



Village of Haines Junction

January 28, 2026

Regular Council Meeting 7:00 pm

This meeting will be held in Council Chambers. Attendance at this meeting is also available through Zoom web or teleconferencing (see [below](#) 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 Minutes December 17th, 2025
 - b. Draft Minutes January 14th, 2026
- 6. Proclamations**
- 7. Delegations**
- 8. Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions**
- 9. Old Business**
 - a. Update from Atco re: request from Council
- 10. New Business**
 - a. Accounts Payable to January 28, 2026
 - b. RTC – Awarding of 2025 Donated Refundables Funds
 - c. AYC – Call out for AYC Resolutions
 - d. RTC – Tax Lien Summary
- 11. Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption**
 - a. Bylaw #437-26 2026 Municipal By-Election
 - i. Report to Council
 - ii. Draft Bylaw for 2nd reading
- 12. Correspondence**
 - a. Mandate Letter – Government of Yukon
 - b. Haines Junction Health Centre Newsletter January 2026
 - c. ISED Consultation on Rural Development Action Plan
 - d. Invitation to participate in Yukon Literacy Coalition Feb 28 event at Da Ku
 - e. TCT Trail Grant Applications are Open
 - f. Correspondence re STR Moratorium Bylaw
- 13. Council Reports and Notice of Motions**
- 14. Questions from the Public**
- 15. Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**
 - a. Form TL1 Tax Lien Summary
- 16. Adjournment**

The next Regular Council Meeting will take place at 7:00 pm on January 28th in Council Chambers and via Zoom.

The Village of Haines Junction respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on the Traditional Territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

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From: [Aynslie Ogden](#)
To: [Rolling, Kyle](#)
Cc: [Gibson, Matthew](#)
Subject: RE: Request from Village Council
Date: January 21, 2026 10:37:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Yes thank you Kyle, I'll share this with Council so they are aware of the plan.

Aynslie

From: Rolling, Kyle <Kyle.Rolling@atco.com>
Sent: January 21, 2026 10:36 AM
To: Aynslie Ogden <corporate@hainesjunction.ca>
Cc: Gibson, Matthew <Matthew.Gibson@atco.com>
Subject: Re: Request from Village Council

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Hi Aynslie,

I was under the impression a meeting with ATCO, the CAO, EMO, and YEC was going to be arranged for this purpose on Feb 6. There are multiple factors that lead to the outage, and all parties would be best to attend in order to provide a full briefing. I'd suggest we do this meeting first and then can provide more detail to council afterwards if needed. Does this work for you?

Thanks,

Kyle Rolling P.Eng PMP

Supervisor, Generation

ATCO Electric Yukon

C. 867 689 4966

A. 205 Tungsten Rd, Whitehorse YT Y1A 0G4

From: Aynslie Ogden <corporate@hainesjunction.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 9:51 AM
To: Rolling, Kyle <Kyle.Rolling@atco.com>
Subject: Request from Village Council

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Hello Kyle,

At their January 14, 2026 meeting, Village Council passed the following motion:

Motion 03-26: THAT Village of Haines Junction staff contact ATCO and ask them for more information about the recent power outage, causes, lessons learned and plans to avoid outages like this in the future if possible.

I'm wondering if you might be available to attend next week's Council meeting (Zoom participation would be ok), they will be meeting at 7pm on Wednesday January 28th. Alternately you may already have something written prepared that could be shared?

Thanks,

Aynslie

[Aynslie Ogden](#)

Policy and Communications Manager

Village of Haines Junction

Municipal Accounts Payable to January 28 ,2026

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	
Transfer	Payroll Account #4305418	\$ 31,275.14	Administration	Net Pay - Pay Period 1	
		\$ 4,796.20	Administration	RRSP Contribution - Pay Period 1	
		\$ 7,456.71	Administration	Group Insurance Pay Period 1	
		\$ 14,526.33	\$ 58,054.38	Administration	Receiver General January Pay Period 1
280900	Kelly Beaulieu	\$ 240.00	Landfill & Recycling	Free store volunteer honoraria	
280901	535902 Yukon Inc. (Allan's Backyard)	\$ 2,856.00	Roads & Streets	Grading	
280902	Acera Insurance	\$ 133,125.00	Administration	Annual Insurance	
280903	Acklands - Grainger Inc.	\$ 20,903.17	Landfill & Recycling	Hazardous waste storage	
		\$ 21.74	\$ 20,924.91	Public Works	Magikists parts
280904	AFD Petroleum Ltd.	\$ 1,698.85	Arena	January 15, 2026 heating fuel	
		\$ 74.78	Water & Sewer	January 15, 2026 heating fuel	
		\$ 1,511.40	Fire Department	January 15, 2026 heating fuel	
		\$ 1,392.53	Convention Centre	January 15, 2026 heating fuel	
		\$ 1,392.53	Administration	January 15, 2026 heating fuel	
		\$ 658.96	\$ 6,729.05	Recycle Centre	January 15, 2026 heating fuel
280905	Associated Fire Safety	\$ 4,902.39	Fire Department	Masks, mask bags, fire protector hoods	
280906	Associated Engineering (B.C.) Ltd.	\$ 1,053.76	Capital/Roads & Str.	Hjct. road improvement consultants	
280907	Atco	\$ 1,119.27	Administration		
		\$ 11,837.60	Arena		
		\$ 1,119.26	Convention Centre		
		\$ 204.42	Community Hall		
		\$ 433.69	Fire Department		
		\$ 950.91	Landfill & Recycling		
		\$ 78.74	Pool		

