

Village of Carmacks Council

Respectfully acknowledges that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation.

Agenda 25-10

Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Carmacks, Yukon

To be held in the **Council Chambers** of the Carmacks Municipal Building at **7:00 PM**
on **Tuesday, May 20th, 2025**

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: **881 8508 4340** Passcode: **643780**

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda** *Motion to Approve.*
3. **Adoption of Minutes**
3.1 Regular Meeting of May 6th, 2025 *Motion to Approve.*
4. **Delegation**
5. **Correspondence**
5.1 Mount Nansen Remediation
5.2 Michael Sam – dozer sale
5.3 Indigenous Survivors Day – Chief Janet Reference Letter
6. **Reports**
6.1 Council Activity Reports
6.2 Mayor’s Report
6.3 CAO Report
6.4 Association of Yukon Communities (AYC)
6.5 Traffic Safety Committee Report
7. **Bylaws**
None.
8. **New and Unfinished Business**
8.1 Public Works Building Tender
8.2 River safety – public access life ring
9. **Question Period**
10. **In-Camera Session** *(Motion to go in and out of session with recorded times)*
CAO Requested for lands matter
11. **Adjournment**



MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON May 6th, 2025, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor: J. Lachance

Councillors: C. Bellmore, T. Wheeler, D. Hansen, D. Mitchell

Staff: CAO C. Pelletier, P. Singh

Delegation: Marsha Staples, David MacNeil, Jeff Melnyennk

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

Moment of Silence – In Memory of Ted Buyers

"Before we proceed, Council would like to take a moment to acknowledge the recent passing of Elder Ted Buyers, a cherished member of our community. Ted was a citizen of the Village of Carmacks, and we would like to honor his memory with a moment of silence. I kindly ask everyone to join me now in a brief silence in his remembrance.

...moment of silence...

Thank you."

- 2. AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.

25-09-01 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / T. Wheeler motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended under Delegation addition of 4.2 RCMP and 4.3 Wildfire Management.

CARRIED

- 3. MINUTES:**

3.1 From the regular council meeting on April 15th, 2025

25-09-02 M/S Councillors C. Bellmore / D. Hansen motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

- 4. DELEGATION**

4.1 Marsha Staples appeared as a delegation to share her observations regarding signage issues within and surrounding the Village of Carmacks. Drawing from her review of the Village's Strategic Plan and personal experience, she identified several



concerns affecting community appearance and visitors, especially with the summer tourism season approaching.

Key Points Raised:

- **Misleading Signage:**
The Sunrise Service Station signs on both ends of the Village suggest the businesses are open and advertise fuel prices, though both are closed—potentially misleading highway travelers.
- **Deteriorating Condition:**
The Coal Mine Campground sign is in poor condition. Ms. Staples asked if there are maintenance policies in place for such signage.
- **Visitor Centre Sign Confusion:**
Question mark symbols directing to the Visitor Centre and medical services are unclear and poorly marked. International visitors may not understand these symbols or their destinations, particularly along River Drive and at the Recreation Centre.
- **Overgrown Vegetation:**
Grass and brush growth often obscure signage visibility. Responsibility for clearing was clarified to fall under Highways vegetation maintenance programs.
Strategic Plan References:
- Signage concerns tie into Strategic Plan items such as “signage consolidation programs” and Policies which promote improving first impressions and visitor satisfaction. Ms. Staples noted the lack of visible progress or public information on these initiatives.

Recommendations:

- Remove or update closed-business signage (e.g., Sunrise).
- Clarify signage maintenance responsibilities with YG Highways & Public Works.
- Improve and simplify directional signage using universal symbols.
- Utilize existing signage funding before summer peak season.

Follow-Up:

Council acknowledged Ms. Staples’ input. CAO confirmed that funding is available for visitor signage and other improvements.

Ms. Staples was thanked for her presentation and continued advocacy for small but meaningful community enhancements.

4.2 RCMP Monthly Report

Corporal David MacNeil – April 2025 Monthly Policing Report

Corporal David MacNeil presented the April policing update. While call volume was lower than usual, several significant files were noted. Alcohol-related incidents remained consistent with last year.



Operational Activity:

- Regular patrols totaled 153 hours.
- Tickets are issued for unregistered, uninsured vehicles, speeding, and four warnings. Total 46 tickets are issued year-to-date.

