



Village of Haines Junction

January 22, 2025

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 – Regular Council Meeting, January 8, 2025
6. **Proclamations**
7. **Delegations**
 - a. Request to establish Free Store, Recycling and Composting Committee – Cathy Mackinnon
 - b. Request for camping permit - Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival
8. **Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions**
9. **Old Business**
 - a. RTC – Pedal Junction Bike Skills Park
10. **New Business**
 - a. Accounts Payable to January 22, 2025
 - b. RTC and Draft Policy – Acting Appointments
 - c. RTC and Draft Policy – Vacant Land Tax
 - d. (i) RTC Tipping Fees Public Meeting Review
(ii) Tipping Fees Community Comparison
11. **Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption**
12. **Correspondence**
 - a. Sally Hogan – request to establish Haines Junction Cemetery Committee
 - b. Request for support for Yukon Nominee Program
 - c. Haines Junction Health Centre Newsletter January 2025
 - d. Notification -Local Food Infrastructure Fund accepting applications
13. **Council Reports and Notice of Motions**
14. **Questions from the Public**
15. **Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**
 - a. Haines Junction RCMP Mayor's/Chief's Policing Report December 2024
 - b. CAFN and VHJ Recreation Facility Project Governance Proposal
 - c. Tax Lien Summary
16. **Adjournment**

The next Regular Council Meeting will take place at 7:00 pm on February 12, 2025 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.*

Join Zoom Meeting

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Village of Haines Junction Delegation Request

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

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Requested Council Meeting Date: Jan 22, 2025

Individual, Group or Association: Cathy MacKinnon

Representative(s) of the Above: _____

Main Spokesperson: Cathy MacKinnon

Topic(s): forming a committee for free store, recycle depot, composting
Policy # 31-20

Written Materials Submitted (if applicable): _____

Projector or Other Electronic Support Required: _____

Request Made By: C. MacKinnon Date: Jan. 16, 2025



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Request Made By: _____ Date: _____

Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival 2025 Request for Bylaw Exemption to Allow On-Site RV Camping (self-contained)

Background

As with previous years, KMBF is asking the Village of Haines Junction for a permit under local bylaw for self-contained onsite RV camping at the festival venue (St. Elias Centre) in 2025.

On-site RV camping allows us to provide for the needs of several groups of people:

- Those with mobility issues, who appreciate being closer to the venue
- Local and regional performers who are moving between venues frequently
- Volunteers who are on-shift during the weekend
- Other festival patrons to the extent that space is available, many who are hobbyist musicians who want to jam during the weekend

It should be noted that other local RV camping and hotel accommodations are regularly full on festival weekend. KMBF books a large number of hotel room for artists and production team, and the 11 camping spaces behind the Kluane Park Inn. Festival patrons generally book up remaining lodging, and there is rarely space available during festival weekend.

Camping Area and Management

Camping would be designated in the two areas outlined in blue dashed lines in the diagram to the right. Past experience indicates that these areas could accommodate about 25 RV units, depending in their size.

Each area would have a marked-out fire lane to ensure access if needed. Parking of units would be guided by an on-site camping lead volunteer on Friday and Saturday morning.

No tent camping would be permitted in these areas. A few tent sites are available across the road behind the KPI, and are allocated to volunteers who need them.





Village of Haines Junction
Report to Council

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RE: Pedal Junction – Bike Skills Park

Recommendation

That Council Review this report and provide staff with direction on the development of the proposed Bike Skills park in the community.

Background

On March 27, 2024, after reviewing the “The Pedal Junction – Bike Skills Park RTC” (Appendix A) Council passed the following Motion.