* Denotes an item not directly funded by the Village

** Grant funded

Municipal Accounts Payable to January 28 ,2026

	Atco Continued	\$ 638.22		Public Works	
		\$ 4,349.22		Roads & Streets	
		\$ 12,140.70	\$ 32,872.03	Water & Sewer	
280908	Ellen Stutz Petty - Cash	\$ 778.15		Recycling Centre	Refundables paid out
		\$ 150.00	\$ 928.15	Fire Department	Drivers medical
280909	Finning (Canada)		\$ 409.65	Public Works	0W40 Oil
280910	Harris & Company LLP		\$ 984.90	Administration	Legal fees
280911	Hippy Meadows		\$ 29,903.14	Protective Services	Fire Smart Contract **
280912	M & D Services	\$ 1,614.49		Convention Centre	December 2025 Custodial Services
		\$ 351.67		Mezzanine	December 2025 Custodial Services
		\$ 383.64		Administration	December 2025 Custodial Services
		\$ 343.68		Fire Department	December 2025 Custodial Services
		\$ 95.92	\$ 2,789.39	Convention Centre	Kitchen Towels laundry
280913	Melanson Construction		\$ 357.00	Landfill	Pump out septic tank
280914	Municipal Information Network		\$ 194.25	Administration	Membership fee
280915	Source Motors ltd.	\$ 922.00		Arena	December 2025 Heating Fuel
		\$ 394.55		Arena	Propane
		\$ 1,655.48		Fire Department	December 2025 Heating Fuel
		\$ 1,793.66		Convention Centre	December 2025 Heating Fuel
		\$ 1,793.65		Administration	December 2025 Heating Fuel
		\$ 874.31		Recycling Centre	December 2025 Heating Fuel
		\$ 2,380.13		Landfill & Recycling	December 2025 Fuel
		\$ 593.30		Roads & Streets	December 2025 Fuel
		\$ 1,598.39	\$ 12,005.47	Public Works	December 2025 Fuel
280916	Sylvain Human Resource Services		\$ 367.50	Administration	Minute taking for December Council meeting

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** Grant funded

Municipal Accounts Payable to January 28 ,2026

280917	Total Fire Protection Services Ltd.	\$ 232.05	Fire Department	Hytest/Recharge
280918	Total North Communications Ltd.	\$ 2,530.50	Fire Department	Portable handheld radios
280919	Yukon Communities Insurance Association	\$ 6,318.00	Administration	Reciprocal Insurance Premium 2026
280920	Yukon Service Supply	\$ 892.40	Water & Sewer	Sodium Hypochlorite
280921	Yukon University	\$ 550.00	Landfill & Recycling	First aid training
		\$ 550.00	\$ 1,100.00	Public Works First aid training

Municipal Accounts Payable **\$ 319,769.92**

Adopted on _____

Mayor _____ CAO _____



Village of Haines Junction Report to Council

January 28, 2026

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RE: Awarding of 2025 Donated Refundables Funds

Recommendation

Council evenly distribute available funds of \$5,422.95 to the following three Community Groups: Creative Junction, Augusto, Creative Junction and Junction Arts and Music, thereby awarding each group \$1,807.65.

Background

This procurement process is carried out under the [Village's Donation of Refundable Items Policy #31-20](#). This policy defines the process for distributing the refund money collected from the donation of refundable items ("refundables") at the Haines Junction Recycle Centre. The policy:

- Requires staff to publicly advertise the annual intake deadline for a minimum of three (3) weeks in at least three (3) prominent locations in the community, with at least one location being digitally and at least one location in hard copy format.
- Establishes the following eligibility criteria:
 - Community Groups must be based out of, or have a chapter of the organization based out of, the greater Haines Junction/Dakwäkäda Region
 - Have a minimum of 5 active members.
 - Have a minimum annual budget of \$250.
 - Have been operating during the current calendar year.
 - Provide arts, sports, recreational and/or cultural programming to the community.
- Requires Community groups to complete and submit their applications by the advertised deadline to be considered.
- Requires the deadline for applications to be no later than January 15 of each year (formerly December 31).
- Requires monies to be distributed evenly between Eligible Community Groups, unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- Allows Council to allocate funds to another community initiative, or to the following year, should no applications be received.