Key Investigations:

- Tantalus School Threat:
A fourth-hand threat report caused significant concern at the school. RCMP conducted lockdown drills, which were successfully carried out. No charges were laid due to lack of direct evidence. Plan in place to conduct proactive lockdown drills next school year.
- Firearm Photo Incident:
A community concern about a photo showing an individual with what appeared to be an AR-15 was investigated. It was confirmed to be a BB gun, and the photo was outdated. No charges were laid.
- ATV Collision:
Two individuals were seriously injured in an ATV crash. The case remains open, and charges are anticipated. Investigation includes search warrants orders.

Staffing Update:

- Full RCMP staffing is expected by June, including Greg, Mark, and Corporal MacNeil.

Additional Notes:

- Court hearings will be held at the Fire Hall.
- Council thanked RCMP for community engagement, including school visits and local events.

4.3 Jeff from Wildfire Management

Jeff from Wildland Fire Management provided an overview of wildfire operations and preparedness efforts in the Carmacks region for the upcoming fire season.

Key Highlights:

- Staffing & Resources:
 - The Carmacks area is managed by a combination of full-time and seasonal staff, including Regional Manager Jerry Trudeau.



- Currently staffed with 2–3 wildfire crews (out of 4 ideal). Additional crews and equipment (e.g. helicopters, air tankers) can be mobilized from other regions if needed.
- Fire Zones & Response:
 - Fires are managed according to proximity: critical zones (red) near communities receive immediate attention, while wilderness zones (green) are monitored and assessed for risk to property and life.
 - Wildland Fire Management operates under the Incident Command System (ICS) for structured and coordinated response.
- Detection & Equipment:
 - Fires are detected via fire lookouts (e.g. Bobby Gage), public reports, air traffic, and satellite heat sensors.
 - Operations are supported by tracking software, analog radios, satellite phones, and aerial detection flights.
 - Air tankers and helicopters are deployed for suppression based on fire size and location.
- FireSmart & Community Protection:
 - Jeff emphasized the importance of FireSmart practices, including clearing vegetation within 1.5 meters of structures to reduce ember ignition.
 - FireSmart Canada resources are available, and brochures can be shared with the public.
- Fire Guards:
 - An old fire guard from 1999 near Carmacks is mapped and ready to be widened quickly if fire activity increases.
 - Additional natural barriers, like the new road and bridge, also act as passive fire guards.
- Training & Fitness:
 - Crew members undergo an annual fitness test to qualify as Type 1 Firefighters.
 - Training is ongoing, and several familiar faces are returning to the Carmacks unit this year.

Current Status & Forecast:

- No active fires in the Carmacks region at this time.
- The season's severity is highly weather-dependent. Drought or rain will significantly affect activity levels.

Council thanked Jeff for his thorough update and expressed appreciation for Wildland Fire Management's presence, local engagement, and preparedness.



5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Request for Financial Support – 3rd Annual Ironman Hand games Tournament

25-09-03 M/S Councillors C. Bellmore / T. Wheeler motioned to give \$500.00 to 3rd Annual Ironman Hand Games Tournament.

CARRIED

5.2 Yukon Government Appointments Deputy Minister of Tourism and culture and Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

25-09-04 M/S Councillors C. Bellmore / D. Hansen motioned that correspondence is acknowledged by council and filed as no further action required.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1 Councillor Activity Reports

Councillor D. Hansen reported attending the AYC Annual General Meeting, noting that it was very well attended and that she enjoyed the experience. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to participate and had no further updates since the last meeting.

Councillor D. Mitchell shared that although he had initially committed to participating in a local tournament, he had to withdraw due to conflicting commitments over the weekend. He did, however, attend the AYC AGM and remarked that he found it enjoyable and worthwhile.

Councillor T. Wheeler stated that she is currently on holiday and has no council activities to report on for the period. She informed Council of her intent to join the next meeting via Zoom while aboard a ship departing from Vancouver, though she noted that her internet connection may be unreliable. She thanked Council and affirmed her intent to remain engaged.

Councillor C. Bellmore reported attending the AYC AGM, which she found to be a positive and engaging event. She said that it was great to reconnect with other attendees and is looking forward to attending the upcoming FCM conference. She also noted the upcoming socioeconomic presentation on mental health initiatives scheduled for May 14 at the curling rink, beginning with a supper at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation to follow at 6:00 p.m.



