



**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON AUGUST 18th, 2026, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor J. Lachance

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

Staff: CAO B. Rogers, P. Singh

Regrets: T. Wheeler

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

2. AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

26-16-01 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / D. Mitchell motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended. The following amendments were addition:

- **Item 5.2 – Email Submission from Barry Matsubayashi;**
- **Item 8.5 – Mobile Vet Clinic**
- **Item 8.6 – Community Infrastructure Development Plan**
- **Item 8.7 - Government of Yukon Land Sale.**

CARRIED

3. MINUTES:

3.1 From the regular council meeting on August 4th, 2026

26-16-02 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / H. Belanger motioned that the minutes be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATION

None.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Canadian Institute of Forestry - National Forest Week 2026

Council reviewed correspondence from the Canadian Institute of Forestry regarding National Forest Week, which is held annually in September. Municipalities were invited to recognize the week and share National Forest Week information through



community communication channels. Council supported recognizing the importance of forests to Carmacks and the surrounding area.

5.2 Email Submission from Barry Matsubayashi

Council reviewed an email from Barry Matsubayashi expressing appreciation for community members Fred Mullet and Doug Prowse, who assisted him after a vehicle problem was identified during his visit to Carmacks. Council received the correspondence and acknowledged the community spirit and hospitality shown to a visitor in need.

6. Reports

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councillor D. Hansen reported attending the recent staff barbecue and thanked those involved in organizing the event.

Councillors D. Mitchell and H. Belanger reported being unable to attend the staff barbecue due to work commitments. No additional activities were reported.

6.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Justin Lachance reported attending the community pool barbecue and working with Administration to coordinate video documentation of current Village construction and infrastructure projects. Mayor noted the visible progress of several projects underway in the community.

6.3 CAO Report

CAO B. Rogers advised that the Yukon Government Community Tour is scheduled to visit Carmacks on August 24, 2026. A meeting with Council is expected from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM, followed by a public meeting later that evening. Representatives from the Association of Yukon Communities are also expected to visit Carmacks on September 1, 2026, prior to the next Regular Council Meeting.

Administration participated in the evaluation of submissions for the Public Works Building project and held a strategic planning session with the Housing Accelerator Fund consultant. Two submissions were received through the Request for Expressions of Interest for new housing units, and Administration is preparing to proceed to a Request for Proposals process.

Work continued on Housing Accelerator Fund financing challenges, including discussions with federal representatives, financial institutions, other Yukon municipalities, CMHC, and



the Association of Yukon Communities. Administration is seeking greater flexibility within the existing funding agreement and exploring opportunities for joint advocacy regarding access to construction financing.

Administration also met with a consultant working with Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation and with the Village tourism advisor. Ongoing work includes joint emergency planning, animal care and control initiatives, energy-security and biomass-heating options, improved Village communications, video updates on community projects, and future land-use and development opportunities.

CAO thanked the Village summer students and pool staff for their work throughout the summer season.

6.4 Bylaw Report

Council reviewed the Bylaw Report for July 2026. The report included four dogs-at-large complaints, one aggressive-dog complaint, four traffic-bylaw violations, one RCMP assistance file, ten public encounters, and no open-space infractions during the month.

The Bylaw Officer also assisted first responders at a motor vehicle incident, issued a violation ticket for unauthorized excavation of a Village roadway, and addressed concerns involving commercial vehicles, unsecured loads, and tractor trailers using restricted Village roads.

Council discussed truck-route signage, the use of Casino Way, access to industrial properties, seasonal heavy-equipment restrictions, and the use of tire chains on municipal roads. Administration will consider these matters during the Traffic Bylaw review.

6.5 Association of Yukon Communities Report

Nothing to report.

7. Bylaws

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

Administration provided Council with follow-up correspondence from Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation regarding the proposed peace-officer designation and the use of protective equipment when the Bylaw Services Constable responds on Settlement Land.

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation requested that the existing Memorandum of Understanding be amended to allow a designated First Nation representative to participate in the review or investigation of an incident occurring on Settlement Land. Council supported addressing this matter through the Memorandum of Understanding.

Council also discussed the need for current professional training and certification before any expanded authority or approved protective equipment is put into use.



26-16-03 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / D. Michell motioned that Bylaw No. 327-26 be given Third and Final Reading, with implementation subject to updating the Memorandum of Understanding with Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation and completion of all required training and certification.

CARRIED

7.2 Bylaw No. 307-24, VOC Traffic Bylaw

Council reviewed Bylaw No. 307-24 and noted that written feedback had been received from three residents. Council supported continuing public engagement before Second Reading and discussed holding an engagement opportunity prior to a future Council meeting.