Current Status

The adjacent poster was used to advertise this funding opportunity on December 9, 2025, approximately 1 month prior to the application deadline. The poster was advertised according to our Administrative Procedures for Communicating Public Notices -- the poster was posted on noticeboards in town, on our website, on Facebook, and sent to our email distribution list. The poster was re-advertised one week prior to the deadline.

This year we received 3 applications, the same number as last year. Applications were assessed by the Donated Refundables Fund Application Review Board (consisting of 3 Village Staff) for eligibility.

Per Table 1 (attached) all 3 applications were considered eligible per the criteria in the policy.

Discussion/Analysis

Per Table 2, the amount of funds to distribute steadily increased between 2021 to 2023; the value of donated refundables almost doubled in 2023 from what was donated in 2021. This trend did not continue into 2024; the amount of donations decreased in 2024 from 2023. The amount of donations was about the same in 2025 as it was in 2024



Table 2: Allocation of funds in past four years

Year	Total funds	Augusto!	Creative Junction	Romp & Run	Grad	JAM	Ski Club	Soccer
2021	\$3476.90	\$869.23	\$869.23	\$869.23	\$869.23	n/a	n/a	n/a
2022	\$4927.15	n/a	\$985.43	\$985.43	\$985.43	\$985.43	\$985.43	n/a
2023	\$6332.60	n/a	\$1055.44	\$1055.44	\$1055.44	\$1055.44	\$1055.44	\$1055.44
2024	\$5275.35	n/a	\$1758.45	n/a	\$1758.45	\$1758.45	n/a	n/a

Next Steps

With Council's approval, we will proceed award funding to the successful applicants.

Draft Resolution

THAT Administration proceed to award funds to successful applicants as recommended in the January 28, 2026 RTC - Awarding of 2025 Donated Refundables Funds.

Prepared by

Aynslie Ogden
Policy/Communications Manager



Village of Haines Junction Report to Council

January 28, 2026

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Table 1: Eligibility of Applications per the [Village's Donation of Refundable Items Policy #31-20](#).

Adjudication of Applications to Donated Recyclables Fund

Authority: Donation of Refundable Items Policy #31-20

Funds to allocate: \$ 5,422.95

Review committee: Aynslie, Donna, Lianna

Community Group	Eligibility Criteria (Per Schedule B)					Submitted prior to Application Deadline*	Application is Complete?	Eligible?	Recommended Allocation**
	Based out of greater HJ Region	Have Minimum of 5 Active Members	Have a minimum annual budget of \$250	Have been operating during current calendar year	Provides arts, sports, recreational and/or cultural programming to community				
Creative Junction Collective	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$ 1,807.65
Augusto	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$ 1,807.65
Junction Arts and Music	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$ 1,807.65

*Per the policy, Community groups must complete and submit their application by the advertised deadline to be considered

**Per the policy, funds shall be distributed evenly between eligible community groups unless there are extenuating circumstances, which shall be included in Board's recommendation to Council

***If no applications are received, the Board shall make a recommendation to Council whether to allocate the Funds to the following year or to another community initiative

Good afternoon everyone,

As we are preparing for the 2026 AGM, AYC would like to invite member municipalities and LACs to submit resolutions for consideration.

Resolutions are an important way for municipalities to raise shared concerns, propose policy direction, and help shape AYC's advocacy priorities.

Attached, you will find:

- Resolutions templates; and
- The 2021-2025 Resolutions Tracker, which highlights the status of active resolutions.

Please submit your 2026 resolutions to ayced@ayc-yukon.ca by **March 13th, 2026** for consideration by the Resolutions Committee.

If you would like guidance on drafting a resolution or have questions about the process, please reach out to Kelsey or myself and we would be happy to assist.

Thank you,
Bonnie

Bonnie Dixon

Executive Director

Association of Yukon Communities

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ASSOCIATION OF YUKON COMMUNITIES

RESOLUTION FORM

RESOLUTION TITLE

WHEREAS

WHEREAS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

SUBMITTING MUNICIPALITY

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE

DATE OF SIGNATURE

DD/MM/YYYY



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON COMMUNITIES

BRIEFING NOTE

SUBJECT

ISSUE

BACKGROUND

ANALYSIS / DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION (OPTIONAL)

SUBMITTING COMMUNITY



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON COMMUNITIES

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR BRIEFING NOTE

SUBJECT

Provide a brief statement/title regarding the subject to be discussed.

ISSUE

In one paragraph provide overview of issue to be discussion/considered.

BACKGROUND

Within a couple paragraphs provide key background information; if required, additional information can be added as appendices.

ANALYSIS / DISCUSSION

Within a couple paragraphs provide analysis of the issue, highlighting the key considerations, impacts, and concerns.

RECOMMENDATION (OPTIONAL)

If appropriate, provide abridged recommendation for the next step / action.

SUBMITTING COMMUNITY

Name of municipality / community who is bringing the issue forward.