6.2 **Mayor J. Lachance** reported attending the AYC Annual General Meeting, where he appreciated the opportunity to hear directly from territorial ministers, local delegates, and others on topics such as mining, the Casino project, and community development. In the community, he has been assisting local non-profits with garbage pickup efforts and participated in the recent floor hockey tournament, which featured three local teams, including an all-women's team. The RCMP also joined in to play and officiate some games. Mayor Lachance noted it was a great event and expressed his enjoyment, especially seeing the women participate and score goals—some even against him. He also attended barbeques held at both the recreation centre and the school, where students were enjoying outdoor activities. Looking ahead, he mentioned the upcoming Ridge Run scheduled for the end of the week and encouraged anyone interested in volunteering for checkpoints or safety roles to contact Ruth at the school. Lastly, he noted his plans to attend the FCM conference at the end of the month.

6.3 Finance Report

Finance Officer A. Wylimczyk provided the Finance Report for April 2025. The report included the Income Statement and Payable Cheque Log, which were attached for Council's review.

25-09-05 M/S Councillors C. Bellmore / D. Hansen acknowledges receipt of the Accounts Payable Report Cheques from 31263-31305 provided for informational purposes. CARRIED

6.4 Bylaw Monthly Report

Constable L. Ferraz submitted a summary of bylaw enforcement activities and occurrences for the month of April 2025, which was reviewed by the Council. Constable Liam Ferraz's report included the following highlights:

Animal Control:

- Responded to multiple incidents of dogs at large:
 - One near the post office.
 - One on the highway.
- No aggressive dog complaints were received during the reporting period.

Traffic & Parking Enforcement:

- Issued five warnings/notices for unsecured loads, primarily observed outside local stores.
- Assisted the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the sheriff with commercial vehicle enforcement efforts.



Visual Documentation:

- Photographic evidence was included as part of the report and reviewed positively by Council.

6.5 PWGM Report

Public Works General Manager J. Wylimeczyk provided the monthly report for April 2025, which was reviewed and accepted by Council with no concerns.

6.6 Monthly Recreation Report

Recreation Director, C. Johnnie provided the monthly Recreation Department report for April 2025, which was reviewed by the Council.

Council discussed the potential addition of upcoming events in the regular Recreation Reports. Members expressed interest in seeing a monthly preview of scheduled activities, such as a calendar or summary (e.g., “What’s Happening in May”), alongside the usual report of past events.

It was suggested that a “Coming Up” section be added to the bottom of future reports to enhance awareness of upcoming programs, especially during seasonal planning like Canada Day and summer activities. While some information is currently included, more specific dates and event details would be helpful.

6.7 CAO Report

CAO Chantal Pelletier provided the following updates:

Upcoming Events & Important Dates:

- Tantalus School Graduation Ceremony: May 30 at 5:30 PM (note: updated from 4:30 PM based on invitation).
- Next Regular Council Meeting: May 20, 2025.
- Pool Grand Opening Ceremony: Initially planned for Saturday, June 7; due to scheduling conflicts, a soft opening will take place that weekend, with the official grand opening tentatively planned for Monday, June 9 at 5:00 PM.
- Public Composting Engagement (with Balanced Biogas): June 17, 2025.

Pool Renovation & Staffing:

- Four staff will be away in Dawson City from May 26 to May 31 for training.
- Pool work is ongoing with significant progress:
 - New propane tank installation scheduled for Thursday.
 - Pool liner technician is arriving on Friday.
 - Plumbing work and water filling to follow, pending delivery of pool chemicals ordered this week.



Infrastructure & Facility Updates:

- Visitor Information Centre is to open on May 16.
- Asset Auction: First bidding round closed; six items sold including two fire trucks, a generator, trailer, and Kubota backhoe attachment. Public bidding round is now open.

Community & Governance Updates:

- CAO attended the AYC Conference: Praised the event's organization and networking opportunities.
- Carmacks Bypass Sign Correction: Sign was incorrectly labeled as "Carmacks Bypass". It is now being corrected to "Casino Way."
- Community Cleanup: Well, attended; only one remaining area to be cleaned by nonprofits.
- Traffic Committee: Newly formed and will meet every third Monday or Tuesday before Council meetings. Updates will be provided regularly.
- Carbon Rebate Program: Ended following cancellation of the federal program.
- OCP & HAF Collaboration: Meetings held with LSCFN on collaboration opportunities, including potential for tiny home development.
- Meeting with Village lawyers (Jane and Mark) scheduled to discuss how Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) initiatives are tied into the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Other Updates:

- **Council Chambers Map Project:** Challenger Geomatics Ltd. hired to create a large-scale wall map.