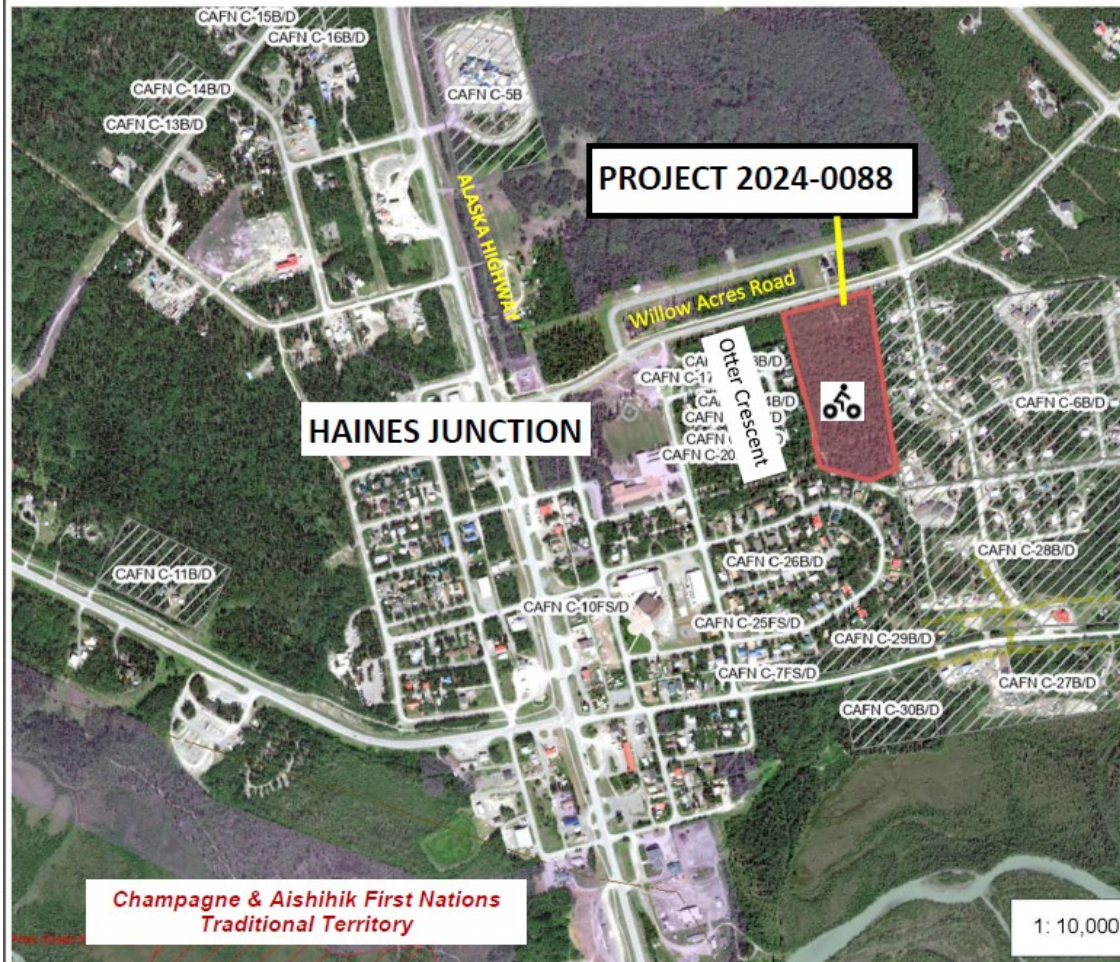
#79-24 Pedal Junction	THAT Administration continue discussions with Pedal Junction on lot options, specifically Location 5 in the Report and the Tomlin Hill location and that work be undertaken once selection has been made to establish the appropriate land disposition process and the lease agreement components come back to Council.
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Staff have worked with The Lands Branch to advance the lease of “Location #5” to the Village of Haines Junction.

Current Status

Pedal Junction has completed a YESSA review of the proposed project and the Lands Branch is prepared to move forward with a lease of “Location #5” to Haines Junction, for use by Pedal Junction as a Bike Skills Park. Completing the lease application requires a letter from the municipal authority indicating that the proposal is *“in compliance with existing planning and Zoning schemes.”* OR. *“A letter from the Municipality authority indicating the proposed use is not currently in compliance with the existing planning and zoning but will be considered through an established public zoning/planning amendment process.”*

Location #5 is currently Zoned R-1, and a bike skills park would not be allowed in this zoning. According to the requirements of the lease application, Council would need to provide a signed letter of intent to rezone the land.



Discussion/Analysis

The Bike Skills Park project is a community-led initiative with over 50 letters of support.

The area selected for the park is not currently under consideration for development by the municipality but was identified as a potential “in-fill” area in a prior OCP. With the ongoing development of Dhāl Ghāy/Mountain Ridge subdivision, there is no foreseeable short-term or medium-term intention to develop this land for residential or other use. Should there be a need to reallocate this land another use, the Bike Skills park could be removed at negligible expense.

Fiscal Impact

Pedal Junction is seeking funding this spring to construct the bike skills park. The potential cost to the Village is low and includes:

- lease application fee of \$25,
- ongoing lease fees estimated at \$150/year.
- If the project is funded, Council may also consider installation of a garbage bin at the site and ongoing garbage collection cost.

Alternatives considered

Council and Pedal Junction considered several other locations for the bike skills park in 2024. The current proposed location was preferable in several ways due to its central location, topography, distance to residences (noise), and other factors. Appendix A includes a summary of all the originally proposed locations.

Next Steps

If Council wishes to proceed with the project, at the proposed location, staff can be directed to prepare a letter indicating Councils intention to rezone the land if the funding application is successful. The Deputy Mayor could then sign the letter.

Draft Resolution

Council Directs staff to prepare a letter indicating Councils intention to rezone Location #5 if funding is found to develop the Bike Skills Park.

Prepared by

David Fairbank
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix "A" RTC – PEDAL JUNCTION BIKE SKILLS PARK – March 27, 2024



**Village of Haines Junction
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March 27, 2024

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RE: Pedal Junction Bike Skills Park

Recommendation

Council is recommended to identify a preferred location for the bike skills park, noting these parks are not permanent infrastructure and sites can be reclaimed if needed, and direct staff to liaise with YG (if required) and draft up a lease agreement per the terms and conditions recommended below.