DATE AND VERSION

Supply the date the note was drafted, and its version number for tracking.

WHEN TO USE A BRIEFING NOTE?

Briefing notes provide a means for Councils or CAOs to bring issues forward for discussion at the Association's Board of Directors meetings, or for general information updates.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A BRIEFING NOTE?

To succinctly provide the Executive and Board Members an effective way of informing themselves regarding an issue in advance of the meeting. Through their retention, briefing notes allow for better tracking of issues by AYC Members or its staff.

**Report to Council
Village of Haines Junction
January 8, 2026**

RE: TAX LIEN SUMMARY

Recommendation

That Council accept this report and attached tax lien summary for information.

Background

The *Yukon Assessment and Taxation Act* is the principal legal statute governing property taxation and assessment of fee-simple land in the Yukon. The *Act* delegates authority to municipalities to levy and collect taxes on lands within municipal boundaries and to apply the tax lien process against titled lands within their municipality for which property tax payments are in arrears. The property taxation year is a calendar year and property taxes are due and payable no later than July 2nd of the year in which they are levied. Fee-simple properties for which taxes remain unpaid 6 months after this due date become subject to management under the tax lien process, which provides a means for tax authorities to collect unpaid taxes.

The preparation of Form TL1 Tax Lien Summary is the first activity required in the process. The list is prepared annually by the Treasurer and a copy is forwarded to the Collector (Council) for information. This will be followed by the publication of the list in a Yukon newspaper and local postings which are used to notify fee-simple property owners that a tax lien will be filed against their property unless the arrears are paid within 60 days from the date of publication.

The property taxes on the attached list for 2025 were due on July 2, 2025 and are now 6 months past the due date, therefore subject to the tax lien process. Past due notices were sent in July, September and December.

Conclusion

Council by reviewing this report will be exercising their oversight role as the taxing authority of the municipality.

Prepared by

Donna Istchenko, Treasurer

**Report to Council
Village of Haines Junction
January 28, 2026**

RE: Bylaw #437-26, 2026 Municipal By-Election Bylaw

Background:

Section 146.01 of the *Municipal Act* requires that a nomination to fill a vacancy on council shall be held at a time set by council, but no earlier than 30 days or later than 45 days after the vacancy occurs.

At Council's request, the Minister of Community Services granted an extension to allow the nomination to be made no later than February 16, 2026.

The by-election bylaw must be passed prior to the notice of nomination proceeding.

The notice of nomination proceeding must be publicly posted at least 7 days prior to the proceeding.

An advance poll must be held on the second Thursday after a nomination proceeding.

A regular poll must be held on the third Thursday after a nomination proceeding.

Current Status:

At the January 14, 2026 regular meeting, Council did 1st reading of *Bylaw #437-26, 2026 Municipal By-Election Bylaw* which proposed the election proceedings dates as: February 9, 2026 – Nomination Day; February 19, 2026 – Advance Poll; February 26, 2026 – Regular Poll. Staff was requested to determine possible alternate timelines for the by-election proceedings.

In order to meet the legislated timelines, the potential alternate dates are:

Nomination proceeding: Feb. 13 or 16, 2026

Notice of nomination proceeding to be posted at least 7 days prior: Feb. 6 or 9, 2026

Advance poll second Thursday after nomination: Feb. 26, 2026

Regular poll third Thursday after nomination: Mar. 5, 2026

As the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Feb. 11, 2026, the by-election bylaw must be passed at the January 28, 2026 meeting (or a special meeting could be scheduled prior to Feb. 6, 2026).

Council may make changes to the by-election bylaw before final reading, as per section 41.3.1 of the procedural bylaw:

Prepared by

Donna Istchenko, Treasurer

VILLAGE OF HAINES JUNCTION
BYLAW #437-26
A Bylaw to regulate the 2026 Municipal By-Election

WHEREAS, Section 56 (1) of the *Municipal Act*, RSY 2002, c. 154, and amendments thereto, provides that a Council of a municipality shall by bylaw (a) appoint a returning officer to be responsible for the administration of the election or public vote; (b) establish the place for making nominations; (c) establish places that are reasonably accessible to electors who are physically incapacitated at which polls will be held if a poll is required and, subject to section 85, set hours during which polls shall be open; (d) appoint deputy returning officers as required, or delegate to the returning officer the power to appoint deputy returning officers; (e) otherwise arrange for the holding of the election or public vote; and

WHEREAS, Section 60 (1) (a) of the *Municipal Act*, RSY 2002, c. 154, and amendments thereto, provides that Council may by bylaw dispense with the requirement of a list of electors for an election; and

WHEREAS, Section 60 (1) (b) of the *Municipal Act*, RSY 2002, c. 154, and amendments thereto, provides that Council may by bylaw prescribe procedures and forms governing the conduct of elections otherwise consistent with the Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 61 (1) (b) of the *Municipal Act*, RSY 2002, c. 154, and amendments thereto, provides that Council may by bylaw provide for a system of registration of persons entitled to vote at an election which shall include the prescribed oath required to be signed by each person applying to vote;

THEREFORE, the Council for the Municipality of the Village of Haines Junction, in open meeting duly assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1.0 Short Title

1.1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the **2026 Municipal By-Election Bylaw #420-26**.

