



Village of Haines Junction
Council Agenda
Regular Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. July 19, 2023

This meeting will be held in Council Chambers.

Attendance at this meeting is also available through Zoom web or teleconferencing (Meeting ID 867 634 7100). Please visit the Village website (www.hainesjunctionyukon.com) or call the Village Office (634-7100) for instructions.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
- 4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**
- 5. Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings**
 - a. Draft Council Minutes July 12, 2023
- 6. Proclamations**
- 7. Delegations**
 - a. Dave Weir – Need for a new Zoning Bylaw and its impact on housing affordability
- 8. Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions**
- 9. Old Business**
- 10. New Business**
 - a. Accounts Payable to July 19, 2023
 - b. Council Attendance until July 2023
- 11. Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption**
- 12. Correspondence**
 - a. YESAB – Private access road – km 202.4 Haines Road (Buzzell)
 - b. Monthly Mayor's/Chief Policing Report June 2023
 - c. June 2023 Newsletter - Senator Pat Duncan
 - d. PM Pillai - AGM Resolution - 23-AT-05 - Respectful Engagement - Jun 7, 2023
 - e. M. McPhee - AGM Resolution - 23-AT-06 EMS - Jun 7, 2023
 - f. Resolution for meaningful consultation with municipalities (23-AT-05) – Richard Mostyn
 - g. Resolution concerning Emergency Medical Services – Tracy – Anne McPhee
 - h. Price 125 Fund – Martha Ritchie
- 13. Council Reports**
- 14. Questions from the Public**
- 15. Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**
- 16. Adjournment**

The next Regular Council Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on August 16th, 2023 in Council Chambers and via Zoom.

Attendance at Council Meetings

Council meetings are held in Council Chambers and broadcast via Zoom.

*Council Chambers can accommodate a maximum of 20 people, including Council.
If there are more than 5 members of the public in attendance, masks will be mandatory.*

Zoom remote access instructions are below.

Remote Access Instructions for Council Meetings:

Meeting ID is: 867 634 7100

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Village of Haines Junction Delegation Request

As per s. 15. of Bylaw 352-19, Council Procedural Bylaw

- 15.1. Any person or delegations wishing to appear before council or committee must give notice prior to 11:00 am on the second last business day prior to the meeting.
- 15.2. Persons or delegations are requested to provide any information materials by the second last business day so that the documents may be included in the Agenda Package.
- 15.3. Persons or delegations are required to provide their name, address, contact information and reason for wishing to appear before council or committee.
- 15.4. Persons or delegations addressing council or committee are required to state their names, addresses, and the purpose of their presentation.
- 15.5. Persons or delegations will be given five (5) minutes with which to make their presentation.
- 15.6. Council or committee may agree by vote to extend the time available for a presentation if the persons or delegations has given advance notice to the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
- 15.7. Council will only hear up to a maximum of three delegations at one meeting.
- 15.8. If a Member asks the delegation a question of clarification, the delegation may answer the question.
- 15.9. A general discussion or dialogue shall not take place unless Council adopts a resolution to suspend the rules.

Requested Council Meeting Date: Wed July 19th '23

Individual, Group or Association: DAVE WEIR - 838371 YUKON INC

Representative(s) of the Above: DAVE WOLFE

Main Spokesperson: DAVE WEBER

Topic(s): NEED FOR A NEW ZONING BYLAW AND ITS IMPACT ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Written Materials Submitted (if applicable): _____