Background

On February 28, 2024 the Pedal Junction delegation to Council indicated:

- Their desire to construct a bike skills park in Haines Junction, similar to developments in the Whitehorse area (Wolf Creek, Mary Lake, Copper Ridge, Mount Mac, and the Research Forest), Teslin and Dawson City.
- Bike skills parks are relatively low-impact, semi-permanent infrastructure developments that are easy to build, maintain and reclaim if needed.
- Furthermore, Pedal Junction indicated they would fundraise, set up, manage, and maintain the park.
- They requested a support from the Village to identify suitable land and to extend general insurance coverage for parks and playgrounds to this area.
- Council indicated that the park aligns with Council's strategic priorities and expressed support for the initiative.

Current Status

On March 15, 2024, the Village of Haines Junction sent a letter to express support for Pedal Junction's application for funds to create a Bike Skills Park that committed to finding a location for this park, and encouraged the funder to support this application as it is an investment in our community's recreation infrastructure that will contribute to the vibrancy and sustainability of our community. Pedal Junction has since issued an expression of interest for a contractor to help build the Bike Skills Park to help them determine how much funding may be required to build the park, as well as to develop a shortlist of potential contractors.

Location 2: Quill Crescent Corner Lot, Block 34, Lot 11, 120 Quill

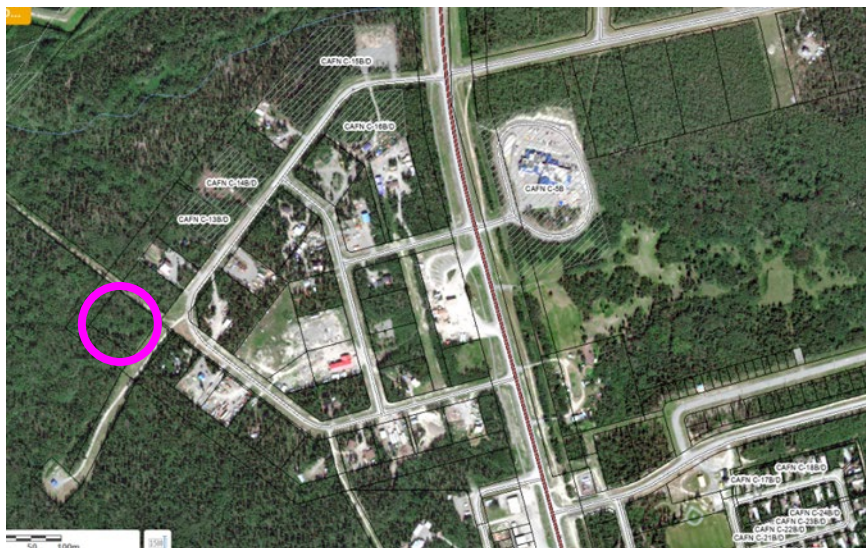
Tenure: Village of Haines Junction

Zoning: PD (Community Public Use); conceptual zoning map from 2021 OCP suggests revising to Industrial.

Lot size: 6836 square meters

Condition: Forested

Suitability: A bit of a distance from residential areas.