6.8 AYC Association of Yukon Communities (AYC)

Councillor Hansen reported that AYC President Lauren Hanchar is coordinating resolution letters for member communities, including Carmacks. Once finalized, the letters will be sent collectively, with the Village CC'd. No action is required at this time; updates will follow as needed.

7. BYLAWS

None.

8. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. QUESTION PERIOD



No Question.

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.

25-09-06 M/S Councillor D. Hansen / T. Wheeler motioned to go in-camera at 08:01PM.

An in-camera discussion by Council regarding a labour and land matter.

25-09-07 M/S Councillor D. Hansen / C. Bellmore motioned to go out of in-camera at 8:38 PM.

11. ADJOURNMENT

25-09-08 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM.
Mayor J. Lachance adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Mayor J. Lachance

CAO Chantal Pelletier

Sent Via: email

Date: May 12, 2025

Mayor and Council
Village of Carmacks
Box 223,
Carmacks, Yukon, Y0B 1C0

Dear Mayor, Council and Staff,

Re: Mount Nansen Remediation Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Consultation Open House

I am writing to invite Village of Carmacks Mayor, Council and staff to our first public open house for the Mount Nansen Remediation Project assessment on Tuesday, May 27 from 4-7pm at the Carmacks Recreation Centre.

Please drop by to learn more about the project, meet some key project staff and provide your input as we develop our Project Proposal for submission to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board later this year. All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you then!

Sincerely,



DARREN COWAN, PROJECT MANAGER
MOUNT NANSEN REMEDIATION PROJECT



Michael Sam is selling
this for \$ 40,000.00



Lytton First Nation

March 19, 2023

From: Chief Janet Webster
Lytton First Nation
951 Main Street
Lytton, BC V0K 1Z0

RE: Reference Letter – Troy MacBeth Abromaitis, Lytton First Nation Member

Troy MacBeth Abromaitis is a passionate advocate for Indigenous community building, economic reconciliation and has been pivotal in the Nation's rebuilding efforts after the wildfires and flooding which affecting the Fraser Canyon and our communities in 2021. I first met Troy in 2018, at a Chief and Council meeting, where he sincerely reflected on his emotional homecoming and spoke about his 35-year journey to reconnect with his family, people, culture and community. His journey home brought tears to our eyes. He was born on August 27, 1983, in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is a sixties scoop survivor.

He is a descendant of the Thom, Oates, Draney and Drynock families of the Nlaka'pamux Nation. He was raised by his adoptive parents Theresa and Vytas Abromaitis in Richmond, British Columbia and returned to his ancestral territory of Lytton, British Columbia for the first time five years ago. He is a business professional specializing in real estate development and home building.

Troy is truly inspired when it comes to his involvement in the Indigenous community and our community greatly benefits from his passion for giving back. He also has a genuine desire to help, in a good way, and this has been demonstrated time and time again. Troy's fundraising efforts were heartfelt, and his dedication had a profound impact, when it came to help rebuild his community. Troy worked as President of the Rotary Club, with various corporations and other First Nations on coordinated fundraising efforts.

His leadership also inspired numerous other fundraisers and donations within the real estate development and home building industry, non-profit sector, and other organizations which Troy actively contributes. These fundraising campaigns raised several hundred thousand dollars towards the community and benefited the Nation with both significant donations of building materials and professional expertise from housing industry professionals.

He also serves on the Economic Development Corporation Board with Lytton First Nation to further contribute and benefit his communities rebuilding efforts. Prior to his involvement on the fundraising and building side, Troy was actively involved with the implementation of the land code program and community planning, for our 14,161 acres of land divided into 56 reserves, and was designed as our primary real estate professional through a band council resolution. We trust Troy's twenty years of real estate experience and his strategic and conciliatory approach has been invaluable to our band.

We are incredibly proud of Troy's accomplishments and the remarkable journey he has made to reconnect with and help his community. His gift for community building and collaborative relationships have been celebrated through a variety of awards. Troy was named as a Top 40 Under 40 by the National Centre for American Indian Enterprise, received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal from the province of British Columbia and was selected for a National Philanthropy and Community Service Award by the Canadian Mortgage Awards.