Projector or Other Electronic Support Required: _____

Request Made By: DAVE WEBER Date: July 11 '23

Municipal Accounts Payable to July 19, 2023

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>
27578	Building Systems Consulting	\$ 9,261.00	Capital Projects	Arena heating system assessment
27579	Twiss & Shine Custodial Services	\$ 600.00	Administration	Custodial services: June/July 2023
		\$ 1,620.00	Convention Centre	Custodial services: June/July 2023
		\$ 120.00	Fire Department	Custodial services: June/July 2023
		\$ 435.00	Mezzanine	Custodial services: June/July 2023
		\$ 90.00	Public Works	Custodial services: June/July 2023
		\$ 143.25	Gst.	Custodial services: June/July 2023
		\$ 3,008.25		
27580	Petty Cash - Yari Izigzon	\$ 1,196.35	Recycling Centre	Recycling Refundables
27581	ALS Canada Ltd.	\$ 222.60	Water & Sewer	Water sampling test
27582	ATCO	\$ 367.78	Administration	Electricity: July 2023 billing
		\$ 1,474.46	Arena	Electricity: July 2023 billing
		\$ 152.19	Community Hall	Electricity: July 2023 billing
		\$ 367.78	Convention Centre	Electricity: July 2023 billing
		\$ 289.65	Fire Department	Electricity: July 2023 billing
		\$ 242.13	Landfill & Recycling	Electricity: July 2023 billing
		\$ 60.11	Pool	Electricity: July 2023 billing
		\$ 514.59	Public Works	Electricity: July 2023 billing
		\$ 3,193.37	Roads & Streets	Electricity: July 2023 billing
		\$ 6,616.86	Water & Sewer	Electricity: July 2023 billing
		\$ 13,278.91		
27583	Harris & Company	\$ 12,949.64	Administration	Legal services
27584	Northwest Vaccum Service Ltd.	\$ 357.00	Recycling Centre	Pump out holding tank
27585	Omni Productions	\$ 787.50	Convention Centre	Temporary lighting rental June 2023
27586	Stream Pro Resources	\$ 3,426.80	Landfill & Recycling	Landfill monitoring and reporting analysis
		\$ 4,016.48	Water & Sewer	Environmental service May - July 2023
		\$ 372.17	Gst.	
		\$ 7,815.45		
27587	Tangerine Technology	\$ 9,410.29	Capital Project	Network support & telephone installation
		\$ 4,608.45	Legislative	Annual network hosting and license fees
		\$ 14,018.74		
Municipal Accounts Payable		\$ 62,895.44		

Adopted on _____ Motion# _____

Mayor _____ CAO _____

* Denotes an item not directly funded by the Village

**Grant funded

**Report to Council
Village of Haines Junction
Open Meeting
July 19, 2023**

RE: **COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

Recommendation

That Council review this report for information purposes, give direction as necessary, and adopt the following resolution:

THAT Council receive and file the July 19, 2023, Report to Council re Council Attendance.

Background

On February 26, 2020, Council passed a motion accepting the recommendations from Administration for making Council Attendance public. Since that time, the online Council Attendance Chart has been updated monthly and it has also been brought forward to Council on a quarterly basis.

Current Status

The Council Attendance Chart found at Schedule A is currently posted on the Village website www.hainesjunctionyukon.com, under Council > Mayor and Council > Council Attendance.

Attachments

Schedule A – 2023 Council Attendance until July

Conclusion

Council, by reviewing this report for information purposes will be exercising their oversight role.

