



**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON APRIL 21st, 2026, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor: J. Lachance

Councillors: D. Mitchell, D. Hansen,

Staff: CAO B. Rogers, P. Singh

Delegation: RCMP Gregory Beauchamp,

Groundswell Planning Jane Koepke & Mark Wickham

Regrets: H. Belanger, T. Wheeler

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor J. Lachance called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.
Mayor Lachance added an item under section 4.1 RCMP as Delegation and 4.2 Jane and Mark as Delegation.

26-08-01 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / D. Mitchell motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES:

3.1 From the regular council meeting on April 7th, 2026

26-08-02 M/S Councillors D. Mitchell/ D. Hansen motioned that the minutes be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATION

4.1 RCMP Monthly Report

Constable Gregory Beauchamp presented the RCMP monthly policing report for March 2026 and provided a brief overview of policing activities in the community.

4.2 Housing Project – Jane and Mark

Jane and Mark joined the meeting via Zoom to provide an update on the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) and housing initiatives in the Village. They reviewed the current status of the program, noting that 27 building permits have been issued to date toward the target of 72 units. It was explained that the remaining shortfall may impact future funding, though the extent of this impact remains uncertain.



They outlined options for utilizing the remaining discretionary funding (approximately \$600,000–\$620,000), including a potential second intake of the housing incentive program and advancing development on Lot 127 for staff housing. Estimated costs for manufactured housing units and potential long-term financial benefits to the Village were discussed.

Jane and Mark recommended launching a second intake of the incentive program as soon as possible to maximize building permit uptake before the end-of-year deadline. Council discussed timelines, potential incentives (including additional incentives for modular or manufactured homes), and strategies to encourage participation.

26-08-03 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / D. Mitchell motioned to approve addendum one provided by Jane and Mark to the existing Housing Development Grant policy.

CARRIED

5. Correspondence

5.1 Joint Letter to Yukon Government (LSCFN & Village of Carmacks)

Council reviewed the joint letter addressing concerns with local health infrastructure, including space limitations and facility conditions.

Administration confirmed that responses were received from Ministers acknowledging the issue and indicating further follow-up will be provided.

5.2 Response Letter from Minister Bellmore

Council reviewed correspondence received from Minister Bellmore. The letter was acknowledged.

6. Reports

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councillor D. Hansen had nothing to report.

Councillor D. Mitchell reported that he attended Rec Board meeting other than that busy at his work.

6.2 Mayor's Report



Mayor Lachance reported ongoing collaboration with administration and community partners regarding flood and wildfire preparedness. Attendance at a Canadian Rangers event was noted, which focused on northern operations and community engagement. Mayor Lachance also highlighted continued discussions around community safety initiatives, including potential opportunities to improve road safety awareness and public education within the Village.

6.3 CAO Report

CAO Blake Rogers provided an update on current administrative priorities, including active coordination with Yukon Government, Emergency Measures Organization (EMO), and Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation on emergency preparedness planning. Work is underway to improve communication with residents through more structured and timely updates. The CAO also noted preparations for upcoming public engagement sessions, including the DMAF engagement, and confirmed scheduling for the May 1 meeting with Minister Laking. Recruitment efforts for seasonal positions, including lifeguards, are ongoing.

6.4 Finance Report

The Finance Officer presented the March 2026 financial information, including the expenditure summary, bank reconciliations, and the income statement for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2026. Council was advised that the interim audit is progressing, with documentation being submitted regularly. It was also noted that \$20,000 in funding has been approved under the Youth Development Asset Program to support recreation programming. Council received the report for information.

26-08-04 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / D. Mitchell motioned to accept the expenditure summary report and cheque log for information purposes.

CARRIED

6.5 Public Works Report

The Public Works report indicated that water and sewer systems are operating within normal parameters, and municipal facilities, including the arena, are functioning as expected. Landfill operations were reported to be running smoothly, with the recently implemented fee system working effectively. Council was advised that recycling facility equipment is currently only partially operational, and further review may be required to determine next steps for repairs or upgrades.

6.6 Association of Yukon Communities Report

Council discussed the upcoming AGM in Watson Lake, including attendance and review of proposed resolution.



7. Bylaws

7.1 Bylaw No. 327-26 – Bylaw Services Constable (Use of Special Force)

Council reviewed the proposed bylaw to authorize specific enforcement tools for the Bylaw Officer.

Discussion included:

- Emphasis on public and staff safety, and the need for appropriate tools to respond to incidents.
- Clarification that tools are intended for controlled use, not escalation.
- Concerns regarding terminology (e.g., “weapons”) and the need for clearer definitions of permitted equipment and their intended use.
- Direction to administration to refine wording and definitions prior to further readings.

26-08-05 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / D. Mitchell motioned to give Bylaw No. 327-26 – Bylaw Services Constable (Use of Special Force) first Reading.

CARRIED

8. New and Unfinished Business

8.1 Flood Risk Assessment and Preparation

Council received an update indicating moderate to high flood risk based on current conditions.

Discussion included:

- Ice movement and weather patterns
- Coordination with EMO and requests for equipment (e.g., sandbagging resources)
- Importance of communication with residents and preparedness measures
- Local observations regarding water levels, drainage, and potential risk areas.

8.2 DMAF Public Engagement

Administration confirmed a public engagement session scheduled for April 28, 2026, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the arena. Council encouraged strong community participation.

8.3 Upcoming Meeting with Minister Laking

Council discussed key topics to raise, including:



- Energy supply and infrastructure
- Resource access (including wood and fuel supply)
- Community resilience and supply chain concerns
- Opportunities for renewable energy development

8.4 Strategic Planning Workshop – May 18

Council discussed preparation for the upcoming workshop, including identifying key priorities and long-term goals aligned with community needs and the Official Community Plan.

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.

26-08-06 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / D. Mitchell motioned to go into In-Camera at 9:01PM.

26-08-07 M/S Councillor D. Hansen / D. Mitchell motioned to go out of In-Camera at 9:30PM.

11. ADJOURNMENT

26-08-08 M/S Councillor D. Hansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Mayor J. Lachance adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Mayor J. Lachance

Municipal Clerk Parminder Singh



