



**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON March 3rd, 2026, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor: J. Lachance

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

Staff: CAO B. Rogers, P. Singh

Delegation: RCMP, Arbor Webster

Regrets: D. Hansen

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

2. AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

It was noted that there is one amendment to the agenda. Under New and Unfinished Business, item 8.7 added as regarding meeting with Minister Belmore and Kent to the agenda.

26-05-01 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / H. Belanger motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES:

3.1 From the regular council meeting on February 17th, 2026

26-05-02 M/S Councillors D. Mitchell / H. Belanger motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATION

4.1 RCMP

RCMP attended as a delegation and provided January and February monthly policing updates. Corporal David McNeil introduced Corporal Linden Green, who is in Carmacks on short-term relief until mid-March. RCMP reported that January and February were relatively quiet overall, with increases in some January files largely attributed to one individual and related disturbances near the Tatchun Centre and hotel, which have since been resolved. RCMP also reported several wellness-related and mental health calls in February, all of which resulted in individuals being connected with care.

Traffic enforcement activities increased, including speed enforcement, patrols, check stops, and mandatory alcohol screening. RCMP attended community events



including the bonspiel, Heritage Day, and Pink Shirt Day activities, and delivered anti-bullying presentations at the school. One stabbing incident in February was reported as relatively minor in nature, with the individuals involved separated to prevent further issues.

RCMP also presented their Annual Performance Plan for the coming fiscal year. Priorities include:

- increased speed enforcement and proactive traffic operations.
- continued focus on crime reduction, particularly drug and alcohol-related matters.
- community outreach and engagement, especially with youth and at community events; and
- emergency preparedness, including lockdown drills at the school.

Corporal McNeil advised that this was his final Council meeting, as he and his family will be relocating to Nova Scotia for family reasons. Council thanked him for his service to the Village, LSCFN, and the broader community, and wished him and his family well.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. Reports

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councillor D. Hansen sent her regrets.

Councillor D. Mitchell has nothing to report.

Councillor H. Belanger expressed appreciation for the local health centre and noted that the community is fortunate to have access to local health services when needed. She had no further report.

Councillor T. Wheeler reported that the next AYC Board meeting will be held by Zoom on Saturday. She also noted that any resolutions for AYC are expected next week and suggested asking whether the deadline for resolutions could be extended considering the upcoming territorial budget. She also requested that Administration follow up regarding the absence of recent Fire Chief reports.



6.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Lachance reported that he observed Pink Shirt Day activities on February 25 and was pleased to see community participation in anti-bullying efforts. He also attended the Tantalus School Science Fair on February 26 as a judge and commended the students for their creativity and effort. Two students were selected to advance to the Whitehorse science fair.

Mayor noted that Upper Canada College will be returning to the community for another visit, bringing students to support local programming including hockey and softball camps. He also said he was looking forward to Winterlude and encouraged Councillors to participate in the pancake breakfast if available.

Mayor further thanked community members for continuing to check in on one another during the cold winter period, noting that such support is appreciated.

6.3 CAO Report

CAO Blake Rogers reported continued orientation to the role, including familiarization with projects, files, systems, and ongoing correspondence with residents on community matters. He met with department heads for a roundtable discussion and noted efforts to improve coordination on operational systems, including installation of a new Lightspeed point-of-sale system.

The CAO also reported ongoing discussions with the LSCFN Executive Director regarding strategic community engagement related to DMAF and future recommendations for Joint Council. He attended meetings with Yukon Department of Community Services staff, including preparation for the ministerial meeting, and met with the Village's Scotiabank advisor regarding short-term redeemable GIC options. The CAO further advised that he attended part of the Arctic Security Forum and shared key takeaways regarding infrastructure, northern security, funding pressures, and the importance of understanding long-term operations and maintenance responsibilities attached to future projects.