Prepared By

Yari Izigzon
Corporate Administrator

**Report to Council
Village of Haines Junction
Open Meeting
July 19, 2023
Schedule A**

2023 Council Attendance - Regular and Special Meetings

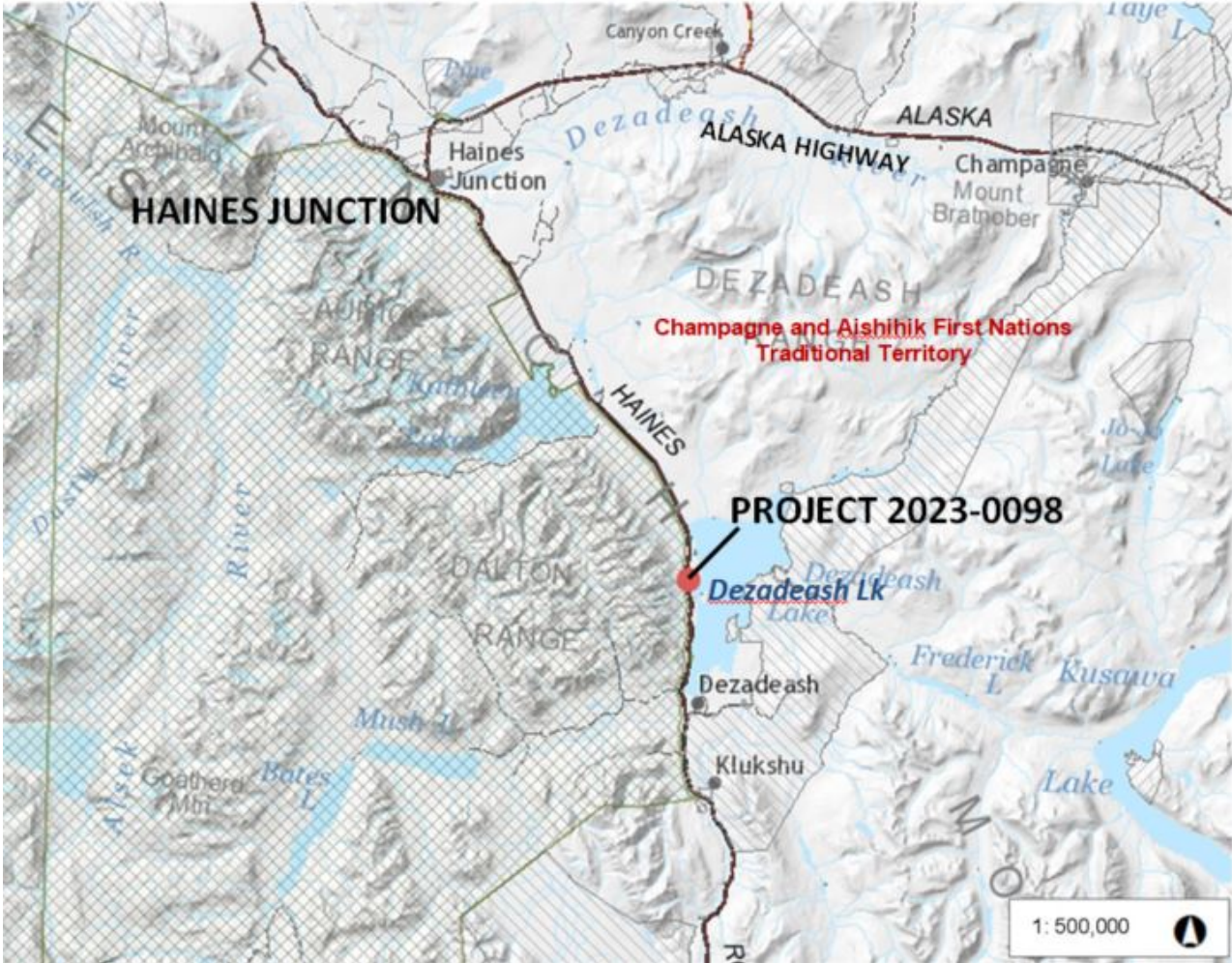
PRESENT

PARTIAL ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

Date	Meeting	Mayor Tomlin	Councillor Charlebois	Councillor Maynes	Councillor Nassiopoulos	Councillor Strand
2023-01-11	Regular					
2023-01-25	Regular					
2023-02-08	Regular					
2023-02-22	Special					
2023-03-08	Regular					
2023-03-22	Regular					
2023-04-12	Regular					
2023-04-26	Regular					
2023-05-10	Regular					
2023-05-31	Regular					
2023-06-14	Regular					
2023-06-28	Regular					
2023-07-12	Regular					

Public Comment Period Open

Project Name: Private Access Road - km 202.4 Haines Road (Buzzell)
Proponent Name: Tom Buzzell
Project Number: 2023-0098
Deadline for Comments: July 26, 2023
Sector: Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Land Development
Project Scope - Summary: <p>The Project is the improvement of an existing access road and the construction of a right-of-way to private property at km 202.4 on the Haines Road. The Project falls within the Traditional Territory of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. Project activities will take place a minimum of 190 m from Dezadeash Lake and work is planned to occur from September 1 to October 15, 2023 or between July and October of 2024 depending on permitting. The use and maintenance of the private lot and access are indefinite.</p>

Project Scope - Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of heavy equipment• Minimal clearing by hand (happening outside of bird nesting season)• Improvement of an existing access road (approximately 800 m long x 3 m wide)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Gravel and silt supply to be delivered by truck:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ YG source at km 200.6 (130 m3)■ From private property (10 m3)◦ Leveling and grading• No fuel or heavy equipment stored on-site• Woody material (approximately 7 m2) to be hauled to private land and chipped or burned• Burning occurring between November and March
<p>For more information on this project or to submit your comments go to https://yesabregistry.ca/pr/2023-0098 or contact Haines Junction Designated Office, 867-634-4040, hainesjunction.do@yesab.ca</p>

MONTHLY MAYOR'S / CHIEF'S POLICING REPORT JUNE 2023

Haines Junction Detachment “M” Division Yukon



The Haines Junction Detachment responded to a total of 63 calls for service during the month of June, 2023.

