



**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON SEPTEMBER 1st, 2026, IN THE MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor D. Mitchell

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

Staff: CAO B. Rogers, P. Singh

Regrets: J. Lachance

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Deputy Mayor D. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.

26-17-01 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / D. Hansen motioned that the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES:

3.1 From the regular council meeting on August 18th, 2026

26-17-02 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / H. Belanger motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATION

4.1 Association of Yukon Communities

AYC President Lauren Hanchar and Executive Director Kelsey Hassard attended Council as part of the Association of Yukon Communities annual community tour. The delegation advised that AYC aims to visit each member municipality annually to hear directly from Mayor, Council, and Administration about local priorities and issues that may benefit from territorial advocacy or municipal collaboration.

Council and the delegation discussed municipal communications and public engagement. AYC representatives shared examples used by other municipalities, including social media, text and email notification systems, printed newsletters, community bulletin boards, QR codes, and short public surveys. Council noted the importance of reaching residents who do not regularly use social media.



Council raised concerns regarding access to construction financing in rural Yukon and the impact this is having on Housing Accelerator Fund projects. AYC advised that similar challenges have been identified in Watson Lake and Haines Junction and that the matter has been placed on the September Admin Forum agenda. The parties discussed the possibility of coordinated advocacy, including a joint request for additional program flexibility or an extension to Housing Accelerator Fund timelines.

Council also discussed flood preparedness and the need for improved groundwater information in Yukon flood reporting, as well as the lengthy water-licence renewal process for municipal wastewater systems. AYC indicated that these issues could be raised through future Board discussions or advocacy with the Government of Yukon.

Additional discussion included opportunities for local agriculture and food production, municipal bylaw enforcement authorities, peace-officer designations, Traffic Bylaw public engagement, and the need for meaningful consultation with municipalities regarding major projects that may affect communities along the North Klondike Highway. AYC confirmed its willingness to continue supporting the Village on these matters.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councillor D. Hansen reported attending the Yukon Government Community Tour meeting with Minister Cory Bellmore and Minister Brad Cathers.

Councillor H. Belanger had nothing to report.

Councillor T. Wheeler reported attending the Village staff barbecue and the Yukon Government Community Tour meeting. Councillor Wheeler also advised that she will be unable to attend the October 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Councillor D. Mitchell reported being away for work during several recent community activities and had no additional report.

6.2 Mayor's Report

No Report.

6.3 CAO Report

CAO B. Rogers reported that Administration sent correspondence to Minister Ted Laking regarding concerns with Yukon Energy Corporation's proposed Whitehorse Power Centre's project.

Village of Carmacks launched the RFP for the Village housing project on Lot 127.



Administration also met with Yukon University, Yukon Tourism and TIA regarding economic development, tourism, grants, destination development and sport tourism opportunities.

Work continues on joint emergency planning with Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, animal care and control, mobile veterinary services, energy-security options including biomass, Village communications, Housing Accelerator Fund initiatives and future land-use planning. A mobile veterinary clinic is expected in Carmacks on September 19, 2026.

6.4 Recreation Report

Council reviewed the Recreation Report and discussed the high level of participation in summer and after-school programming. Council acknowledged the growing number of children using Village recreation services and the capacity pressures this places on staff and programs.

6.5 Bylaw Report

Council received the Bylaw Report. No additional discussion was recorded.

7. BYLAWS

None.

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 EOCP Conference and Operator of the Year Award

Administration advised that Village employee Bill had been selected as the 2026 Environmental Operators Certification Program Operator of the Year. Council congratulated Bill and recognized the significance of receiving the award from among operators throughout British Columbia and Yukon.

Administration advised that Bill will attend the upcoming EOCP conference in Richmond to receive the award and that the Public Works General Manager will also attend. Air North has offered to provide a return flight for Mayor J. Lachance to attend the award luncheon in support of Bill. Council discussed the remaining conference, accommodation, and travel costs.

26-17-03 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / H. Belanger motioned to authorize up to \$1,500 in travel expenses for Mayor J. Lachance to attend the EOCP Conference and Awards presentation in support of the Village of Carmacks 2026 Operator of the Year recipient.

CARRIED

8.2 Traffic Bylaw Public Engagement Update

Administration advised that Bylaw No. 307-24, Traffic Bylaw, remains open for public review and feedback. The bylaw received First Reading on August 18, 2026, and three written submissions had been received to date. Council requested that the submissions be circulated to members before Second Reading.



Council discussed concerns that relying primarily on social media may not reach all residents. Council supported expanding public notification through posters at community locations and holding an in-person public engagement session before Second Reading. Administration will also explore a separate questionnaire regarding residents' preferred methods of receiving Village information.

Council agreed that additional time should be provided for public engagement and indicated that Second Reading should be considered at the October 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, following the engagement session and incorporation of public feedback into the draft bylaw.

8.3 Housing Development Initiatives

Administration provided an update on Housing Accelerator Fund activities. Advocacy continues regarding the gap between construction-mortgage requirements and the federal housing program, including discussions with other Yukon municipalities, AYC, financial institutions, federal representatives, and CMHC.

Administration advised that CMHC is expected to provide information regarding the Village's fourth-year funding allocation. The Village did not fully meet its Year 3 housing target, and the amount of future funding available remains uncertain.

The Request for Proposals for prefabricated and modular housing for Lot 127 has been issued. Companies that responded to the earlier Request for Expressions of Interest were invited to participate. Administration will review submissions after closing and bring a recommendation to Council.

A promotional video is also being prepared to highlight housing development completed or underway in Carmacks and to demonstrate the results of the Housing Accelerator Fund program. Administration advised that the Member of Parliament may visit Carmacks on September 9, 2026 and has expressed interest in viewing local housing development if the visit proceeds.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

No formal questions were received.

10. IN-CAMERA

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

26-17-04 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Deputy Mayor D. Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.



Deputy Mayor Dennis Mitchell





Municipal Clerk Parminder Singh