Location 3: West of School, Block 25 Lot 1

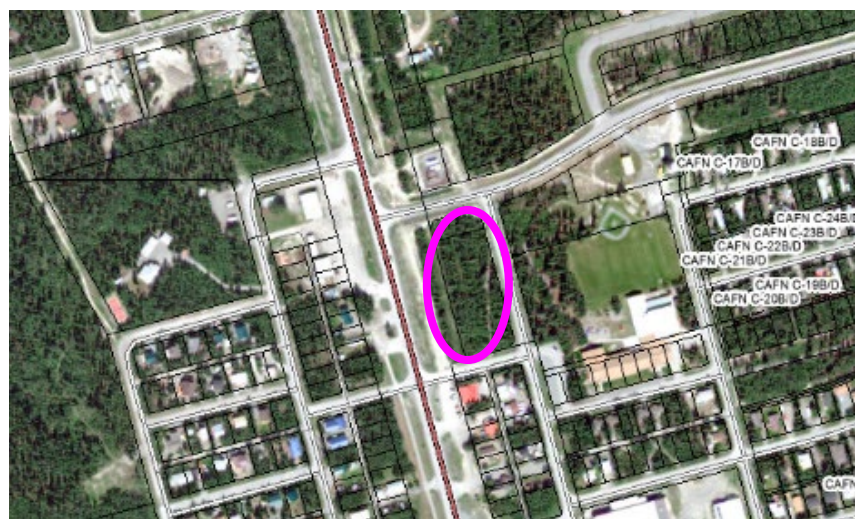
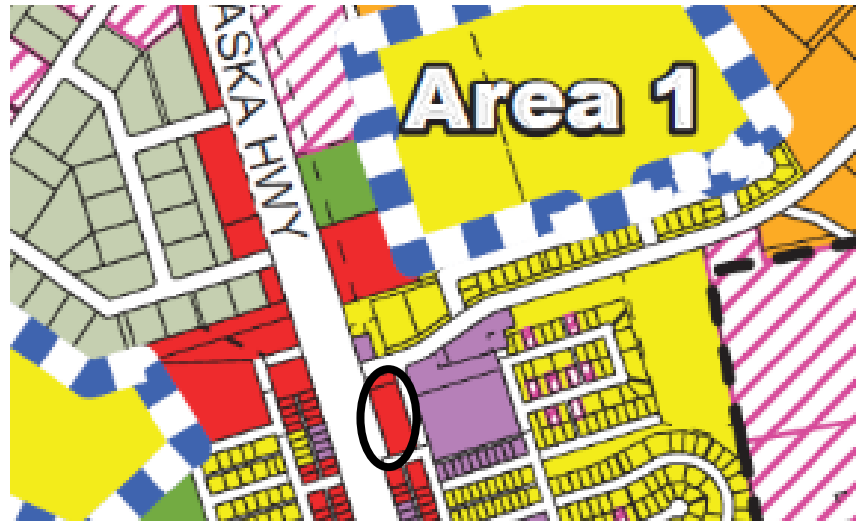
Tenure: Unclear, likely Commissioner's Land. Our files indicate YG granted VoHJ the lot to use for Anniversary Celebrations in 1992 and indicated that consideration would be given to transfer this land to the Village for long term use if required.

Zoning: Commercial.

Lot size: 6295 square meters.

Condition: Forested.

Suitability: Centrally located and proximity to the school is a benefit. Unsurveyed. Development of the downtown core has been prioritized in the OCP. Readying this land for commercial sale may be a higher priority, noting it may take years for this to happen. Could be option for siting of the skills park for the near to mid term.



Location 4: North of School, Block 43 Lot 17 or 18

Tenure: Commissioner's Land

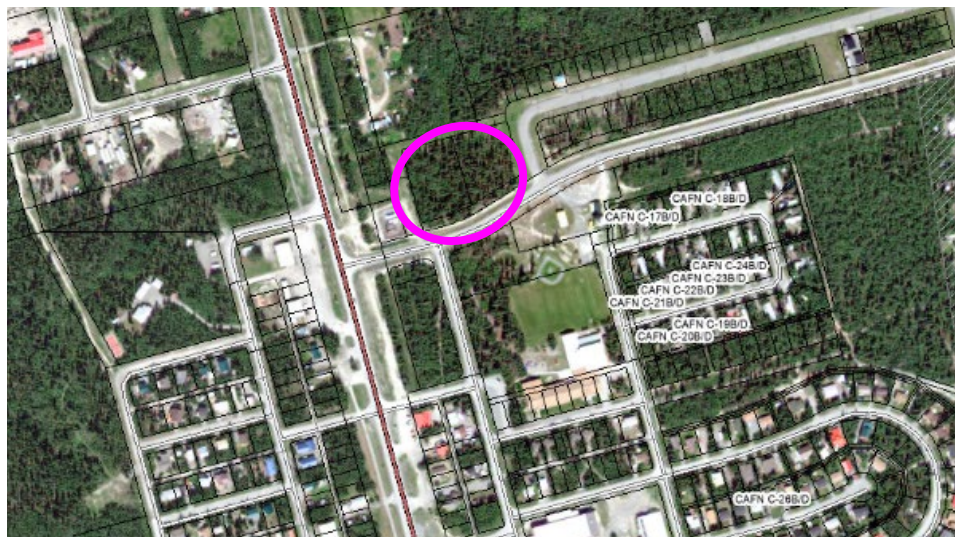
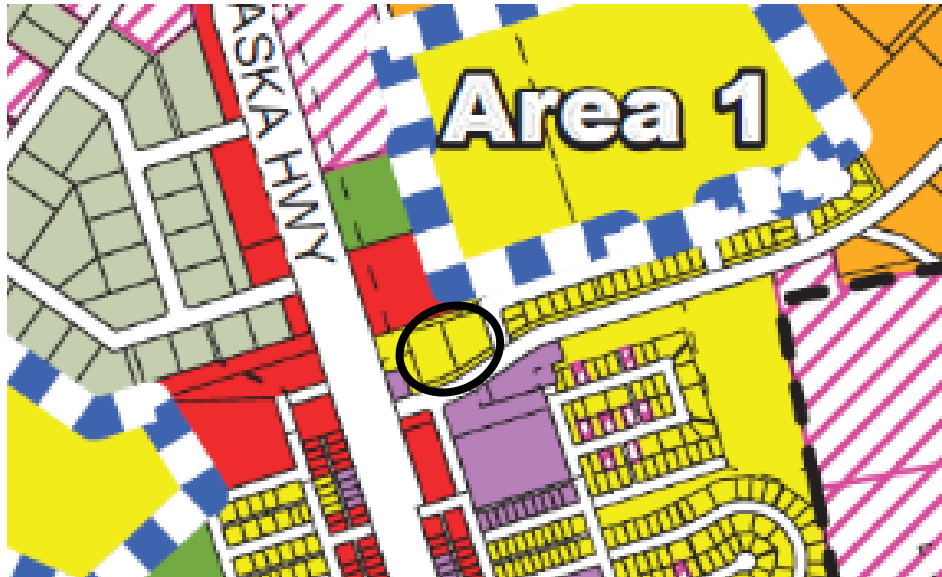
Zoning: Residential (R-2)

