



**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON AUGUST 4th, 2026, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor J. Lachance

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

Staff: CAO B. Rogers, P. Singh,

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.

26-15-01 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / H. Belanger motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended.

The following items were added to the agenda:

Item 8.5, Yukon Government Community Tour, and

Item 8.6, Old Fire Hall.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES:

3.1 From the regular council meeting on July 21st, 2026

26-15-02 M/S Councillors H. Belanger / T. Wheeler motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATION

None.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Letter from Minister Ted Laking

Council reviewed correspondence regarding the development of the next agricultural policy framework and opportunities for municipalities to provide input through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The letter referenced previous discussions concerning local food production in Carmacks. Council members were invited to forward comments to Administration.



5.2 Letter from Minister Brad Cathers

Council reviewed correspondence from Minister Brad Cathers regarding the implementation of the Plexia electronic medical records system in Yukon community health centres. A phased rollout is expected to begin in October 2026, with implementation across all communities anticipated by March 2027.

6. Reports

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councillor D. Mitchell reported on attendance at the Joint Council Meeting with Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation and busy with Carmacks Volunteer Fire Department activities.

Councillor T. Wheeler reported on attendance at the Joint Council Meeting with Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, the community slow-pitch tournament.

Councillors H. Belanger nothing to report.

6.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Justin Lachance reported on attendance at the Joint Council Meeting and the community slow-pitch tournament. Mayor also reported speaking with residents regarding the draft Strategic Plan and requests from residents to receive copies directly by email.

6.3 CAO Report

CAO Blake CAO B. Rogers reported that representatives from the Association of Yukon Communities are expected to visit Carmacks on September 1, 2026, prior to the Regular Council Meeting. Administration also met with a visiting videographer to discuss possible opportunities for Village communications.

Department management round-table meetings were held on July 22 and July 29, 2026. Discussions focused on emergency planning, joint planning opportunities with Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, and recommendations for a more coordinated community emergency plan.

Administration met with the Yukon Water Board on July 24, 2026, regarding renewal of the Village's water licence. The current licence expires at the end of 2028, and work has begun early because the renewal process is expected to require significant time and technical information.

Administration also met with Yukon Wildland Fire regarding a possible FireSmart pilot project and opportunities to incorporate FireSmart considerations into municipal bylaws. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan developed in draft form with Little



Salmon/Carmacks First Nation in 2022 may be updated and completed with available Yukon Government funding.

Work continued on Housing Accelerator Fund financing challenges, including discussions with Yukon Housing Corporation and Senator Duncan concerning short-term access to capital and a possible extension of the federal funding timeline. A briefing note is being prepared, and a meeting has also been requested with the Member of Parliament's office.

Administration further reported that discussions between the Government of Yukon and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation concerning the Minto Mine are progressing positively.

6.4 Finance Report

Finance Officer A. Wylimczyk provided report for July 2026. Council reviewed the Finance Report and expenditure information provided for Council review. Administration advised that approximately 83 percent of property owners had paid their 2026 property taxes. Community Investment Grants were issued on July 29, 2026.

26-15-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / H. Belanger motioned to accept the expenditure summary report which includes payroll and cheque log as presented.

CARRIED

6.5 PWGM Report

The Public Works reported on recent work involving sewer-system and water-level monitoring equipment. Monitoring equipment was removed, and staff addressed an issue affecting the lift station.

6.6 Recreation Report

The Recreation reported that Summer Day Camp programming would continue until August 7, 2026. Council also discussed the after-school program, youth softball programming, swimming outings, Canada Day activities, the slow-pitch tournament, and preparations to begin making arena ice in September.

6.7 Bylaw Report

The Bylaw Report was deferred to the next Regular Council Meeting.

6.8 Association of Yukon Communities Report

Nothing to Report.



7. Bylaws

7.1 Bylaw No. 327-26, Authority and Responsibilities of Bylaw Services Constables

Administration advised that the version presented for Second Reading reflected changes arising from Council feedback, public engagement, and discussions with Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation.

Council discussed the need for current professional certification and refresher training, the use of recognized legal terminology, officer and community safety, and the role of intermediate weapons as defensive tools. Council also discussed opportunities for closer cooperation between Bylaw Services and the RCMP on enforcement, education, and community engagement.