OCCURRENCES	June 2023	Year Total 2023	June 2022	Year Total 2022
Assaults	4	17	6	28
Break and Enters	0	1	0	7
Thefts (all categories)	2	9	1	15
Drugs (all categories)	0	118	0	2
Uttering Threats	0	4	0	13
Driving Complaints	4	7	2	27
Cause Disturbance / Mischief	16	58	3	59
Impaired Driving	3	9	2	17
Vehicle Collisions	3	12	2	28
Fail to Comply	1	3	1	12
Mental Health Act	1	7	0	12
Assistance	4	23	6	65
Missing Persons/Wellbeing Check	1	12	0	29
Sexual Assault	0	2	0	3
Other Complaints	24	86	35	136
Individuals charged	9	22	9	58
Instances where people not charged*	2	31	3	47
Total Charges laid (CC only)	1	11	5	55
Total Calls for Service	63	368	58	481

- * where grounds existed to lay a charge

	June 2023	Year Total 2023	June 2022	Year Total 2022
Prisoners held locally	1	5	3	23

<u>SUMMARY OF FILES BY LOCATION</u>			
Location	Calls for Service for Month	Total for the current Year	Total % for the current year
Champagne	4	9	2%
Haines Junction	35	153	41%
Klukshu (incl. Haines Road and Pleasant Camp)	0	127	34%
Canyon Creek / Otter Falls	0	4	1%
Destruction Bay	2	10	3%
Burwash Landing	7	28	8%
Alaska Highway (all locations)	15	36	10%
All other locations	0	1	1%
	63	368	

Annual Performance Plan (A.P.P.) Community Priorities

Community approved priorities are:

- (1) **Building and maintaining community relationships**
- (2) **Youth – crime prevention and relationship building**
- (3) **Road Safety**

1) This month the detachment addressed the issue of Building and maintaining community relationships by.....

This month members met with:

- Members met with KFN staff in Burwash Landing on two occasions.
- Cst Christie attended the Blue Grass Festival and spoke to event organizers.
- Cpl. Stelter and family attended a BBQ hosted at the EMR office.
- Cst. Miller assisted with the Haines to Haines bicycle relay setup.
- Members along with R/Cst MacKellar provided control for the bicycle relay.
- Cpl. Stelter spoke to Bertha Doris (COYFNAC) regarding ongoing issues with a problem resident in Burwash Landing.
- Members attended the Daku dance festival each day.
- Cpl. Stelter spoke to the MLA regarding Canada day event planning.
- Commanding Officer visit to the detachment June 27th.
- Members met with Probation Services at the detachment.
- Members met with CBSA from Pleasant Camp at the detachment.

2) This month the detachment addressed the issue of Youth – crime prevention and relationship building by.....

- Members attended the St Elias school year end BBQ and retirement celebration for Principal Mann.
- RCMP 150 merchandise handed out to local youth and residents.

3) This month the detachment addressed the issue of Road Safety by.....

- 7 patrols to Burwash Landing / Destruction Bay (Haines and Beaver Creek Det.)
- 7 patrols to Champagne / Canyon Creek / Otter Falls.
- 13 patrols to Klukshu / Haines Highway / Alaska border.
- 1 patrols to Kloo Lake / Silver City area.

- 3 investigation of motor vehicle collisions.
- 3 investigation into driving complaints / impaired driving.

- 30 hours of highway patrol / remote community visits / radar enforcement conducted.

Notable Occurrences for the Month

The category referring to drugs reflects individual ban substance seizures by CBSA at the Pleasant Camp border crossing that have been turned over to the RCMP for disposal.

Haines Junction Detachment Members

Cpl. Shannon Stelter
Cst. Paul Miller
Cst Guy Girard-Lallemant
Cst. Adam Christie

New Community Concerns (update on concerns raised in the past not yet resolved)

None identified.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Haines Junction RCMP respectfully acknowledges that we work within the traditional territories of the Champagne-Aishihik First Nation and the Kluane First Nation.

Detachment Commander: Corporal Shannon Stelter
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Senator Pat Duncan

Yukon

June 2023



When at work in the Senate, my thoughts are not very far from home and Yukoners.

During the busy spring sitting, I was able to tribute Mary Merchant, welcome Yukon Rangers to Ottawa, and speak to legislation directly and indirectly affecting the Yukon.