6.4. Finance Report

Finance Officer A. Wylimczyk presented the February 2026 Finance and Administration Report, including the expenditure summary, income statement for the period of January 1 to February 28, 2026, and audit update. The interim audit is underway and supporting documentation continues to be submitted.

Administration also reported that the tax lien summary notice was published in the Yukon News on February 13, 2026, and posted at the Municipal Office. Since publication, two property owners have made payments, leaving four properties still in arrears.



Council was advised that the Village received the third installment of Housing Accelerator Fund funding. Administration also reported that the new Lightspeed POS system has replaced the previous system, which did not meet operational needs, and that the new system will improve integration with recreation booking software and reduce ongoing fees.

Council discussed utility and heating costs and requested that, where possible, fuel usage be tracked by building for future reference.

26-05-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / D. Mitchell motioned to accept the expenditure summary report.

CARRIED

6.5. PW Report

The Public Works Report was presented which mentioned that the water treatment plant, arena, recreation building, collection system, duplex, old fire hall, new fire hall, administrative building, and public works shop were all operating within normal parameters.

At the landfill, the new attendant shed successfully completed its final inspection. At the recycling facility, the sorting, shredding, and baling systems were reported as partly operational, and the furnace had been repaired. The Kubota had broken down and was repaired in-house.

Council discussed a pending gas safety-related repair quote for the administrative building boiler system and noted that this matter would be dealt with later under new business.

Council also thanked Public Works staff for their efforts with snow clearing and sanding.

6.6 Bylaw Report

The Bylaw Report for February 2026 was presented by Liam Ferraz and reported:

- 6 dog-at-large occurrences on municipal roads and 1 on the highway.
- 1 traffic bylaw complaint related to a vehicle using snow chains on a municipal roadway; and
- 1 instance of assistance provided to RCMP on the highway involving traffic control and scene safety during vehicle recovery.



Council discussed concerns about the impact of chained vehicles on municipal roads and the bridge surface and noted that clearer signage and communication may be needed, especially regarding permitted routes and bridge use.

The Bylaw Officer also reported responding to public inquiries regarding voluntary dog surrenders and providing a presence at the recreation center in support of alcohol control measures during the bonspiel.

6.7 Association of Yukon Communities Report

Councillor Wheeler reported that the AYC Board meeting will take place by Zoom on Saturday and that resolutions are due next week. Council discussed the possibility of requesting an extension to the resolution deadline due to the timing of the territorial budget.

7. Bylaws

None.

8. New and Unfinished Business

8.1 HAF Project Update

Administration reported that the Village has received approval for the third year of Housing Accelerator Fund funding. Administration advised that the Village may not meet the final overall unit target within the required timeline and that further direction is expected from the program in January to March regarding next steps, future application intake, and possible allocation options. Administration noted that program representatives are expected to attend as a delegation at a future meeting in April.

Council discussed the importance of understanding the deadline for the fourth portion of funding and whether additional efforts could be made to maximize eligible unit completions before the final cutoff.

8.2 Public Works Truck Replacement

Council reviewed the Public Works Manager's update regarding truck replacement options. Administration advised that the existing truck continues to have significant repair and safety concerns, but Council requested more information before making a decision.

Council discussed:

- whether the replacement is budgeted in the current fiscal year.
- the intended use of each vehicle.
- whether some fleet assets could be sold or reallocated before new purchases are made.



- whether leasing remains a viable option; and
- the need to review the maintenance budget line and current fleet prioritization. Administration was directed to bring the matter back with additional information, including maintenance budget impacts, fleet prioritization, and any possible surplus vehicles that could be disposed of.

8.3 Compost Program and Closed-Loop Waste Management System

Administration provided an update on the compost program and the closed-loop waste management system. The Village previously invested in consulting, infrastructure, public engagement, program design, and staff training. Administration advised that the project exceeded budget by approximately \$29,000 and raised concerns about whether the current model is sustainable and practical, particularly during winter months and in relation to contamination risks if commercial composting is added.

