

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF CARMACKS
ON SEPTEMBER 06, 2022, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor: L. Bodie
Councillors: D. Hansen, J. Lachance, K. Unterchute
Staff: CAO L. Teggarty, E. Mather
Delegation: A. Greenwood (Zoom), A. Hill (Zoom)
Regrets: Councillor H. Belanger
Resident: J. DiFruscia

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

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

CAO L. Teggarty motioned to add an in-camera to the agenda.

22-17-01 M/S Councillors J. Lachance/K. Unterschute motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES: From the regular meeting on August 16, 2022.

22-17-02 M/S Councillors J. Lachance/D. Hansen motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

4.2 Adam Greenwood

A. Greenwood, from Greenwood Engineering, presented Council with an update on the Wastewater Feasibility Assessment.

A. Greenwood was engaged in 2016 to aid with the Sewage Disposal Pit. At this time, the Yukon Government did not plan to relicense the contract for the Sewage Disposal Pit meaning all wastewater from Carmacks would have had to be delivered to Whitehorse, which is costly. YG ended up surveying the Village of Carmacks and LSCFN study area to determine how much wastewater a treatment plant could accommodate.

There were three main objectives that the potential Wastewater Treatment Plant would have to serve: being able to handle future population growth, all household wastewater

from both Villages and, the “sludge” generated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The team of YG and A. Greenwood considered three treatment plant options. They included: a Wastewater Treatment Plant, a Sludge Drying Bed, or a Disposal Plant. The desired treatment solution would be able to manage all three goals.

A. Greenwood reported that the land was surveyed for potential Lagoon locations, as an option. The best location was assessed to be down Freegold Road. In the long term, a gravity collection system has been discussed for possible construction. This would replace the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant with a Lift-Station. A preliminary design is being drafted and will be sent to YG. A partnership agreement between LSCFN and the VOC will be essential for determining ownership and cost-sharing. Once a formal design is approved by the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board, the construction phase will be initiated.

A start-up meeting between LSCFN and the VOC is planned to take place this month, to discuss construction plans for the New Year.

Mayor L. Bodie mentioned that LSCFN brought up concerns about the effect a new Lagoon would have on the environment, especially on the Yukon River and the fish. He agreed with LSCFN that it is necessary to be responsible for the environment, with all projects. A. Greenwood reported that Geo-Tech surveyed the land and soil of the potential Lagoon locations. It was concluded that the site down the Freegold Road has optimal soil for the preservation of the environment. The percolation rates are lower due to the compact clay in the ground on Freegold Road. The clay will function as a natural liner between the wastewater and soil. A synthetic liner will also be installed to maximize safety for the environment.

With a new Lagoon, the VOC will be able to shut down the WWTP and proceed to use it solely as a pump system. This would allow more homes to be on the collection system. Since WWTP are difficult to operate in the Yukon due to being energy intensive and a lack of operators to manage the Plant, a new Lagoon would resolve both complications.

The construction of the Lagoon and WWTP project is estimated to take 4-5 years to be completed.

VOC resident, J. DiFrusica asked A. Greenwood if the treated wastewater goes into the Yukon River after leaving the WWTP. A. Greenwood informed that the treated water returns to the Life Station, then to the manhole, and finally into the river.

J. DiFrusica asked when the river rises in March and the groundwater seeps into the pipes of the WWTP if any untreated wastewater gets discharged. A. Greenwood answered that in the rare case of the WWTP filling to max capacity, diluted wastewater may be released. Much of the water would be water from the river and not sewage, which is when boil water-advisory measures would be applied. However, in a flood

condition, normal procedures can go wrong. If power is lost or there is too much water in the sewage system, the WWTP cannot keep up and a direct discharge may need to occur, potentially causing an evacuation notice.

A. Greenwood discussed the plans to create new burial plots and unrestricted access to the public at the Nordenskiöld Cemetery. Before beginning construction, the YG Historical Branch required an assessment to determine if the land is a site of interest and to understand its significance as a historical site. Upon further research, it was revealed that the area was used as a campground while trading with neighboring First Nations dating back thousands of years. Under the Heritage Act, the use of the Cemetery is prohibited before assessing any artifacts or lithics, which can be very costly. Fortunately, an Archeologist from YG has volunteered to execute the fieldwork with a student who is authoring a thesis for his Master's in Archeology. A proper assessment will be completed of the site which will open the entire cemetery for expansion, this fall. A meeting is to be scheduled with LSCFN regarding the matter.

In conclusion, A. Greenwood prompted a meeting with the Council at the end of September to begin many of the briefly discussed projects he mentioned today.

4.3 Alex Hill – Carmacks Community Advisory

Council was introduced to A. Hill, who has taken the position of Carmacks Community Advisory.

CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Request for Financial Support for a Freezer

An email addressed to Council from the Carmacks Food Security team expressed the need for a chest-style freezer to store perishable food as the food donations have been substantial. LSCFN has requested financial support to cover half of the cost. Councillor D. Hansen suggested reviewing this year's budget. CAO L. Teggarty to report back to Council at the next meeting. Councillor K. Unterschute suggested reaching out to The Brick for a discounted freezer price. CAO L. Teggarty inquired if there was a Council Initiative Fund. Mayor L. Bodie informed that there is no Council Initiative funding. An email will be returned to Lorraine responding to her request, with the Council's decision to consult the budget with the intent of covering half of the cost of the freezer.

5.2 Breaking Barriers Together

An email from the Breaking Barriers Together Association was discussed. They are former employees of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that have formed a non-profit association to push for change against systemic abuse. The Breaking Barriers Together Association is requesting support from individuals by signing a petition to pass Bill C-20 that will be revisited this fall. The Council has agreed to visit the link to sign the petition on their own initiative.