Troy Abromaitis is a sixties scoop survivor, successful businessman and philanthropist who has left an indelible impact on Lytton First Nation. He has a passion for social entrepreneurship, believing that business and society can work together toward common goals. He is a community builder, respected Lytton leader and has made many outstanding contributions to the community. We are extremely proud to have him as a member of our Nation and he is also making his ancestor's proud.

Sincerely,

LYTTON FIRST NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chief Janet Webster", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chief Janet Webster



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada
and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia acknowledges the many historical injustices that Indigenous Peoples in Canada have endured resulting from colonization and forced assimilation, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes the resilience and strength of all Indigenous survivors who were forcibly removed from their homes, families, and communities under the mandate of colonial programs and initiatives that operated in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the observance of June 30 as Indigenous Survivors Day creates a platform for raising awareness and fostering understanding through education and dialogue as well as advocating for reconciliation and healing for Indigenous survivors, their families, and communities, and

WHEREAS Indigenous Survivors Day is a solemn reminder of the ongoing challenges faced by Indigenous survivors and their communities and highlights the importance of supporting Indigenous cultural heritage as well as a more inclusive and equitable province;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that June 30, 2024, shall be known as

“Indigenous Survivors Day”

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-fifth day of April, two thousand twenty-four and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor



Declaration

WHEREAS *the province of New Brunswick recognizes the historical injustices endured by Indigenous peoples due to colonization, forced assimilation, and systemic injustices; and*

WHEREAS *Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30 provides an opportunity to acknowledge the resilience, strength, and cultural heritage of Indigenous communities who have persevered through historical traumas; and*

WHEREAS *designating June 30 as Indigenous Survivors Day creates a platform for healing, education, and dialogue, raising awareness about the unique struggles faced by Indigenous peoples; and*


WHEREAS *this observance serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing challenges faced by Indigenous communities and highlights the importance of supporting their cultural heritage and promoting understanding; and*

WHEREAS *by implementing Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, the province of New Brunswick demonstrates its commitment to honoring Indigenous survivors, promoting healing, and building a more equitable and inclusive province.*

THEREFORE, I, Blaine M. Higgs, Premier of New Brunswick, do hereby declare June 30, 2024, as:

“Indigenous Survivors Day”

IN NEW BRUNSWICK


The Honourable Blaine M. Higgs / L'honorable Blaine M. Higgs
Premier of New Brunswick / Premier ministre du Nouveau-Brunswick

Déclaration

ATTENDU QUE *le gouvernement du Nouveau-Brunswick reconnaît que les peuples autochtones ont historiquement subi des injustices en raison de la colonisation, de l'assimilation forcée et des injustices systémiques;*

ATTENDU QUE *la Journée des survivantes et survivants autochtones, le 30 juin, offre l'occasion de saluer la résilience, la force et le patrimoine culturel des collectivités autochtones qui ont persévéré face aux traumatismes hérités de l'histoire;*

ATTENDU QUE *la déclaration du 30 juin comme Journée des survivantes et survivants autochtones crée un espace propice à la guérison, à l'éducation et au dialogue en favorisant la sensibilisation aux difficultés particulières auxquelles sont confrontés les peuples autochtones;*

ATTENDU QUE *cette journée constitue un rappel solennel des défis auxquels sont confrontées les collectivités autochtones et souligne l'importance de promouvoir leur patrimoine culturel et de favoriser la compréhension entre les peuples;*

ATTENDU QUE *le gouvernement du Nouveau-Brunswick, en déclarant le 30 juin Journée des survivantes et survivants autochtones, démontre son engagement à honorer les survivantes et survivants autochtones, à promouvoir la guérison et à bâtir une province plus équitable et plus inclusive.*

PAR CONSÉQUENT, je, Blaine M. Higgs, premier ministre du Nouveau-Brunswick, déclare le 30 juin 2024 comme étant la :

« Journée des survivantes et survivants autochtones »

AU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK



Nova Scotia

Proclamation

Indigenous Survivors Day

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THEREFORE I, Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia, do hereby proclaim June 30th to be "Indigenous Survivors Day" in the Province of Nova Scotia.



Tim Houston

Honourable Tim Houston, M.L.A.
Premier of Nova Scotia

Signed at Halifax, Nova Scotia