Since officially taking my seat in the Senate in February 2019 I have appreciated serving on the National Finance Committee (NFFN). This Committee is charged with reviewing all the financial initiatives of the Government including the spending in the budget documents, and new and special tax measures.

This year, the Budget Implementation Act (Bill C-47) included an amendment to the Yukon Act. Part 4, Division 20 transfers authority over the land at the Faro Mine site, notably the remediation, from the Government of the Yukon back to the Government of Canada. You can review my speech on the amendment [here](#).

You may have noted I mentioned in my last newsletter my service with the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. In addition to hearing from Yukoners on the long-awaited soil health study, the committee has in recent months held 25 meetings, hearing expert testimony from over 95 farmers, producers, scientists, and policymakers. The study on soil health will continue with planned visits to Saskatoon and southern Alberta in late August.

Senators are able to attend any committee meetings they wish, however, I will not be able to attend these Agriculture and Forestry Committee site visits this summer, or continue in the fall as an active member of this or the National Finance Committee. Their meeting schedule conflicts with my recent appointment to the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP). The public reports of the Committee NSICOP including the most recent 2021 Annual Report are available online [here](#).

In addition to my responsibilities on NSICOP, I look forward to joining the Fisheries and Oceans Committee in the fall. I especially anticipate bringing the issues of Yukon River, generally west coast, salmon to the attention of this group.

Ottawa and the Senate can seem very far away. Please know the Yukon and you – Yukoners – are not far from my attention. I am so looking forward to reconnecting this summer. I do look forward to seeing folks in person, and always look forward to hearing from you by telephone, email, and postal mail. Enjoy the Yukon summer!

All the very best,

PJDuncan

With gratitude, and respectfully, I live in the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation and the Ta'an Kwachan Council.

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Honouring Canadians

Honoured to make a short statement in the Senate honouring Mary Merchant on her 106th birthday. Returning home it was an privilege to wish Mary a Happy Birthday, to share my statement in person, and to share a cup of tea. Thank you Mary and the Merchant family.

You can view my tribute to Mary [here](#).



2023 is the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War armistice. On June 24th, my colleague Senator Yonah Martin, Grand Patron of the Korea Veterans Association Heritage Unit, hosted a dinner honouring the veterans. I was especially grateful to have met Don and his wife of 65 years Laurette. Don served with the Canadian Corps of Engineers in Korea and served in the Yukon when Canada took over the Alaska Highway from the Americans, in 1947. It was such a privilege to hear a few of Don's memories of his service in the Yukon.

Ryan Sealy and Peter Zwikirsch are two Yukon Rangers who travelled to Ottawa to honour Korean War Veterans and commemorate the 70th anniversary of the armistice. Thank you, Ryan and Peter for your service.



I was honoured to attend the first in-person citizenship ceremony in several years on Canada Day at the Historic Site of the SS Klondike, an iconic Whitehorse landmark. It was such a moving and inclusive ceremony. The Yukon welcomed new citizens from five different countries.

You can view my official Canada Day statement [here](#).



Of Note in the Senate

Bill C-224, An Act to establish a national framework for the prevention and treatment of cancers linked to firefighting.

This Private Members' Bill, which came to the Senate from the House of Commons this spring, is an attempt at protecting firefighters throughout Canada from cancers caused by various chemicals they are exposed to in their daily work, including from their protective gear and clothing.

The bill provides for the development of a national framework designed to raise awareness of cancers linked to firefighting with the goal of improving access for firefighters to cancer prevention and treatment. This national framework is needed because some provinces and territories recognize as many as 20 different types of cancers linked to firefighting, others recognize only 9 types of cancers.

The bill also designates the month of January, in each year, as "Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month" to shed light on the serious challenges faced by those who are there to save our lives and property in times of need.

My colleague in the Independent Senators group Senator Hassan Yussuff, sponsor of the bill said: "Workers don't go to work expecting to die, but that's exactly what is happening to our firefighters — at an alarming rate — in every community across this country because of the consistent exposure to high levels of carcinogens that may lead to cancers."

This bill became law on June 22, 2023

Bill S-254, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcoholic beverages)

Bill S-254, introduced by Senator Patrick Brazeau, is a Senate Public Bill that amends the Food and Drugs Act to make warning labels on alcohol sold in Canada mandatory. These labels must include: how much of a drink is considered a standard drink, how many standard drinks are in a package, how many standard drinks can be consumed before causing significant health risks, and a clear message showing a direct link between alcohol consumption and cancers.