2.0 Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to regulate the conduct of the 2026 Municipal By-Election.

3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 “Election Official” means a person appointed to work in the election process.
- 3.2 “Returning Officer” means a person appointed by Council to conduct the election by receiving nominations, attending the polling place and having the power to ask the questions and receive the declarations or oaths authorized by law to be asked of and made by electors.
- 3.3 “CAO” means the Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Haines Junction.

- 3.4 "Council" means the Village of Haines Junction Council, duly assembled, whose members are sworn to office.
- 3.5 "Deputy Returning Officer" means the person or persons appointed by the Returning Officer to act in his or her absence or as otherwise delegated by the Returning Officer.
- 3.6 "Poll Clerk" means a person or persons appointed by the Returning Officer to assist the Returning Officer in conduct of the election.

4.0 Election Officials

- 4.1 Cathy Mackinnon is hereby appointed Returning Officer for the Village of Haines Junction 2026 Municipal By-Election.
- 4.2 Council hereby delegates to the Returning Officer authority to appoint Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks, as necessary.
- 4.3 For the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of Part 3 of the Municipal Act, the CAO or their designate is appointed as the Designated Municipal Officer.
- 4.4 Election officials shall, during their appointment term, refrain from any active or public support or criticism of any candidate.

5.0 Nominations

- 5.1 Nomination day is Monday February 9, 2026.
- 5.2 The Municipal Office in the St. Elias Convention Centre, is hereby designated as the place for nomination proceedings.
- 5.3 Nominations will be accepted by the Returning Officer before noon on Monday February 9, 2026.
- 5.4 A completed nomination paper which has been witnessed by either the Returning Officer, Notary Public or Designated Municipal Officer, may be faxed to the Returning Officer or Designated Municipal Officer at 867 634 2008 by 12:00 o'clock noon Monday February 9, 2026. It is the responsibility of the nominee to ensure the fax has been received.

6.0 Voting Opportunities

- 6.1 Where the Returning Officer declares that an election is required the following voting opportunities will be made available:
 - 6.1.1 Advance Poll;
 - 6.1.2 Mobile Poll;
 - 6.1.3 Special Ballot; and,
 - 6.1.4 General Polling Day.

7.0 Advance Poll

- 7.1 The St. Elias Convention Centre, on the main floor in the Atrium, is hereby designated as the place for Advance Poll proceedings.
- 7.2 The Advance Poll will take place on Thursday, February 19, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- 7.3 The Advance Poll is available to those voters who meet the legislated criteria for the Advance Poll.

7.4 Notice of the advance poll must go out no later than February 12, 2026.

8.0 Mobile Poll

- 8.1 The Mobile Poll will take place on Thursday February 19, 2026, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- 8.2 The Mobile Poll is available to those voters who, due to physical incapacity, are incapable of attending a poll.
- 8.3 Polling will occur by arrangement with the Returning Officer.

9.0 Special Ballots

- 9.1 Special Ballots will be made available on Thursday February 12, 2026, by request to those voters who meet the legislated criteria.
- 9.2 Special Ballots must be returned to the Returning Officer by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday February 26, 2026.

10.0 General Polling Day

- 10.1 General Polling Day will take place on Thursday February 26, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the Atrium of St. Elias Convention Centre.
- 10.2 Notice of General Polling Day must go out no later than February 19, 2026.

11.0 Fees

11.1 The following rates shall be paid to persons acting as election officers:

11.1.1 Returning Officer	\$40.00 per hour
11.1.2 Deputy Returning Officer	\$30.00 per hour
11.1.3 Poll Clerks	\$25.00 per hour

12.0 Registration of Voters

- 12.1 The Village of Haines Junction shall dispense with the requirement for a list of electors for the 2026 Municipal By-Election.
- 12.2 All persons meeting the eligibility criteria contained in Section 48 of the Municipal Act and wishing to cast a ballot shall be required to record their Name, Civic Address and Signature on the Approved Voter Registration List attached hereto as Schedule “A”.
- 12.3 The Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officers appointed pursuant to Section 56 of the Municipal Act shall have the authority to administer the system of registration provided for in this bylaw, pursuant to Section 57 of the Municipal Act.

13.0 Prescribed Oaths

- 13.1 The Village of Haines Junction will use the forms and oaths provided by the Yukon Government.

