



MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON January 20th, 2026, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor: J. Lachance

Councillors: D. Mitchell, T. Wheeler, H. Belanger

Staff: CAO P. Singh, A. Wylimczyk

Regrets: D. Hansen

Delegation: RCMP Cpl. D. MacNeil, Community Advisor A. Webster

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor J. Lachance called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
 - 1.1 Swearing In Ceremony

Cpl. D. MacNeil administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Councillor H. Belanger, who duly read the Oath and affirmed their office.

2. **AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.
Mayor Lachance added an In-camera session to the agenda.

26-02-01 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 January 6th, 2026

26-02-02 M/S Councillors D. Mitchell/T. Wheeler motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. **DELEGATION**

4.1. RCMP Monthly Report

RCMP Cpl. D. MacNeil presented a written report to Council and provided a verbal overview. The report was prepared by Cst. Beauchamp. In December, calls for service related to domestic disturbances increased, likely due to colder weather and residents spending more time indoors. Overall, calls for service in 2025 increased compared to 2024, with the majority being alcohol-related. Members focused their efforts on visibility and enforcement related to substance abuse (drugs and alcohol), road safety, and youth



engagement at the local school. One Mental Health Act file was initiated, and members successfully located the individual and transported him to the Health Centre. A higher-than-usual number of missing person reports, mental health calls, and wellness checks were also recorded for the month.

4.2. Jane K. & Mark W. Regarding CMHC updates

J. Koepke provided an update on the recommendations arising from the municipal servicing review for higher-density housing related to the HAF–CMHC project. Council was asked to approve two motions: first, to accept the High-Density Servicing Review Report; and second, to authorize the use of HAF funding for this purpose as required. Council was further advised that an update on the project will be provided by Spring 2026. She

- 26-02-03 M/S Councillors D. Mitchell/H. Belanger motioned that council accept the recommendations of the High Density Servicing Review, as well as the follow-up recommendations of Groundswell Planning/Across the River Consulting and authorize staff to work with consultants to implement them, and further that Housing Accelerator Fund monies be utilized for this purpose as needed and share the findings with LSCFN and Government of Yukon.**

CARRIED

She further informed Council of Action Plan Item 6 regarding Village-owned Lot 127, an initiative exploring the feasibility of developing staff housing. The concept includes up to eight potential units and considers three construction types: modular, pre-built/prefabricated, and factory-built homes. Factory-built homes were identified as the preferred option due to their advantages and minimal on-site requirements, requiring only connection to existing utilities.

It was noted that the initiative is likely suitable to help address housing needs, with a recommendation to proceed with a pilot project consisting of two homes on the lot over the next one to two years. Council was advised that if funding is not secured within the next two years, the project would not proceed.

- 26-02-04 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/D. Mitchell motioned that Council approves the installation of two factory-built homes as a pilot project on Village-owned Lot 127 and direct staff to continue working toward the issuance of a Development and Building Permit.**

CARRIED



5. Correspondence

5.1 Carmacks DMAF Notice letter & Agreement from David Eastland

Council read letter and would like to discuss this project with Government of Yukon first before presenting it to LSCFN and the public. CAO was asked to reach out to David to arrange for a meeting.

6. Reports

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councillor D. Mitchell has nothing to report.

Councillor H. Belanger is happy to be on board again and is looking forward to work with council and the community.

Councillor T. Wheeler has nothing to report Village wise. She spends Tuesdays and Thursdays in the arena to watch the kids play hockey.

6.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Lachance welcomed re-elected Councillor H. Belanger and extended thanks to the RCMP and community members for their assistance during the cold weather. Appreciation was also expressed to Public Works and Highways and Public Works for their work on road maintenance.

The Mayor attended the U9 Yambi Nights hockey tournaments in Whitehorse and advised that he will be travelling with the U11 team to Watson Lake to compete with Dawson City.

The mayor thanked Prince and Annette for their continued support to Village staff, Council, and residents during the transition period.

Council was advised that the new CAO, **Blake Rogers**, will be joining the organization on February 2nd, with required documentation to be finalized.

6.3 CAO Report

CAO P. Singh provided Council with a written report and presented a verbal overview.



Project Updates:

CMHC: The website has been updated, and approved motions will be posted, which will assist with future funding applications.

SWF: Power has been connected and the project is awaiting a building inspection. An issue with the internet connection was noted, as power for internet must be installed underground and the cost is prohibitive. Arbor will work with Infrastructure to explore potential solutions. The CAO advised that computer and scale software will be installed this week, and options to resolve the internet issue will be further reviewed.

Arena: Water pipes have broken, resulting in unusable bathrooms, no heat in the lobby, and boiler issues. The CAO has contacted Yukon Government project managers and Community Advisor Arbor regarding these concerns and advised that the building requires reassessment. The mayor asked whether the Insurance company should be notified, noting that repair costs may reach tens of thousands of dollars.

Joint Council Meeting: The CAO requested that a date be set for a Joint Council meeting.

The CAO further noted that the Emergency Measures Plan has been updated and posted on the Village website.

6.4. Association of Yukon Communities Report

The AYC Annual General Meeting will be held in Watson Lake from May7-10, 2026. Resolution submissions are due by March 13, and award information was also mentioned.

Any ideas for resolutions should be forwarded to Doris.

7. Bylaws

CAO Appointment Bylaw

26-02-05 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/H. Belanger motioned to give Bylaw 323-26 – Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw – 1st reading.

CARRIED

26-02-06 M/S Councillors H. Belanger/D. Mitchell give Bylaw 323-26 – Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw – 2nd reading.

CARRIED

8. New and Unfinished Business

8.1 Tax Lien Summary TL1



Finance Officer A. Wylimczyk provided the summary to council for informational purposes.

26-02-07 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/H. Belanger motioned to file the Tax Lien Summary List TL1 for informational purposes.

CARRIED

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.

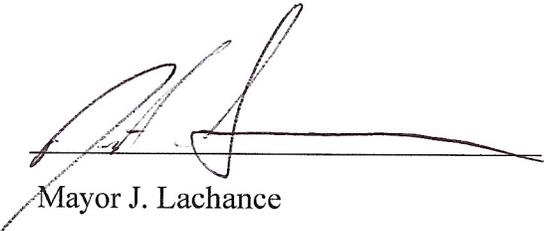
26-02-08 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/D. Mitchell motioned to go into In-Camera at 8:10 PM.

26-02-09 M/S Councillor H. Belanger/T. Wheeler motioned to go out of In-Camera at 8:47 PM.

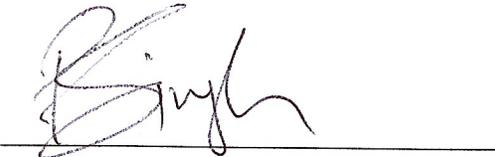
11. ADJOURNMENT

26-02-10 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Mayor J. Lachance adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.



Mayor J. Lachance



CAO Parminder Singh (Interim)

