



**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor: D. Mitchell

Councillors: C. Bellmore, T. Wheeler

Staff: CAO C. Pelletier, P. Singh

Regrets: Mayor J. Lachance, Councillors D. Hansen

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Deputy Mayor: D. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.

**25-04-01 M/S Councillors C. Bellmore / T. Wheeler motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended adding Arbor Webster, Community Affairs, Government of Yukon, under Section 4 – Delegations.**

**CARRIED**

3. **MINUTES:**

**3.1** From the regular council meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**25-04-02 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / C. Bellmore motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

4. **DELEGATION**

**4.1 RCMP Monthly Report – January 2025**

Presented by: Corporal David MacNeil & Constable Gregory Beauchamp

- Calls for Service: 37 calls, up from 29 last year, with increased alcohol-related incidents.
- Impaired Driving: First criminal charge of 2025 in the territory, driver refused roadside screening and was charged.
- Traffic Enforcement: 107 patrols, 20 hours on the road, multiple impoundments for expired licenses and no insurance.
- Community Engagement: Regular school visits, archery sessions, and planned presentations and frequent visits at Rec Center events.
- Firearm Seizures: Confiscated unlicensed firearms; no charges laid.
- Court & Compliance: Two individuals under house arrest; compliance checks ongoing.
- Theft Investigation: Active warrant for Rec Center theft suspect; RCMP seeking public assistance.



- Body-Worn Cameras: Carmacks RCMP to start using body-worn cameras from March 27, 2025.

Staffing Update: RCMP providing 24/7 coverage despite limited personnel, with occasional relief from Whitehorse.

#### **4.2 Arbor Webster, Community Affairs, Government of Yukon**

Arbor Webster introduced herself as a new advisor with Community Affairs. Her role is to support the municipality by serving as a point of contact with the Government of Yukon, helping to advance municipal initiatives. Advisors typically attend council meetings every 1-2 months but are available as needed. Arbor expressed interest in attending future meetings in person.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **6. REPORTS**

#### **6.1 Councillor Activity Reports**

**Councillor Tara Wheeler** provided an update on her activities over the past two weeks:

- **Bonspiel Event:** Volunteered at the bar and attended the dance but did not participate in curling. She also assisted in searching for the missing money, later confirmed as stolen.
- **Future Volunteering:** Committed to volunteering again next year to help organize and run the bar instead of curling.
- **Event Challenges:** Organizers were also curling, which made coordination difficult. The event had a great community atmosphere with karaoke and socializing.
- **Bar Facility Issues:** Reported bar fridge malfunctions and lack of running water in the bar area (not the kitchen). Noted that a repair is scheduled for the fridge in the lounge area.

Councillor Wheeler expressed appreciation for the event and looks forward to seeing more teams participate next year.

**Councillor C. Bellmore** provided an update on recent activities:

- **Meeting with MP Hanley:** Attended a meeting with MP Brendan Hanley, discussing infrastructure priorities and key concerns related to the federal government.
- **Carmacks Renewable Resources Council Meeting:** Participated in discussions with the CRR Council regarding the Carmacks Recreation Centre (RC) and greenhouse



issues. Noted that common ground was found on moving forward with solutions and will bring a motion forward at later this meeting.

- Meeting with the Premier: Requested that Zoom meeting date and time options be sent via email, allowing her to check her work schedule and confirm availability.

#### **6.2 Deputy Mayor D. Mitchell** provided an update on recent activities:

- Meeting with MP Hanley: Found the meeting productive and appreciated knowing the MP is just a phone call away.
- Expressing his satisfaction that progress is being made on the Carmacks Recreation Centre.
- Bonspiel Event: Thought the event was fantastic and noted similar challenges from past years when organizers were also participants.
- Volunteer Efforts: Assisted with security until 3 AM, helped clean up, and supported event logistics. Observed that attendees enjoyed the event.

#### **6.3 CAO Report**

CAO Chantal Pelletier provided the following updates:

**Winterlude Event (March 5-9, 2025):** The Village will host Upper Canada College, whose students will assist with recreation events.

**Casino Mine Meeting (March 11, 2025):** A special meeting has been scheduled with Mayor and Council. A presentation will be provided beforehand to allow for preparation. The Chief and Council of Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation (LSCFN) have been invited to participate. Confirmation is pending.

**Premier's Office Meeting:** Four Zoom meeting date options have been provided to discuss U.S. tariffs and the Yukon response

**Housing Accelerator Fund:** Yearly reporting has been submitted, and the Village is awaiting review, response, and payment notification.

**Composting Program:** Met with Jonathan and Devon from Balance Biogas to discuss composting at the landfill. The project is moving forward this year, with further discussions on biogas, biodiesel, and composting initiatives.

**Yukon Housing Seminar:** Attended the Yukon Housing Funding Breakfast in Whitehorse, networking with peers and exploring funding programs for the next two years.

**Bylaw Enforcement on Highways:** Highways and Public Works and Community Affairs confirmed that bylaw enforcement has authority on highways under the traffic bylaw.

**Bylaw Review:** Active bylaws are under review, with several outdated or no longer applicable. A bylaw repeal proposal will be presented, with explanations for necessary repeal.



#### **6.4 AYC**

The next **AYC Board Meeting** is scheduled for **March 8, 2025**. Councillor **Doris Hansen** intended to discuss **awards and the Haines Junction meeting** but was unable to attend the council meeting due to illness.

**AYC Resolution Discussion:** CAO C. Pelletier informed Council that the main issue being discussed among communities is the expiration of landfill lease agreements. The Government of Yukon has delayed renewals until fall 2025, and communities are advocating for interim lease agreements in the meantime.

### **7. BYLAWS**

#### **7.1 310-24 Council Indemnity By-law**

**25-04-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / C. Bellmore motioned to amend Council Indemnity Bylaw 310-24, Section 10, correcting a clerical error by changing the repeal reference from Bylaw 273-21 to Bylaw 283-22.**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.2 160-07 Carmacks Sewer By-law**

**25-04-04 M/S Councillors C. Bellmore / T. Wheeler motioned to amend the appendix to reflect a 20% increase in sewer service fee rates for Carmacks Sewer Bylaw 160-07 and Service Rates and Fees Bylaw 295-23, under the sewer service fee rates section.**

**CARRIED**

### **8. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **8.1 Landfill Lease Questions Posted to YG**

CAO submitted landfill lease questions to the Government of Yukon (YG). YG provided a response, which was acknowledged by the Council.

#### **8.2 CRRC (Carmacks Renewable Resources Council) Resolution**

**25-04-03 M/S Councillors C. Bellmore / T. Wheeler motioned to accept the resolution following a meeting with CRRC, agreeing to collaborate with CRRC administration on greenhouse initiatives and other programs connected to the greenhouse and Recreation Centre. Council also acknowledged that CRRC has ceased legal action against the Village of Carmacks following the resolution's acceptance.**

**CARRIED**



**9. QUESTION PERIOD**

No Question.

**10. 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.**

**25-04-05 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to go in-camera at 7:52PM.**

An in-camera discussion by Council regarding a legal matter.

**25-04-06 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to go out of in-camera at 8:05 PM.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**25-04-07 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM.**

Deputy Mayor D. Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.



Deputy Mayor D. Mitchell



CAO Chantal Pelletier

