



**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON October 21st, 2025, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor: J. Lachance

Councillors: D. Mitchell, T. Wheeler, D. Hansen (Zoom)

Staff: Interim CAO P. Singh A. Wylimczyk

Regrets:

Delegation: RCMP Cst. G. Beauchamp, CDC CAO R. Gartshore

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor J. Lachance called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

Mayor Lachance asked to move CAO R. Gartshore from 8.1. to Delegation 4.2.

25-20-01 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/D. Mitchell motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES:

3.1 From the regular council meeting on October 1st, 2025

25-20-02 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/D. Mitchell motioned that the minutes be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATION

4.1 RCMP Report

Constable G. Beauchamp provided a written and verbal report to Council. A decrease in calls for service was noted for September compared to the same period last year, with the majority involving well-being checks. Approximately half of the calls were alcohol related.

Court is scheduled for October 29th at the new Fire Hall, which appears to be a more suitable location. Members attended two serious collisions, working in collaboration with Fire Department and EMS personnel.

Road safety continues to be a priority, with members recording 166 patrol hours during the past month.

Due to the reduction in calls, members were able to increase their participation in community events such as the Truth and Reconciliation Day BBQ and local school breakfasts.

Cpl. MacNeil was also invited to attend the LSCFN hunting camp, which he greatly enjoyed.



An incident involving an Australian tourist was also reported—RCMP members successfully located a missing canoeist on the Yukon River using a satellite signal and safely returned the individual to shore.

4.2 CAO Report on Behalf of JDS Waste Disposal

CAO R. Gartshore reported on behalf of JDS Mining regarding the Mill Remediation Project and associated waste disposal at the Village landfill. It was noted that when the former CAO approved the acceptance of waste loads, staff were not informed that the truck loads would be three to four times larger than standard loads, creating compacting challenges. Some loads included 40-foot pipes, prompting CDC's involvement.

A meeting was held on October 17th with all relevant parties, and a solution was reached. JDS Mining has agreed to work collaboratively with the Village. R. Gartshore secured a D7 loader from Norcop, the trucking company hauling the waste. JDS will cut the pipes in half to allow for easier compaction. The loader will remain at the landfill for the time being, and Public Works staff will coordinate with CDC and JDS personnel regarding load management.

Mr. Gartshore also provided updates on additional CDC projects and expressed interest in continuing to collaborate with the Village.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Casino Mining

Casino Mining advised that it has submitted a letter to YESAB for further panel review.

5.2 AYC Priorities

Councillor Wheeler informed Council that AYC sent letters to all parties participating in the federal election. The Yukon Liberal Party was the first to respond.

6. Reports

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councillor D. Hansen attended the Arctic Winter Games BBQ at the Recreation Centre.

Councillor D. Mitchell had no report.

Councillor T. Wheeler noted she has been spending more time at the arena since opening and had no further updates.



6.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor J. Lachance continues to work on the recruitment process for the new CAO. Interviews are scheduled for next week.

6.3 CAO Report

Interim CAO P. Singh presented his report to Mayor and Council.

Important Dates / Events:

Joint Council Meeting – October 22, 2025

Regular Council Meeting – November 4, 2025

Project Updates:

EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility): Agreement signed with Circular Materials (CM); changes effective November 1, 2025. A new Recycling Depot permit has been applied for.

HAF Funding: Applications for 10 housing units approved; documents pending signatures.

Landfill Scale Project: On schedule; Castle Rock awaiting Atco power installation to complete software connection.

Arena: Ice preparation completed on schedule; thanks extended to Jerson, George, and Jake.

CCBF Funding: Amendment signed.

FireSmart Program: Funding confirmed for 2025/26; RFP posted and awaiting submissions.

Atco Street Lights: Payment processed; installation expected by year-end or early spring.

6.4 Recreation Department Report

Recreation Director C. Johnnie presented her report to Council.

Highlights included:

Staffing updates and increased facility rentals due to hockey and skating activities.

Ongoing hot water issues in the arena are being addressed.

After-School Grant approved, with matching funds from LSCFN, allowing free programming for children.

Awaiting approval for the New Horizons for Seniors Program, which includes a proposed trip to Dawson City.

Quotes being collected for interior painting at the Recreation Centre due to paint deterioration.

New entrance door installed.



Concerns raised regarding drainage issues in the parking lot.

6.5 AYC Report

Councillor Wheeler advised that an In Camera session was requested to discuss a legal matter. The next Board Meeting and Strategic Planning Session are scheduled for November 29, 2025, with the AGM to be held May 7–9, 2026, in Watson Lake.

7. Bylaws

7.1 Proposed Amendment to Bylaw No. 291-23-1 (2025)

CAO Singh presented the proposed amendments to the fee schedule following the installation of the new weigh scale.

Councillor Wheeler raised the concern that a new bylaw may be required rather than an amendment due to changes in wording and fees. CAO Singh confirmed that he had consulted with Community Services, who advised that an amendment would be sufficient.

After discussion, Council agreed to table the bylaw amendment to the next meeting pending the inclusion of a revised fee schedule.

8. New and Unfinished Business

8.1 Canada Life Benefits

CAO Singh presented correspondence from AYC outlining the cost-sharing structure for employer benefits.

25-20-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / D. Mitchell motioned that the Village pays the required employer portion of the Canada Life Benefits premium.

CARRIED

8.2 JDS Waste Disposal at Carmacks Landfill

Councillor Wheeler referenced the 2023 Regional Agreement, noting a clause that appeared to exempt the Village from accepting waste from mining companies.

CAO Singh clarified that the current waste materials are non-contaminated and result from regular maintenance activities. Under the regional agreement, the Village is required to accept these loads.

9. QUESTION PERIOD



None.

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.

25-20-04 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler motioned to go into In-Camera at 8:17 PM.

25-20-05 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler motioned to go out of In-Camera at 8:20 PM.

11. ADJOURNMENT


25-20-06 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 08:20PM.

Mayor J. Lachance adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.



Mayor J. Lachance





CAO Parminder Singh (Interim)