On June 1, I spoke in support of the bill at second reading to highlight the Yukon experience with the Northern Territories Alcohol Labels Study that started in 2017. Sales of alcohol products with labels decreased and sales of alcohol products without the labels increased. Just as we read labels in the grocery store on various products, Bill S-254 is about ensuring consumers are aware of the health information associated with the products they are consuming.

Bill S-254 was adopted at second reading and referred to our Social Affairs, Science and Technology Committee for study anticipated to take place this fall. You can view my speech on the bill [here](#).



Of Note in the Senate

Bill C-18, An Act respecting online communications platforms that make news content available to persons in Canada

The Online News Act establishes rules for the digital news marketplace to ensure fair compensation for Canadian media outlets and journalists for content posted on social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter. It creates a new legislative and regulatory framework that ensures digital platforms negotiate agreements with Canadian media to authorize them to share Canadian media content on their platforms. The bill sets up a process that enables smaller media outlets to bargain collectively. Simply put, the large online companies, who make billions of dollars in annual revenue, have to pay creators of news for their work.

Bill C-22, An Act to reduce poverty and to support the financial security of persons with disabilities by establishing the Canada disability benefit and making a consequential amendment to the Income Tax Act

The Canada Disability Benefit Act creates the Canada disability benefit to reduce poverty and to support the financial security of working-age persons with disabilities. The bill also sets out general provisions for the administration of the benefit and authorizes the government to implement most of the benefit's design elements through regulations.

This was another bill that became law on June 22, 2023.

Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)

During Question Period in the Senate Chamber on May 31, I had the opportunity to ask Hon. Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, about Bill C-21, and how it reflects what he learned when he met with firearm owners in the Yukon.

You can hear my question and his response [here](#).

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June 7, 2023

Honorable Premier Pillai
Government of Yukon
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Ranj
Dear Premier,

Thank you very much for your attendance at the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Association of Yukon Communities.

At this meeting our membership passed eight resolutions. I did, however, want to bring your attention to one in particular that was co-sponsored by several municipalities and was passed unanimously by our members. The resolution relates to the need for respectful engagement and communication from the Government of Yukon.

While several representatives of the Government of Yukon were present during the discussions on this particular item in an observer capacity - considering the nature of the comments I felt it was necessary to write you directly to raise some of the concerns of our membership.

In recent years several of our members have noted a trend in which the Government of Yukon develops or implements policy that has impacts on local governments. While we appreciate that the Government of Yukon at times must make changes to legislation or policies it must also keep local governments involved in this process. This is particularly the case in instances where the policy changes have financial or administrative impacts on us. Our members play an essential role in the delivery of services for Yukoners, and it is not sustainable in the long-term to not include the Association of Yukon Communities and our membership at the ground level of any policy development that impacts us.

Currently the Municipal Act requires that the Government of Yukon must consult with the Association of Yukon Communities on any direct amendments to the Act. While this is explicitly outlined in the Act, it is up to the Minister responsible to ensure this is followed and this has not always been the case. During the discussion on this resolution our membership made it clear that they would like to see the wording around this section of the Municipal Act strengthened.

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Further, it was also expressed by several members that due to recent interactions with the Government they would like to see the creation of a Code of Conduct for how a Minister is to engage with the Association of Yukon Communities and our members in order to ensure respectful communications.

For your reference I have attached the resolution that passed unanimously.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ted Laking
President
Association of Yukon Communities

23-AT-05 YUKON GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION
WITH MUNICIPALITIES.

WHEREAS:

Yukon municipalities have in recent years at times not been consulted in regard to significant policy and program decisions affecting their communities; and

WHEREAS:

Decisions for Yukon communities are most effective when meaningful consultation and consideration occurs; and

WHEREAS:

Proper consultation recognizes the unique challenges that each Yukon municipality faces and respects all involved governments and decision makers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Yukon Government ensure meaningful and respectful consultation and advance notification on territorial decisions that may impact municipalities.

It was duly moved by 2nd VP Doris Hansen and seconded THAT Resolution
23-AT-05 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

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June 7, 2023

Hon. Tracy-Ann McPhee
Minister of Health and Social Services
Yukon Legislative Assembly
Box 2703
Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 2C6

Dear Minister,

Thank you very much for the attendance of your Deputy Minister and other Health and Social Services Staff at the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Association of Yukon Communities.

At this year's meeting our membership passed eight resolutions.