14.0 Notice to Electors

- 14.1 Signage shall be displayed at all polling stations which shall inform voters of the following:
 - 14.1.1 The offences contained in Section 160 of the Municipal Act;
 - 14.1.2 The penalties associated with the offences contained in Section 164 of the Municipal Act; and
 - 14.1.3 A statement that, pursuant to this bylaw, the name of any individual challenged by a Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer, a candidate or candidate's agent, or by an elector, who swears an oath of eligibility and votes in the election may be forwarded to the appropriate authorities for investigation and possible prosecution.

15.0 Enactment

- 15.1 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the adoption thereof.

16.0 Readings

- 16.1 Read a First time on the 14th day of January 2026.
- 16.2 Read a Second time on the 14th day of January 2026.
- 16.3 Read a Third time and adopted on the xx day of xx

Diane Strand, Mayor

Dave Fairbank, CAO

Schedule “A”

Candidate Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date signed:** _____



Office of the Premier
Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

January 02, 2026

Dear Cabinet Colleagues:

Yukoners have given our government a clear mandate to chart a new way forward for our territory.

Delivering on this mandate requires principled governance and a strong, professional public service focussed on what matters most: Yukoners and their communities. They expect transparency, accountability, and results. Our government will act openly, manage resources responsibly, and equip public servants with the tools and clarity they need to succeed.

While there are many challenging issues that our government will face, it is important that we prioritize and focus on those issues that formed the basis of our collective promise to Yukoners in the last election. They are as follows:

- Ensure reliable power for Yukoners and protect the integrity of our electricity grid
 - Develop a clear plan for energy infrastructure that will meet the needs of Yukoners and our economy
 - Ensure that energy is properly considered in the ongoing development of infrastructure, housing, and other capital projects
 - Consider energy affordability as a primary focus
- Improve timely access to frontline health care services for Yukoners
 - Significantly reduce the number of Yukoners without access to primary care
 - Develop a clear plan for health care infrastructure, including needed upgrades to Whitehorse General Hospital, and ensuring that continuing care infrastructure meets the needs of Yukon's demographics
 - Improve options for treatment, prevention, and enforcement in response to the opioid crisis
- Increase the affordability and availability of housing and land
 - Improve coordination of land development and lot sales across government, and with other levels of government
 - Reduce permitting costs and delays to make home building more affordable and to drive construction

- Create the conditions for a healthy rental market that protects the interests of landlords and tenants, and enhances access to affordable housing across the housing continuum
- Put the needs of students at the centre of our education system
 - Review the Department of Education to ensure that it delivers appropriate supports to both students, educators, and families
 - Create a long-term plan for education infrastructure that includes all Yukon communities and reflects our changing population
 - Ensure that the education system is aligned with the needs of the economy
- Restoring public safety and keeping communities safe
 - Work with the RCMP to ensure they have adequate resources to prevent and address increased criminal activity and organized crime
 - Improve emergency preparedness so that Yukon communities are more resilient to natural disasters and emergencies
 - Protect law-abiding firearms owners and ensure policing resources are focused on priority areas
- Creating the conditions to allow the private sector to grow and lead economic growth, including the completion of the modernization of mineral legislation
 - Cut red tape, streamline assessment and permitting processes, eliminate permitting backlogs, and remove unnecessary regulation
 - Support critical infrastructure projects and adapt government procurement processes to enable business growth and competitiveness
 - Limit the growth of the public service at a level that is fiscally sustainable

These priorities are all interconnected. For example, safe communities help businesses thrive; affordable housing depends on reliable energy infrastructure; world-class health and education require a strong economy to fund them; and sustainable environmental stewardship and wildlife management ensure the long-term prosperity and livability of our territory.

This means we cannot achieve our priorities alone.

Every member of Cabinet will need to work together. We will need to break down silos and ensure that taxpayer dollars are going to the frontline services that support Yukoners. Working in partnership with Yukon First Nations and municipalities will be central to achieving these goals and ensuring communities aren't left behind.

I look to each of you for bold ideas and decisive actions that cut through red tape and deliver certainty, stability, and prosperity for Yukoners. By streamlining our work and removing barriers, we will build a government that achieves the results that matter the most to the people we serve.

Yukon is at a decisive moment. It is our job to bring true change for the territory and deliver on the mandate Yukoners gave us.

I have every confidence that by working together, we will get it done.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Currie Dixon".

The Hon. Currie Dixon
Premier of Yukon



Dakwâkâda Nda Dän Kù Haines Junction Health Centre

NEWS January 2026

TIME FOR A CHANGE IN 2026!

People do not change overnight. Whether it is changing what you eat, how active you are, or how much you smoke or drink, you will pass through many stages, sometimes many times, before your change is permanent. There are many reasons and ways for you to quit smoking. But you must want to do it!

It can help to join a stop-smoking program. You can call Quitpath at **1-866-221-8393** or the Smokers Helpline at **1-877-513-5333** to seek help. Here at the clinic, we offer a free nicotine replacement program for up to 12 weeks that includes patches, lozenges, gum, or inhalers. Call us at **867-634-4444** today to book your appointment with a nurse about Quitpath!