Lot size: 17 – 5092 square meters

18 – 4659 square meters

Condition: Forested

Suitability: Centrally located. Development of the multi-family lots has been prioritized in the OCP. Readying this land for residential development may be a higher priority, noting it may take years for this to happen. Could be option for siting of the skills park for the near to mid term.



Location 5: Open space behind Otter Crescent

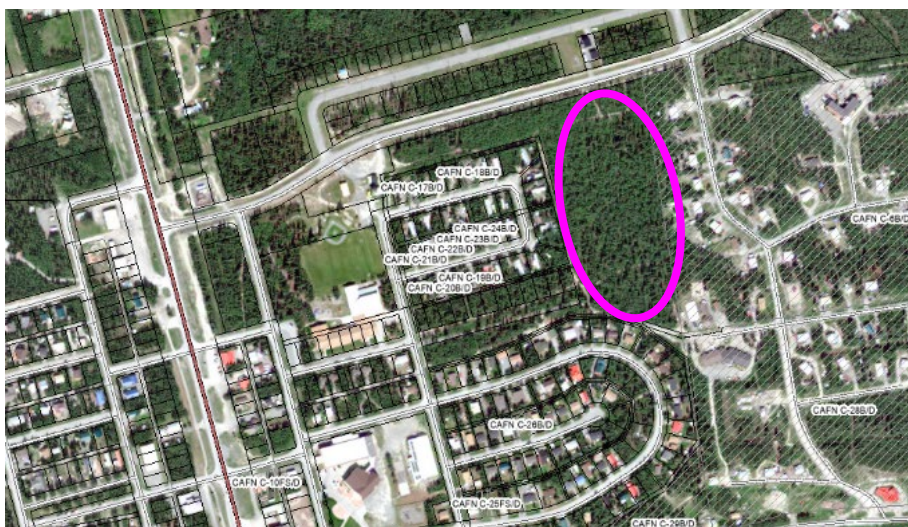
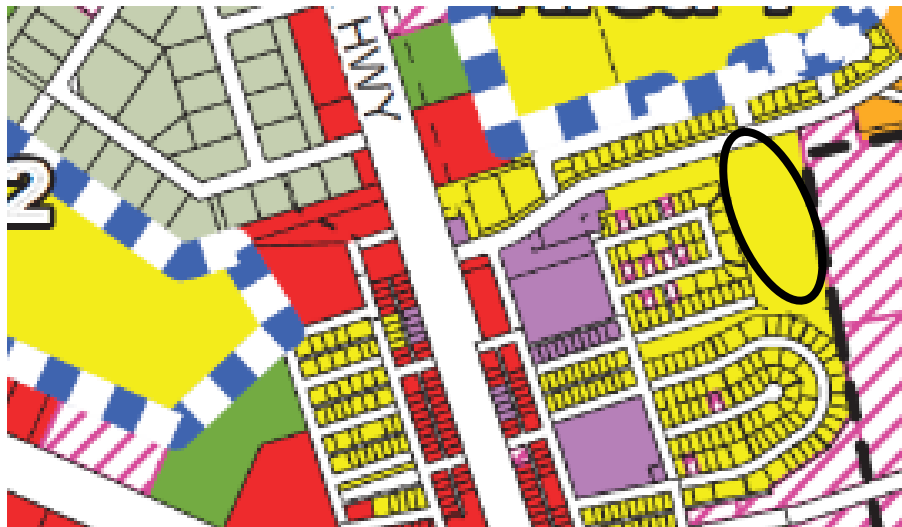
Tenure: Commissioners Land

Zoning: Residential

Lot size: Not surveyed. A bike skills park could easily be accommodated in this area

Condition: Forested

Suitability: Centrally located, unsurveyed. Readying this land for residential development may be a higher priority, noting it may take years for this to be developed for residential use. Could be option for siting of the skills park for the near to mid term.