One of these resolutions relates to lapses in emergency medical services in municipalities, the need for improved communication from the Government of Yukon with municipal governments during these lapses, as well as the lack of proper compensation for municipal governments when they are called upon to assist during these lapses in service.

As you know, EMS is an essential frontline service made up of hardworking first responders who go above the call of duty and at many times are at risk of burn out. Without a sustainable model for staffing, training, and compensation for EMS personnel we are concerned about further negative impacts on coverage in our communities.

As such we are requesting that the government ensure 100% EMS coverage in Yukon communities and if that is not possible, request the consideration of alternative delivery models. We further request that if municipalities are called upon to assist EMS personnel, they are fully and promptly compensated. We are also requesting that the Yukon Government review the current EMS volunteer model as it's been in place for some time, look to increase honoraria and standby pay, and fully pay for training. Finally, we would like the Yukon Government to develop and implement a communication protocol for communicating with communities about lapses in EMS service.

For your reference I have attached the resolution that passed unanimously. Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Yours sincerely,

Ted Laking
President
Association of Yukon Communities

WHEREAS:

Municipalities that are served by EMS are at times without any coverage; and

WHEREAS:

The communities are not kept informed when there are lapses in service; and

WHEREAS:

Municipalities are frequently called upon to assist EMS personnel when they are short staffed; and

WHEREAS:

The Yukon Government is failing to compensate municipalities when they are called upon to assist.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Association of Yukon Communities requests that the Yukon Government ensure one hundred percent coverage in municipalities that are served by EMS and, if that is not possible, consider privatization or other models.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT the Association of Yukon Communities requests that if municipalities are called upon to assist EMS personnel, they are fully and promptly compensated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT the Association of Yukon Communities requests that the Yukon Government review the current EMS volunteer model as it's been in place for some time, look to increase honoraria and standby pay, and fully pay for training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT the Association of Yukon Communities requests that the Yukon Government develop and implement a communication protocol for communicating with communities about lapses in EMS service.

It was duly moved by Mayor William Kendrick and seconded THAT Resolution **23-AT-06** be accepted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Association of Yukon Communities requests that the Yukon Government ensure one hundred percent coverage in municipalities that are served by EMS and, if that is not possible, consider private enterprise or other models.

It was duly moved by Mayor Christopher Irvin and seconded THAT Resolution **23-AT-06** be accepted as further amended to change "*privatization*" to "*private enterprise or other models.*"

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July 12, 2023

Ted Laking
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Dear Ted Laking,

Re: Resolution concerning Emergency Medical Services

Thank you for your letter of June 7, 2023, regarding the resolutions passed by the Association of Yukon Communities at your most recent Annual General Meeting. I appreciate you reaching out about these resolutions regarding Emergency Medical Services coverage, service models, compensation, and communication with communities.

I understand that the Director of Emergency Medical Services, Gerard Dinn, is working with the municipality of Dawson City to address these areas of concern. I believe this work can be leveraged with other communities. If communities would like to discuss their concerns directly, I encourage them to connect with the Director to discuss local issues, needs, the role of communities in relation to EMS, and opportunities for collaboration. Please know that I have also shared these resolutions with the Department of Health and Social Services and EMS for further consideration and review. If you or your members would like to discuss these issues, the Director is available at Gerard.Dinn@yukon.ca or by phone at 867-456-6591.

The reality of living in a remote area such as the Yukon is there will always be challenges to maintain staffing in remote geographical areas and added low call volume make recruitment and retention an on-going challenge. In 2022, Yukon communities had full EMS coverage 68% of the time, while EMS in Dawson City and Watson Lake had full coverage approximately 95% of the time or higher. All communities, including Whitehorse will experience gaps in local coverage. EMS strives to reduce these situations as much as possible.

Primarily, these gaps occur as a result of a surge in call volume and staffing challenges. To achieve the highest possible coverage, EMS maintains on-going recruitment, retention and training programming, uses online scheduling software which allows for real time scheduling. EMS will shift responders from neighboring stations including Paramedics from Whitehorse, Dawson City and Watson Lake when operational feasible. EMS is currently hiring four Paramedic Floats and these positions are focused on supporting EMS outside of Whitehorse. When EMS receives a request for service when there is no local coverage available, then EMS, when possible, utilizes neighbouring stations, explores alternative transportation and in rare situations, deploys an air ambulance to ensure access to ambulance services.