Administration recommended changing the ticket-payment period from ten days to 30 days so the bylaw aligns with applicable enforcement processes. Council also identified truck routes, signage, designated green spaces, speed limits, heavy-equipment operating hours, and seasonal road-use restrictions as matters requiring further review.

26-16-04 M/S Councillors H. Belanger / D. Hansen motioned that Bylaw No. 307-24 be given First Reading.

CARRIED

7.3 Bylaw No. 301-24, Civic Addressing Amendment

Administration advised that a newly completed Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation development near the Recreation Centre requires a civic address for utility and servicing purposes. Council was also advised that the development will be included in the municipal property-assessment process.

26-16-05 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / H. Belanger motioned addition of the new civic address to Bylaw No. 301-24 Civic Address Bylaw.

CARRIED

8. New and Unfinished Business

8.1 Council Strategic Plan Review

Administration advised that the draft Strategic Plan had been available for public review for approximately one month. Several requests for copies were received; however, no formal written feedback was submitted.

26-16-06 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / H. Belanger motioned that the Village of Carmacks Strategic Plan be adopted as amended.



CARRIED

8.2 Housing Initiatives Update

Administration reported that two submissions were received through the Request for Expressions of Interest for modular housing and that both submissions showed potential for future housing development. Administration will obtain additional information and proceed toward a Request for Proposals process.

Council discussed continued advocacy for greater flexibility in Housing Accelerator Fund timelines and financing requirements. Other Yukon communities have expressed interest in joint correspondence to the responsible federal minister, and the matter may also be raised with the Association of Yukon Communities.

8.3 Maintenance, Repairs and Updates of Municipal Buildings

Administration advised that the Public Works Building retrofit is expected to begin in spring 2027 and that equipment will need to be temporarily relocated during construction. The Old Fire Hall was identified as a possible storage location, which could reduce the need for extensive building renovations while providing centrally located equipment storage.

Council requested confirmation that air-quality and mold concerns at the Old Fire Hall would not create a health or safety risk for employees accessing the building. Administration will obtain further information before proceeding.

Council also discussed Arena and Recreation Centre maintenance, including refrigeration, heating, ventilation, electrical work, painting, and noise from the upstairs fitness area during events. Administration will confirm contractor coordination and provide further updates.

A possible reallocation of capital funding from the Old Fire Hall roof to the municipal building roof was discussed. The matter was deferred until updated costs and Government of Yukon funding implications are confirmed.

8.4 End-of-Season Notifications

Administration advised that the community pool had closed for the season. Council thanked the Recreation Department, pool staff, and summer students for their work. The Visitor Information Centre is expected to remain open until the Labour Day long weekend.

8.5 Mobile Vet Clinic

Administration advised that a veterinarian with previous Yukon experience had contacted the Village regarding a possible mobile veterinary clinic in Carmacks during September.



The clinic could offer routine vaccinations, boosters, general examinations, medication for minor conditions, and other basic services on an appointment basis.

The veterinarian would require a central location with electrical service and Wi-Fi. Administration is confirming credentials, facility requirements, and rental arrangements before proceeding.

Administration is also exploring a separate mobile veterinary program used by Selkirk First Nation that may provide services at no cost to residents. An application will be considered, and an update will be provided at a future meeting.

8.6 Community Infrastructure Development Plan

Administration advised that the Government of Yukon Department of Community Services had asked the Village to identify its three highest infrastructure priorities. Council discussed health and social-services infrastructure, wastewater and lagoon capacity, flood mitigation, land development, and community energy security as potential priorities. Administration will align the response with the Village Strategic Plan.

8.7 Government of Yukon Land Sale

Administration advised that the Government of Yukon had released one residential lot in Carmacks for over-the-counter sale. The property had previously been awarded through a 2024 land lottery but was returned after the successful applicant did not proceed with development.

Administration requested the Land Branch expedite releasing the property during a Housing Accelerator Fund meeting on June 17, 2026. The property was identified as Lot 200 on Prospector Road. Council supported sharing the information publicly so interested residents are aware that the lot is available.

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.

26-16-06 M/S Councillor D. Hansen / H. Belanger motioned to go in-camera at 8:19 PM.

CARRIED



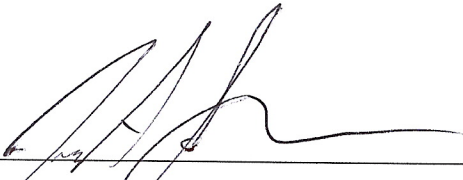
26-16-07 M/S Councillor H. Belanger / D. Hansen motioned to go out of in-camera session at 8:50 PM.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

26-16-08 M/S Councillor H. Belanger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Mayor J. Lachance adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.



Mayor J. Lachance

Municipal Clerk Parminder Singh