Lease agreement

Staff recommend moving forward with an agreement that ensures there is clarity on the arrangement regarding access to the land. The following terms and conditions are recommended:

1. Term of the agreement: A 3-year term, with possibility of renewal.
2. Parties to the agreement: If the ultimate location of the skills park is on Commissioners' land, the Government of Yukon, in addition to Pedal Junction (sub-lessee) and the Village of Haines Junction (lessee), may need to be parties to the agreement.
3. Roles and responsibilities:
 - a. The Village – will incorporate the park under the Villages general liability insurance.
 - b. Landowner (either the Village or the Government of Yukon) – will agree to review whether the agreement will be renewed within 6 months of its expiry.
 - c. Pedal Junction – will be responsible for all costs associated with construction and maintenance of the site, as indicted in its delegation to Council, and will provide an annual report on the park's estimated usage.
4. Tree removal: Trees cannot be removed from the property without permission of the Village. Brush clearing and limbing per Fire Smart standards is permitted and encouraged.
5. Environmental assessment: Pedal Junction is responsible for meeting all regulatory and permitting requirements and must review the project with YESAB to determine whether the project requires an environmental assessment.
6. Cancellation: If Pedal Junction is unable to secure funding for construction of the bike skills park [within a specified time frame], the lease agreement will be cancelled.
7. Renewal: Renewal of the agreement will be subject to the success of the project (how well maintained the site is, how well it is being used, whether Pedal Junction is still an active society, etc.). Renewal may be subject to other land pressures that the elected officials at the time may decide are of a higher priority to the Community as a whole.
8. Reclamation: If, at Council's direction, the bike skills park needs to be dismantled at the end of the term (e.g. because of lack of use, lack of maintenance, safety issues, development pressures or other reasons), the Village of Haines Junction will work closely with Pedal Junction to dismantle the installation and seek and alternate location if desired.

Draft Resolution

THAT Administration discuss above options #x, #x, #x, with Pedal Junction as well as the terms and conditions of the lease agreement, as noted in this Report to Council, and report back to council on the outcomes of these discussions.

Prepared by

Aynslie Ogden
Corporate Manager

Municipal Accounts Payable to January 22, 2025

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>
Transfer	Payroll Account #4305418	\$ 30,124.07	Administration	Net Pay - Pay Period 2
		\$ 5,922.13	Administration	RRSP Contribution - Pay Period 2
		\$ 8,332.26	Administration	Group Insurance
		\$ 44,378.46		
280332	Big Bud Contracting	\$ 4,725.00	Recycling Centre	Recycle pick-up for the month of Nov 4 - Jan 3
280333	Government of Yukon	\$ 315.00	Public Works	Rodeo Grounds annual lease payment
280334	Castle Rock Enterprises	\$ 1,080,303.74	Landfill/Cap	Landfill Phase 1
Bill Pay	Atco Electric	\$ 1,605.77	Administration	Electricity: December 2024 billing
		\$ 24,272.87	Arena	Electricity: December 2024 billing
		\$ 1,605.77	Convention Centre	Electricity: December 2024 billing
		\$ 392.15	Community Hall	Electricity: December 2024 billing
		\$ 337.40	Fire Department	Electricity: December 2024 billing
		\$ 1,273.02	Landfill & Recycling	Electricity: December 2024 billing
		\$ 148.82	Pool	Electricity: December 2024 billing
		\$ 492.41	Public Works	Electricity: December 2024 billing
		\$ 3,728.15	Roads & Streets	Electricity: December 2024 billing
		\$ 8,451.09	Water & Sewer	Electricity: December 2024 billing
		\$ 42,307.45		
Bill Pay	Visa	\$ 1,878.06	Administration	Postage, cell, desk protectors, video card, chair
		\$ 79.76	Convention Centre	Alaskan ice melter
		\$ 2,279.33	Landfill	Pump kit, register, cables
		\$ 675.42	Legislative	Open house supplies
		\$ 3,085.12	Public Works	Fuel, oil, filters, training, cell
		\$ 7,327.12	Water & Sewer	Router, valves, training, phone, bonding agent
		\$ 15,324.81		
	535561 Yukon Inc.	\$ 2,850.00	Legislative	Open House 2024
	Acera Insurance	\$ 181,083.00	Administration	Annual Insurance

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Municipal Accounts Payable to January 22, 2025