SETTING YOUR SMART GOALS

Good new habits take time and energy. We all wish we could fit change into our lives, but it often seems like there is not enough time. Remember, change does not have to be big, and it helps if your change is **S M A R T**!

- **S** - Set a very **SPECIFIC** goal, e.g., "I will record how many cigarettes I smoke on my calendar."
- **M** - Find a way to **MEASURE** your progress, e.g., "I will smoke 1 less cigarette per day."
- **A** - Make sure it is **ACHIEVABLE** (aim for small changes)
- **R** - Be sure your change is **REALISTIC** (focus on changes you feel you can accomplish)
- **T** - Set **TIME** commitments, e.g., "I will start today, and see how I am doing at the end of each week."

Source: Harvard Health Publications, 2014

Everyone can get flu shots at the health centre by appointment or drop in!

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday:
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

FOR EMERGENCIES AFTER HOURS
Please call 867-634-4444 or 911

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments are available daily.
Please call 867-634-4444

NURSE APPOINTMENTS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday:
8:30 am to 11:30 am
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

LAB HOURS

Tuesday: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am to 11:30 am

ADMINISTRATION TIME

Thursday: 1 pm to 3 pm
***Open for emergencies 24/7**

DOCTOR SERVICES

Call 867-634-3838 to inquire about medical travel or to book an appointment with Dr. Froud or the visiting locum doctor.

Help shape the future of rural Canada – Moving from strategy to action

Current status: Open

Opened on December 15, 2025 and will close to new input on February 6, 2026.

About the consultation

Share your ideas to move from strategy to action. Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) is developing a Rural Development Action Plan. Your participation in this consultation will support the Government of Canada's efforts to reflect the needs and priorities of rural communities across Canada.

Your feedback will help:

- Inform federal policies and programs that support the needs and opportunities of people living in rural Canada—now and in the future
- Shape new tools that help government include rural perspectives in decision-making
- Build a stronger, more resilient future for rural Canada

Key questions

Your responses to the following questions will help shape the Rural Development Action Plan:

1. How can federal initiatives be improved to better address the unique challenges and opportunities faced by your rural community?
2. What federal, provincial, territorial, or regional programs have worked well in promoting rural development within your region?
3. What policy changes or new initiatives would make the biggest difference for the long-term sustainability of your region, and how should we measure their success?

Join in: How to participate

Complete the [Rural Development Action Plan online questionnaire](#). The action plan aims to:

- Inform federal planning to reflect the needs and opportunities of and for people and communities located in rural Canada
- Support the design and implementation of initiatives for rural Canadians
- Encourage engagement with rural stakeholders and partners

To participate by email or mail, use the [Contact us](#) section for more information.

Who is the focus of this consultation

The Government of Canada welcomes anyone with an interest in rural Canada to share their views. This includes:

- Individuals living in rural areas
- Rural businesses and organizations
- Indigenous Peoples, communities, and organizations
- Local governments
- Academics and researchers
- Anyone working with or connected to rural communities

Contact us

Email: rural@ised-isde.gc.ca

Mail: Rural Team
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
235 Queen Street
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Quote

“Rural Canada feeds our country. It also powers it, builds it and connects it. With this consultation, we’re asking Canadians in rural, remote and northern communities to tell us what’s working, what isn’t and where we need to be more flexible so that federal programs actually match rural realities. If we’re serious about building one Canadian economy, then rural Canada has to be at the heart of that plan. That starts with listening.”

— The Honourable Buckley Belanger, Secretary of State (Rural Development)

Date modified:

2025-12-15

From: [Carrie-Anne McPhee](#)
To: [Aynslie Ogden](#)
Subject: Yukon, A Welcoming Place Haines Junction Gathering / Event
Date: January 19, 2026 10:03:47 AM

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Good morning Aynslie,

My name is Carrie-Anne, and I work with the Yukon Literacy Coalition.

We're hosting a unique event at Da Ku on February 28th that I'd love to tell you about, and see if the Village of HJ would like to be involved.

Here's a blurb about the event to give you an idea:

"This February 28th, the Yukon Literacy Coalition will be hosting an event at the Da Ku Cultural Centre in Haines Junction. **Yukon, A Welcoming Place Haines Junction** will invite Newcomers to Canada, First Nations, and Yukoners from across the territory to get together, share food, traditions and culture, and celebrate the uniqueness of life in the north. Attendees will enjoy a hot lunch; iconic Northern activities like kicksledding and building a fire; cultural entertainment from around the world; vendor fair; door prizes; and a delicious banquet.

Modelled after a previous event **Yukon, A Welcoming Place Celebration of Culture**, held in March 2025 at Haa Shagóon Hídi in Carcross, this event is a free, everyone-welcome opportunity for Yukoners of diverse backgrounds to share wisdom, socialize, eat together, and learn about the cultures and experiences that make the Yukon and Dakwākadä special."

What do you think?