Council noted that the original purpose of the program was to divert compostable material from the landfill and reduce impacts on the water table. Council agreed that the next phase should include a stronger communication and engagement piece with the public on waste diversion, recycling, and composting.

Administration advised that a final public engagement session is still required before March 31, 2026, to satisfy funding requirements. Council discussed holding this session later in March, potentially on Saturday.

8.4 Amendment to Provisional Budget

Administration reported that an updated quote had been received for bringing the administrative building boiler/gas work into compliance. The cost exceeds the amount originally budgeted under building maintenance, and Yukon Government advised that an amendment to the provisional budget is required.

26-05-04 M/S Councillors H. Belanger / T. Wheeler motioned to to amend the 2026 provisional budget by increasing the Administrative Building Maintenance line from \$3,000.00 to \$15,000.00 to cover required compliance work.

CARRIED

8.5 Snow Dumping Discussion

Council discussed the need for a designated snow dumping location for community use in cases where residents need to remove excess snow from private property. Administration advised that inquiries had been made with Community Services regarding the possibility of using a gravel pit or adjacent area for snow dumping.

Arbour Webster Community Advisor advised that more information is needed regarding which location might be suitable and whether the site would be intended for municipal use, resident use, or both. Council indicated that both uses should be considered and



requested timely follow-up. A possible staging area near the former bridge construction camp was also mentioned as a potential option for review.

Council also noted that communication may be needed to remind the public that dumping snow in parks and open spaces is not permitted.

8.6 YG Briefing Update

CAO reported on a Yukon Government finance briefing attended earlier that day. He advised that the overall tone of the briefing suggested tighter fiscal conditions ahead, with Yukon Government nearing its debt cap and the March 19 territorial budget expected to reflect a more constrained financial environment.

CAO noted that this information provides important context for future grant applications, municipal advocacy, and conference discussions.

8.7 Meeting with Ministers Bellmore and Kent

Administration advised that a virtual meeting with **Minister Bellmore** and **Minister Kent** has now been confirmed for **Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

Administration will recirculate the previously identified discussion topics and invited Council to forward any additional questions, particularly for Minister Kent regarding housing or education.

Council also expressed interest in a future meeting with **Minister Laking**, particularly regarding energy and regional infrastructure issues. Administration and Community Services will follow up as appropriate.

Administration further advised that the **Joint Council Meeting** has now been rescheduled to **Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** at the new fire hall. Proposed agenda topics discussed by Council included:

- DMAF.
- landfill / compost / service agreement matters.
- public safety; and
- the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

10. IN-CAMERA

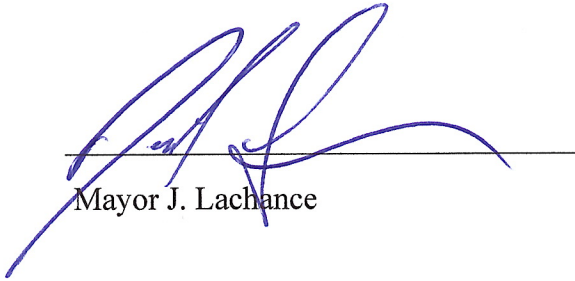
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11. ADJOURNMENT

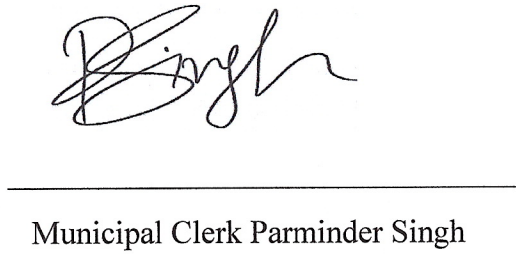
26-05-05 M/S Councillor H. Belanger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32PM.



Mayor J. Lachance adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.



Mayor J. Lachance

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Municipal Clerk Parminder Singh

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