Adventure Time		\$	317.62	Legislative	Tour of the municipality charter	
Arctic Star Printing		\$	225.86	Legislative	Mayor By-election ballots	
Catalyst Communications		\$	525.00	Convention Centre	Framed wall plaque for grand piano	
Ellen Stutz Petty - Cash	\$	1,431.60		Recycling Centre	Refundables paid out	
	\$	167.84		Fire Department	Diesel exhaust fluid, medical	
	\$	7.96	\$	1,607.40	Arena	Cleaning supplies
Haines Junction Volunteer Fire Department		\$	13,545.00	Fire Department	Fire attendance	
Grime Stoppers		\$	293.48	Convention Centre	Table cloth cleaning	
Harris & Company		\$	204.75	Administration	Legal fees	
Inland Kenworth		\$	5,177.78	Fire Department	Fire truck maintenance	
Integraphics Ltd.		\$	5,012.63	Landfill	Garbage Tags	
Jacob's Industries		\$	248.85	Water & Sewer	Co2	
Jerry Tracey		\$	1,843.75	Landfill	Furniture and supplies for Gatehouse	
Norman Herron		\$	100.00	Administration	Admin support	
Norton Rose Fulbright		\$	1,855.35	Administration	Legal fees	
Source Motors Ltd.	\$	4,185.01		Arena	Heating Fuel December2024	
	\$	2,189.26		Fire Department	Heating Fuel December2024	
	\$	2,574.60		Administration	Heating Fuel December2024	
	\$	2,574.60		Convention Centre	Heating Fuel December2024	
	\$	1,750.38		Recycling Centre	Heating Fuel December2024	
	\$	3,466.49		Public Works	Fuel December 2024	
	\$	1,570.93		Landfil & Recycling	Fuel December 2024	

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	\$ 185.62	\$ 18,496.89	Fire Department	Fuel December 2024
Superior Propane	\$ 313.95		Landfill/Cap	SWMF Propane tank install
	\$ 131.25		Landfill	Propane tank rental
	\$ 1,789.77	\$ 2,234.97	Public Works	Utilities heat
Top Spot / Kusina Gracia		\$ 830.55	Legislative	Council / Staff lunch
Xerox		\$ 879.82	Administration	Printing and photocopies
Yukon Service Supplies		\$ 414.75	Water & Sewer	Sodium Hypochlorite
Municipal Accounts Payable		\$ 1,425,101.91		

Adopted on _____

Mayor _____ CAO _____

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**Village of Haines Junction
Report to Council**

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RE: Draft Acting Appointments Policy

Recommendation

Administration recommend that Council adopt the draft Acting Appointments Policy.

Background

The Village of Haines Junction occasionally appoints employees to work in other positions due to vacations, illness, vacancies, or operational needs. The Fourth Collective agreement outlines how acting pay is calculated but does not specify.

Current Status

An Acting Appointments policy has been drafted to:

- Explain the different types of acting appointments
- Clarify when an employee is entitled to acting pay
- Confirm how acting pay is to be calculated
- Provide procedures for designating and notifying acting appointments
- Clarify how this policy relates to existing employment agreements

Discussion/Analysis

This policy provides information to clarify, and expand on, the requirements outlined in current employment agreements including providing procedures for how acting appointments are designated and how staff and Council are to be notified when someone is acting.

Draft Resolution

THAT Council adopts the Acting Appointments Policy #42-25.

Prepared by

Aynslie Ogden
Policy/Communications Manager

Approved by

Dave Fairbank
Chief Administrative Officer



VILLAGE OF HAINES JUNCTION

Acting Appointments

Policy #41-25

1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Explain the different types of acting appointments
- Clarify when an employee is entitled to acting pay
- Confirm how acting pay is to be calculated
- Provide procedures for designating and notifying acting appointments
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2 Policy Statement

The Village of Haines Junction occasionally appoints employees to work in other positions due to vacations, illness, vacancies, or operational needs. Acting appointments may also increase employee engagement and retention by creating opportunities for employee development and support talent management/leadership development. The Village wishes to ensure employees are fairly compensated when they are required to temporarily perform duties at a higher classification level. This policy provides information to clarify, and expand on, the requirements outlined in current employment agreements.

3 Definitions

3.1 Acting appointment

An acting appointment is when an employee temporarily assumes the responsibilities of another position within their department in the organization.

Appointments may:

- Be to a higher-level position requiring greater professional responsibility and competence for which acting pay is earned
- Be temporary lateral movements within the organization that do not earn acting pay.
- Be, temporarily, to a lower classification, where the employee will continue to be paid at their substantive rate of pay.

3.2 Acting pay

Per S.25.05 of the Fourth Collective Agreement, an employee is entitled to Acting Pay when an employee is required by the Employer to perform the substantial duties of a higher classification on an acting basis for at least 3 working days.

3.3 Qualifying period

The employee must perform the duties for a minimum of three consecutive days of work to be entitled to receive acting pay.

4 Implementation of Policy

4.1 Designation of acting appointment

Acting appointments must be made by the supervisor of the position in which someone will acting. For example:

- CAO acting appointments are designated by Council.
- Manager acting appointments are designated by the CAO.
- Union employee acting appointments are designated by the Manager of Public Works

4.2 Notification of acting appointment

Council and management staff must be notified, by email, of the start and end date for all acting appointments in advance of the commencement of the appointment.

4.3 Roles and responsibilities of employees while acting

When acting, the employee will need to assume roles and responsibilities of the position within which they are acting. Depending on operational requirements, the employee may also need to continue to carry out duties of their substantive position. It is the supervisor's responsibility to ensure that workloads are prioritized, balanced and achievable.

4.4 Managers acting in a bargaining unit

When a manager acts in a bargaining unit position, the manager's rights and entitlements flow from their substantive position.

