated the acknowledgment and letter of thanks.

21-16-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned to file correspondence.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

Councillor Activity Reports

Councillor T. Wheeler helped with the food bank this month.

Councillor L. Graham has been assisting with the interview process for the new Recreation Director.

Councillor G. Skookum has just returned from vacation. He noticed after the weekend of heavy rain; water began pooling near the arena. He suggested the area be assessed to ensure proper drainage.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bodie attended a virtual community leaders meeting with Dr. Hanley present. The territory is currently at an 81% vaccination rate for those 18 and older and an 80% vaccination rate for those 12 and older. The Yukon is estimated to have a total vaccination rate of 69%. YG is aiming to have schools operating near normal with masks not necessary. The focus going forward will be on unvaccinated individuals, as the disease can be controlled with the vaccine.

As of August 9th, double vaccinated U.S. citizens were allowed into the territory. On September 7th, double vaccinated foreign nationals will be allowed into the territory.

A communicable disease plan is being developed and YG is considering making vaccinations mandatory for healthcare workers.

It is expected that fall will bring surges in Covid-19 cases in areas with lower vaccinations rates. Testing will continue in places with the most risk.

CAO Report

CAO T. Thomas presented Council with a written report and broke it down verbally. She provided Council with an update on current projects. The Carmacks trail map has been completed and will be in circulation by the end of the week. The trail map will be included in the visitor guide, which is currently being developed. Trail signage is almost finalized; however, the signage may not be put up until next year.

In regard to the administrative building, some parts of the project have not received bids, such as the HVAC. A start up meeting will be held next week with the contractor regarding the replacement of the windows and doors. As well, a blower door test was completed on the building and final reports were better than anticipated.

The field visit for the heritage building assessment is scheduled for next week. CAO T. Thomas is identifying various funding sources for both the assessment and recommended upgrades/work to be done.

The large message sign will be erected in front of the administrative building by the end of August.

Regarding Merv Tew Park improvements, the disc golf course had to be redesigned and is awaiting approval. Construction on the bandshell began on August 17th and sand has been brought in for the volleyball courts.

Next week, there will be a site visit with LSCFN and YG for the cemetery project to determine the next steps.

As for the culvert and ditch rehabilitation project, this year's main goal is to clean out the culverts, fix the ditches, and assess what will be needed for phase 2 taking place next year. CAO T. Thomas will also be working to get a commitment from YG to resurface the roads after the new culverts have been put in.

Interviews for the new Recreation Director have begun. CAO T. Thomas is hoping to select a candidate by the end of the week.

CAO T. Thomas asked for Council's feedback on the rates that will be set as part of the Municipal Elections Bylaw. A consensus among Yukon CAO's is that all communities' rates should be the same, as the jobs are all the same. Council was in support of this, and CAO T. Thomas will bring a bylaw to the next Council meeting. Council also agreed enumeration will be waived.

During the last Council meeting, September 18th was selected to celebrate the Park Grand Opening. It was later discovered this date conflicts with another event taking place in the community. CAO T. Thomas proposed the date of the Park Grand Opening be changed to September 25th. Councillor L. Graham volunteered to lead the planning.

Municipal Maintenance Report

Council read the report provided.

AYC Report

No report.

- 21-16-04 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned to file the reports as presented.**

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES

- 21-16-05 M/S Councillors L. Graham/T. Wheeler motioned that the August 7th, 2021 payroll of \$ 36,037.25 being DD and Accounts Payable of \$108,297.11 being cheques numbered (29092-29123) and Visa paid of \$10,908.83 and CIG/DIG's paid of \$5,730.18 be accepted.**

CARRIED

BYLAWS

8.1 273-21 Council Indemnity and Expense Bylaw – 1st Reading

- 21-16-06 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned to give Bylaw 273-21 Council Indemnity and Expense Bylaw – 1st Reading.**

CARRIED

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Letter to the Minister regarding evicted teachers

Mayor Bodie expressed his concern over YG evicting teachers, social workers and other government employees from their rented housing units in an attempt to free up housing in the community. Evicted government employees will find themselves with no available housing and be forced to leave the community. Mayor Bodie is concerned this would jeopardize the community. Mayor Bodie asked for Council's support in writing a letter to all Ministers recommending they retract the eviction notices.

- 21-16-07 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Graham motioned a letter be written to all Yukon Government Ministers recommending they retract the eviction notices issued to Carmacks government employees.**

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions from the public.

IN-CAMERA

No in-camera.

ADJOURNMENT

21-16-08 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Mayor Lee Bodie adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Mayor Lee Bodie

CAO Tracy Thomas