5.3 Mining in Yukon Communities

Jocelyn McDowell, the Land, and Resource Planner from Yukon Government has requested Council to take a survey to determine the impacts of mining on the community. L. Teggarty will email Council with an updated link for the survey.

5.4 AYC Feedback Sought on Four-Year Term of Office

Councillor D. Hansen reported there is a link for Council to take a YG survey. YG is seeking public input on extending the term of office for mayors and councils of Yukon municipalities and local advisory councils from three to four years. She remarked that a four-year term would increase the likelihood of council members seeing construction projects come to fruition. Mayor L. Bodie encouraged Council to take the survey.

REPORTS:

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councillor D. Hansen had nothing to report.

Councillor K. Unterchute had nothing to report

Councillor J. Lachance will be driving the bus for the school. He also participated in a military exercise with the Rangers on the river this past week.

6.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor L. Bodie has been in liaison with the Chief of LSCFN concerning an in-camera matter. He has also met with VOC resident J. DiFrusica three times to discuss his concerns, including one site meeting with the project Senior Engineer, Rick Savage, and J. DiFrusica.

6.3 CAO Report

CAO L. Teggarty reminded Council that the Voluntourism group will be arriving in Carmacks from September 7th to 10th. The YG Community Outreach will be occurring on September 15th at the Recreation Centre. The AYC CAO Forum will take place on September 16th, followed by the AYC Board meeting and Forum on September 17th which will also take place at the Recreation Centre. The next council meeting will be on September 20th. A Joint Council meeting with LSCFN is to be proposed on September 26th or 27th, at 5:30 pm.

CAO L. Teggarty updated Council on multiple ongoing projects. The boardwalk removal and revitalization has begun. She took a tour with A. Greenwood and the contractor on the boardwalk.

The Stormwater and the Heritage Building upgrades are to be completed depending on the availability of contractors.

The Fire Hall construction is progressing well and is predicted to be completed by January. CAO L. Teggarty is interested in inviting the Fire Department and the EMS Department for a tour. Then, having a second tour for the Council. Rental options for the offices in the Fire Hall and old EMS office will be discussed in a future meeting.

An Arena update will be provided to CAO L. Teggarty at the next meeting. The current construction company is having difficulties with steel plates obstructing the windows' ability to be installed.

CAO L. Teggarty will be meeting with the consultant to discuss The Strategic Plan draft and will report back.

Multiple staffing positions have been posted, and 2 new Recycling Attendants have been hired.

6.4 Municipal Maintenance Report

Mayor L. Bodie would like an update on whether the "boil water advisory" currently remains effective.

Councillor K. Unterschute asked if Foreman B. Tonnersen could be invited to council meetings, to report on items such as this.

6.5 Recreation Report

Reviewed.

6.6 Fire Report

No report was provided.

Councillor J. Lachance noted that Fire Chief B. Vandecamp has returned from training.

6.7 AYC

No report.

ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES

Council reviewed the reports provided.

BYLAWS

No Bylaws

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Draft Solid Waste Management Plan 2023-2033

Council agreed to defer the review to another meeting. Copies of the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan have been emailed to Council.

9.2 Carmacks Development Corporation Tax Roll/Incentive

Staff consulted with Carmacks' Community Advisor. Mayor L. Bodie confirmed that two Councillors can carry a vote regarding requests from CDC. The Mayor and two Council Members excused themselves from the conversation. †

The first request from M. Staples, on behalf of CDC, was to revoke the late property tax fee for the 2022 tax year. The second request was to amend the Development Incentive Grant between the VOC and CDC to be able to collect the missed grants from previous years.

22-17-03 A motion that the CDC's outstanding Property Tax penalty will not be reversed for the year 2022, Council Resolution 169-15

CARRIED

22-17-04 A motion that the CDC's Development Incentive grants be denied for missed years by The Development Incentive Policy, Council Resolution 169-15

CARRIED

† *Municipal Act - 208.02 Reduced quorum due to conflict of interest.*

QUESTION PERIOD

VOC resident J. DiFrusica requested time with Council and handed Mayor and Council a letter with his concerns about a pipe dispersing water near his property. He said that there are 3 hoses on the LSCFN side pumping out water from the Fire Hall construction. J. DiFrusica told Council that the water was up to his boots. He confronted the construction workers at the Fire Hall to explain the situation. J. DiFrusica was told he was trespassing and had to leave.

J. DiFrusica voiced his concerns. CAO L. Teggarty arranged a site meeting with Rick Savage, senior Engineer for the Fire Hall build project to provide further confirmation and clarification on the situation.

J. DiFrusica requested that the water pipe be redirected from his residency. He suggested relocating the pipe closer to the culvert for simpler draining access into the river. Mayor L. Bodie and Council agreed to keep J. DiFrusica in the loop of the subject

and decisions concerning the water pipe. Councillor J. Lachance informed J. DiFrusica that before a construction project commences a plan is required to be presented to Council. The Fire Hall development plan will be re-examined by Council to verify the water pipe's location validity. Council has decided to take these concerns to the engineers dealing with the Fire Hall contract. J. DiFrusica thanked the Council for listening to his concerns.

22-17-05 M/S Councillor D. Hansen/J. Lachance motioned that the meeting carry-on past 9:30 PM.

IN-CAMERA

22-17-06 M/S Councillor K. Unterschute motioned to go in-camera at 9:42 PM.

An in-camera discussion by Council regarding a labour matter was held.

22-17-07 M/S Councillor J. Lachance motioned to go out of in-camera at 10:18 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

22-17-08 M/S Councillor D. Hansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 PM.

Mayor L. Bodie adjourned the meeting at 10:18 PM.

Mayor L. Bodie

CAO L. Teggarty