I appreciate that municipalities have questions about their roles and responsibilities in these situations, as well as access to communication on when coverage may be limited. While EMS' approach to working with municipalities is consistent with approaches and relationships in other jurisdictions, I recognize this is a source of concern to municipalities and I welcome you to continue these conversations with the Director of Emergency Medical Services.

EMS maintains on-going efforts to recruit and retain staff and community responders to maximize the number of positions that are filled. To assist with recruitment, all aspects of on-boarding community responders is funded. I recognize that communities are concerned with the potential risk of staff and community responder burnout, and I assure you that we take the health and wellbeing of all who support the delivery of EMS very seriously.

Thank you again for writing to share these resolutions with me and for your advocacy on behalf of Yukon communities. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours truly,



Tracy-Anne McPhee
Minister of Health and Social Services



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VIA EMAIL

Re: Resolution for meaningful consultation with municipalities (23-AT-05)

Dear Ted Laking,

The Premier asked me to respond to your June 7 letter regarding resolution 23-AT-05 from the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Annual General Meeting (AGM). I note that alongside the resolution members passed at their AGM, you have made a separate recommendation regarding additional parameters around conversations between myself and municipal leaders.

The Government of Yukon takes the partnership agreement with the Association of Yukon Communities, and the commitments to promote engagement and cooperation between the parties, very seriously.

As you know, the Director of Community Affairs and the Executive Director of the Association regularly meet to discuss mutual priorities and concerns, and to share information. The Government of Yukon considers this bilateral commitment as an essential opportunity to ensure local governments are aware of territorial government policy changes or developments that impact them.

The Community Affairs team raises awareness about *Municipal Act* requirements across Yukon government departments. They advocate the value of engaging with local governments when conducting policy work, especially in legislation or policy that is tied to municipal work and responsibilities.

To ensure communities are consulted and their voices are heard around the Cabinet table, I have periodic one-on-one discussions with mayors. I can say these conversations have provided mayors with the opportunity to raise issues directly with me while also ensuring strong bilateral relationships exist between the Yukon Government and municipalities across the territory. I have ensured they all have my personal cell number and have encouraged them to call me anytime about anything they wish to discuss.

With respect to the introduction of new criteria limiting how I am to engage with communities, which was raised in your letter to the Premier, but was not part of the resolution passed by AYC's membership, the Government of Yukon is concerned that adding restrictions to the aforementioned engagements would limit opportunities for frank, respectful dialogue between our two levels of government. However, if it is the will of the AYC membership, we would encourage you to bring forward a resolution at your next AGM.

As Minister of Community Services, I am committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, collaborative working relationship with Yukon municipalities and the Association of Yukon Communities. We will continue to ensure that communications with municipalities are timely and respectful of the role local governments provide Yukoners.

Thank you again for your letter and your attention to this important topic. Congratulations on a successful 2023 AGM.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mayor and Council,

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

I wish to make a proposal for an art project that will encourage ongoing involvement of Haines Junction artists and residents as well as engage tourists and visitors to Haines Junction. I wish to apply for funding for the project as an individual through the Prize 125 Fund introduced by the Yukon Government. In order to receive funding for the project, I would first need approval of the plan from Mayor and Council as it would be installed on Village property.

Here is my idea:

I would like to propose a series of small, unique and creative house-like structures on posts similar to (but not exactly like) those used as mini libraries all over the world. These permanent structures would house changing art displays, installations, miniature museums, dioramas, toy sharing sheds, puzzle exchanges, libraries and other miniature creative and interactive stops of interest and would be situated around our community. The houses would be plotted on a fun and visually appealing map that would be available in a printed version, posted in public locations and available on line. The structures would be designed to be aesthetically pleasing and built by local craftspeople meeting certain specifications. I would keep the project simple. These houses would create stops of interest and an incentive to walk around our community while highlighting some of the art and craft that exists in our community and providing interactive destinations for community members and visitors.

The deadline for the application for Prize 125 is August 4th, 2023. There is a one year window to complete the project.

If you agree that this would be an acceptable and interesting addition to our community, I would appreciate a letter of support soon so that I can begin the application process. It is my intent that the construction and installation costs of the project would be covered by the Prize 125 award, but I am asking if Public Works staff could undertake the annual maintenance of these structures.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or would like me to meet with Council to discuss this further, I can be reached at 336-1997.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Ritchie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Martha Ritchie