Does the Village often get involved in community events?

We are quite flexible in how that could look - at the very least we'd want to ensure that all staff are invited!

Thanks for your time Aynslie. I look forward to chatting with you further.

Best,

Carrie-Anne

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Carrie-Anne McPhee
Program Manager
Yukon Literacy Coalition

Aynslie Ogden

From: Trans Canada Trail <project@tctrail.ca>
Sent: January 8, 2026 12:31 PM
To: Aynslie Ogden
Subject: Trail Care Grant Applications are Open!

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Hi Aynslie Ogden,

We're excited to let you know that applications for our [Trail Care Grant Program](#) are now open year-round through the new [Trail Catalyst Fund](#)!

Trail Care Grants help communities take care of their local section of the Trans Canada Trail by supporting volunteer projects, seasonal trail needs, safety improvements and work that helps everyone safely enjoy the outdoors.

Trail operators and groups responsible for a registered section of the Trans Canada Trail are encouraged to apply for this program to support projects that focus on maintaining recreational trails and growing volunteer

involvement. Applicants must have proper permissions and insurance to do the proposed work.

Available Funding

Eligible trail operators and trail groups can receive up to \$1,500 through the Trail Care Grant Program. No matching funds are required. The size of each grant will depend on the total number of applications received by Trans Canada Trail.

Application Details

Applicants are encouraged to submit their proposals as early as possible. The next quarterly deadline to submit an application is March 31, 2026. All applications must be submitted using our [online form](#) (select “Trail Care Grant” on the first page of the form).

Prior to starting your application, it is strongly recommended that you review the [Trail Catalyst Fund Guidelines](#).

[APPLY NOW](#)

Thank you for all you do to help grow and enhance Canada’s national trail network.

Happy Trails,

The Trail Team at Trans Canada Trail



This email was sent by:
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From: [Heiko HaehnSEN](#)
To: [Aynslie Ogden](#)
Subject: Re: STR Moratorium Bylaw
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thanks Aynslie for clarifying!

yes, it would be great to allow the public to think and response properly before things are set in stone.

regards
Heiko

On Thu, Jan 22, 2026 at 08:55 Aynslie Ogden <corporate@hainesjunction.ca> wrote:

Hello Heiko,

Thank you for sharing your concerns. I understand, and will share your feedback with Council.

Please do keep in mind this moratorium is a temporary measure. The intent is to have something in place prior to the release of lots for sale in the new subdivision, and to allow Council to take time to consult with the community and figure a long-term approach to managing STR's.

Aynslie

From: Heiko HaehnSEN <heikohaehnSEN@gmail.com>
Sent: January 21, 2026 2:53 PM
To: Aynslie Ogden <corporate@hainesjunction.ca>
Subject: Re: [CBCYUKON] STR Moratorium Bylaw, Council Meeting Minutes, Holiday Closure Policy

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Hi Avnslie,

thank you for your response. were going to do so and it shouldnt become a huge thing, i hope.

Please note that im not so pleased realizing that things are decided on council that might have tremendous impact on the people who live here. i understand that this is how it somehow works but id like to make a suggestion to improve the communication for such towards the people.

for my part, as an example, i receive your emails with agenda packages e.g. believe it or not, i dont feel often encourage to open the pdf and read myself through all the formal wording and statues to understand what it would be about. what would help me, and maybe others as well, if your email would summarize the main parts of it and its importants for the public. imagine: airbnb on a brink, short term rental conditions for your property may change, public input is requested!

i understand that this would cause much more work for you to get anywhere in the aftermath but wouldnt it be the right thing to do? We had those discussions about the dump changes already and its time that we get communication policies to enable people really(!!) to understand whats going on in your agendas, before decisions are made! id think its time to make politics more honest and accessible, not just from a formal but a real life perspective.

could be please forward this as a request to discuss at one of the following council meetings?

thanks a lot

Heiko

From: Aynslie Ogden
Sent: January 21, 2026 8:47 AM
To: Heiko Haehnson heikohaehnson@gmail.com
Subject: RE: STR Moratorium Bylaw, Council Meeting Minutes, Holiday Closure Policy

Hello Heiko,

Per the new bylaw, you may submit a request to Council to have the property added to the bylaw.

Per Section 5.6, You need to provide proof of operation prior to December 1, 2025 which may include platform booking or payout records, tax filings or financial rescores showing short-term rental income, dated advertising or promotional materials, or other evidence satisfactory to council. Section 5.8 provides some of the considerations Council will debate in deciding whether to approve or deny the request to add a property to Appendix A.

Thanks,

Aynslie

From: Heiko Haehnson <heikohaehnson@gmail.com>
Sent: January 20, 2026 1:28 PM
To: Aynslie Ogden <corporate@hainesjunction.ca>
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Existing short term rental Spruce 145, unit a and b (just in case that long term renters couldnt be found)

previously listed on airbnb and facebook.

thanks