26-15-04 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / D. Mitchell motioned that Bylaw No. 327-26 be given Second Reading.

CARRIED

7.2 Bylaw No. 307-24, VOC Traffic Bylaw

Council briefly discussed the Traffic Bylaw and the public engagement review. Council members were asked to continue reviewing the bylaw. No formal decision was recorded.

26-15-05 M/S Councillors H. Belanger / D. Mitchell motioned that Bylaw No. 327-26 is opened for council review and public feedback.

CARRIED

8. New and Unfinished Business

8.1 Council Strategic Plan Review

Administration advised that the draft Strategic Plan had been posted for public review. No formal written feedback had been received to date, although Council members reported positive comments from residents. Council supported extending the review period to provide additional time for public input.

26-15-06 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / H. Belanger motioned that the public engagement period for the draft Strategic Plan be extended by an additional seven days.

CARRIED

8.2 Follow-Up on Landfill Upgrades Project

Administration reported that approximately \$600,000 in Canada Community-Building Fund funding had been approved for landfill upgrades in 2021, with approximately \$90,000 spent to date. The project has remained largely inactive since 2022, and the funding administrator had asked the Village to close the project.

Administration requested that the project remain open while the original scope, proposal, and funding records are obtained. The project may include landfill cell development, security, and gate improvements. Administration will obtain the historical documentation and bring the matter back to Council at a future meeting.



8.3 Emergency Planning Discussion

Council continued discussion regarding joint emergency planning with Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation. Administration recommended completing or updating the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and exploring a joint Community Climate Adaptation Plan.

Administration advised that funding may be available through Yukon Wildland Fire and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund. Staff will determine whether previous climate adaptation planning work exists before beginning a new plan.

8.4 Potential Impacts of Yukon Energy Corporation's Proposed Whitehorse Power Centres

Administration reported on proposed diesel-generation facilities south and north of Whitehorse. The shortlisted northern sites are located near the Deep Creek area between Lake Laberge and Fox Lake.

Council discussed concerns regarding increased heavy-truck traffic on the North Klondike Highway, winter driving conditions, public safety, bridge and road infrastructure, and the limited engagement to date with communities along the highway. Administration advised that operation of the proposed 90-megawatt facility at full capacity could require approximately 10 to 15 fuel trucks per day.

Council discussed possible correspondence to the Yukon Government regarding road and public-safety concerns. Administration will continue discussions with Yukon Energy Corporation and other affected municipalities.

8.5 Yukon Government Community Tour

Administration advised that a Yukon Government delegation is planning to visit Carmacks on August 24, 2026. Council members were asked to provide their availability so meeting arrangements could be coordinated. A public meeting may also be included in the visit.

8.6 Old Fire Hall

Administration presented an assessment identifying approximately \$90,000 in work required to address environmental and building concerns at the Old Fire Hall. Council discussed the age and condition of the building, the existing lease with Yukon Wildland Fire, previous capital contributions, and whether further investment would be cost-effective.

Council requested additional information regarding the current zoning and permitted uses of the property, potential alternative uses, and the estimated cost of removing the building. Administration will obtain the requested information and return the matter to Council for further consideration.

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.

26-15-07 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler / H. Belanger motioned to go in-camera at 7:55 PM.

CARRIED

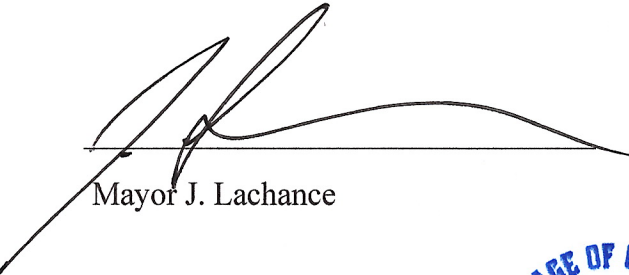
26-15-08 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler / D. Mitchell motioned to go out of in-camera session at 98:31 PM.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

26-15-09 M/S Councillor H. Belanger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM.

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



Mayor J. Lachance

Municipal Clerk Parminder Singh