



**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON MAY 5th, 2026, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor: J. Lachance

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

Staff: CAO B. Rogers (Zoom), P. Singh

Delegation: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor J. Lachance called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Council also acknowledged May 5 as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People.
2. **AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.
It was noted that there are 3 amendments to the agenda. Under New and Unfinished Business, item 6.6 as recreation report, 8.2 as Donation Request – Far Far Away Club and 8.3 Donation Request – from Trystan Unterschute is to be added.

26-09-01 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / D. Hansen motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES:

3.1 From the regular council meeting on April 21st, 2025

26-09-02 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / D. Hansen motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATION

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Letter of Support from Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation

Council reviewed a letter of support received from Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation regarding the Village's AYC resolution submission. The correspondence was received for information.



6. Reports

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councillor D. Hansen has reported attending meetings with Minister Bellmore and Minister Laking regarding community infrastructure, energy, and flood mitigation discussions.

Councillor D. Mitchell attended meeting with Minister Bellmore and Minister Laking community infrastructure, energy, and flood mitigation discussions. Moreover, he was busy with his regular work.

Councillor H. Belanger Councillor Ballinger apologized for missing the April 7 meeting due to work-related travel and the following meeting April 21 due to health. She also reported that she did attend meeting with Minister Bellmore and Minister Laking.

Councillor T. Wheeler reported returning from extended leave and had no additional activities to report.

6.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Lachance reported attending meetings with Minister Ted Laking and Minister Cory Bellmore regarding flood mitigation, energy supply, infrastructure resiliency, wood and fuel storage capacity, food security, and renewable energy opportunities.

Mayor Lachance also advised that the public engagement session regarding the DMAF project had been rescheduled to May 20, 2026 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Recreation Centre.

Mayor further acknowledged a community prayer gathering organized in support of former Mayor Lee Bodie and thanked the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation and community members for their support. Council was also advised that the Yukon River ice had broken and that emergency monitoring efforts continued.

6.3 CAO Report

CAO Blake Rogers provided a verbal report outlining upcoming meetings, engagements, and operational activities. Highlights included:

- Attendance at the upcoming AYC Conference and Administrators Forum in Watson Lake;
- Upcoming Housing Accelerator Fund public engagement scheduled for May 12, 2026;
- Council Strategic Planning Workshop scheduled for May 18, 2026;



- Ongoing flood preparedness meetings with EMO and Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation;
- Recruitment and interviews for seasonal lifeguards, with three candidates in final stages;
- Staff emergency communication training;
- Community flood preparedness sandbagging activities completed by staff; and
- Ongoing work to improve Village communications and emergency planning coordination.

The CAO also provided Council with upcoming leave dates for May and June for information purposes.

6.4. Finance Report

Finance Officer A. Wylimczyk provided report for April 2026. Council reviewed the Accounts Payable listing and fuel consumption reports for April 2026.

26-09-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / D. Hansen motioned to accept the expenditure summary report and cheque log as presented.

CARRIED

6.5 PW Report

Mayor Lachance read the Public Works General Manager Report dated January 29, 2026, as submitted by Jens Wylimczyk.

The report provided updates on operations at the Treatment Plant, Arena and Recreation Building, Landfill, Collection System, Duplex, Equipment, Recycling Facility, Fire Halls, Administrative Building, Public Works Shop, Streets, and the Public Works Fleet.

Concerning the Public Works Fleet, it was reported that two vehicles are at or beyond their operational life (approximately 13 and 16 years old). Significant maintenance and repair costs exceeding \$15,000 have already been incurred, with further repairs pending, including transmission and front-end work. Administration advised that the age and condition of the vehicles pose potential safety risks to staff. Administration will explore options, including leasing versus purchasing, and conduct a cost-benefit analysis for Council's consideration.

Council thanked Public Works staff for the report.

6.5 Association of Yukon Communities Report

Councillor T. Wheeler has nothing to report. Council discussed the upcoming AGM in Watson Lake.



6.6. Recreation Report

Council reviewed the Recreation Department March–April 2026 report submitted by Recreation Director Chanel Johnnie. The report highlighted successful winter and spring programming, funding approvals, high facility usage, upcoming summer programming, and preparations for the pool opening. Council noted approval of several recreation grants and upcoming events including the wrestling boot camp, annual slo-pitch tournament, and summer day camp programming.

7. Bylaws

7.1 Bylaw 327-26 – Bylaw Services Constable Use of Force Bylaw

Council reviewed proposed amendments to the Bylaw Services Constable Use of Force Bylaw. Administration explained revisions made following Council feedback, including additional definitions and clarification regarding intermediate weapons and defensive tools.

After discussion, Council agreed additional time was needed for public review and discussion with other Yukon municipalities during the AYC Conference.

26-09-04 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / D. Hansen motioned that Bylaw 327-26 be tabled to a future Council meeting for further review.

CARRIED

8. New and Unfinished Business

8.1 Donation Request – Annual Ridge Run

Council reviewed a request from Tantalus School for swag donations and support for the annual Ridge Run event. Council discussed providing Recreation Centre related prizes and promotional items.

8.2 Agenda Items for Council's Consideration Regarding the Minister of Community Services Visit

Council reviewed a request from the Far Far Away Travel Club seeking financial support for student travel fundraising efforts. Council discussed the challenges of budget limitations but acknowledged the value of the program. Council members indicated personal donations would be made privately and discussed possible future in-kind support opportunities.



8.3 Donation Request – Trystan Unterschute

Council reviewed a sponsorship request from Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation Recreation for the Annual Ironman Hand Games Tournament. Due to timing and budget considerations, Council discussed possible in-kind support through recreation passes and facility-related contributions rather than direct financial donations.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

10. IN-CAMERA

26-09-05 M/S Councillor D. Hansen / T. Wheeler motioned to go in-camera at 7:55 PM.

CARRIED

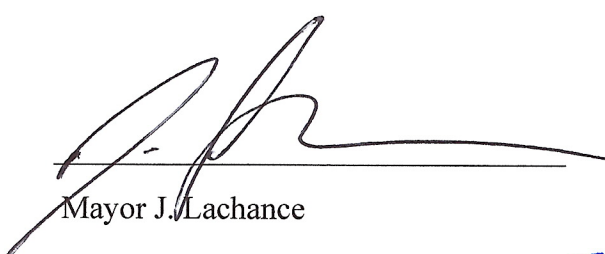
26-09-06 M/S Councillor H. Belanger / T. Wheeler motioned to go out of in-camera session at 8:17 PM.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

26-09-07 M/S Councillor H. Belanger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Mayor J. Lachance adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.



Mayor J. Lachance



Municipal Clerk Parminder Singh