4.5 Bargaining unit members acting in management

When a bargaining unit member acts in a management role, the employee's rights and entitlements flow from their substantive position.

4.6 Calculation of Acting Pay

Per S.25.05 of the Fourth Collective Agreement, acting pay shall be calculated as follows:

- The employee shall be paid acting pay calculated from the day on which the employee was instructed to commence to perform the higher duties.

- The employee will receive the minimum salary for the acting position where their present salary is less than the first step for that position, or one hundred and ten percent (110%) of their present salary, whichever is greater.
- When a day designated as a paid holiday occurs on a day when the employee would otherwise be performing duties on an acting basis, the holiday shall be considered at the Acting pay rate.

4.7 Return from acting position

Upon return to their substantive position, the employee will revert to the substantive annual salary received at the time of the commencement of the acting assignment. Their salary will be adjusted for any collective agreement-related increases received during the assignment, up to but not exceeding the maximum of the substantive range.

5 General Information

5.1 Inquiries

Questions about the policy can be directed to the CAO cao@hainesjunction.ca

6 Application

6.1 Relationship to other policies

This policy complements:

- Fourth Collective Agreement effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026 Section 25.05
- Bylaw #356-20 Conditions of Employment for Non-Union Staff

6.2 Order of policy

Where any part of this policy conflicts with a term in an employment agreement, the term in the employment agreement applies.

POLICY TITLE: Acting Appointments

POLICY #: 41-25

EFFECTIVE DATE:

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON:

RESOLUTION #:

Approved by:

Diane Strand – Deputy Mayor

David Fairbank – CAO



Village of Haines Junction
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RE: Draft Vacant Land Tax Policy

Recommendation

Council provide direction to staff to consult with the public on measures that can be taken to encourage the development or sale of vacant lots in the community.

Background

There are costs, both environmental (e.g. urban sprawl) and economic (e.g. sewer and water infrastructure, lost property tax revenues), to under-developed and vacant lots. Rather than opening new developments to meet the demand for lot sales; it may be cheaper to encourage the development or sale of under-developed and vacant lots. Prior Council requested a report on options to encourage the development or sale of under-developed lots. This report was presented to Council on August 28, 2024 <https://hainesjunction.ca/p/council-meetings>. One of the options identified was to raise the minimum property tax levy on vacant lots may incentivize their development or sale.

The Village of Haines Junction sets property tax rates by bylaw prior to April 15th each year. The minimum property tax levy in Haines Junction is \$400. As a comparison, Dawson has a minimum tax levy of \$1,600 on residential lots and \$1,155 on non-residential lots.

The tax rate for both residential and non-residential lots in Haines Junction is currently 1.15%. This is lower than other rural Yukon communities, which have residential tax rates that range between 1.23% and 1.63%, and 1.27% and 2.087% for non-residential lots. Watson Lake has a vacant commercial tax rate of 3.942%.

Current Status

At their January 8, 2025 meeting, Council passed the following motion:

Motion #12-25 **THAT** staff continue work on developing the vacant/undeveloped lot policy, and the vacant lot tax policy

A draft Vacant Land Tax Policy has been drafted that is based on the City of Dawson's Taxation of Vacant Residential Lands Policy¹ and is attached to this RTC. The primary difference between the two policies is that the draft Village of Haines Junction policy includes vacant commercial and industrial, as well as residential, lands.

¹ <https://www.cityofdawson.ca/Home/DownloadDocument?docId=2b26c272-d9be-4dce-9f7b-d413f2f0c98f>

Staff are working on drafting the vacant/undeveloped lot policy. This policy will address other measures that the Village could consider taking to encourage the development or sale of vacant lots.

Draft Resolution

THAT Council direct staff to consult with the public on measures that can be taken to encourage the development or sale of vacant lots in the community.

Prepared by

Aynslie Ogden
Policy/Communications Manager

Approved by

Dave Fairbank
Chief Administrative Officer



VILLAGE OF HAINES JUNCTION

Vacant Land Taxation Policy

Policy # 42-24

1.0 Purpose

This policy encourages the development of vacant land within the Village of Haines Junction through the use of a higher rate of taxation on lands that remain undeveloped beyond a prescribed period of time. This is intended to inform future amendment to the Consolidated Fees Bylaw and the Property Taxation Levy Bylaw.

2.0 Definitions

Assessor:	Means the Assessor or their delegate as determined by the Community Services branch of the Yukon Government.
Assessment Act:	Refers to the Yukon Government Assessment and Taxation Act.
Assessment Class:	Refers to a property’s classification for tax assessment purposes, as provided by section 55(3) of the Assessment and Taxation Act.
Taxation Rate:	As defined in the current Village of Haines Junction Property Taxation Bylaw.
Use:	<p>Permitted and accessory uses, by zone, are described in the described in the 2024 Village of Haines Junction Zoning Bylaw.</p> <p>The Chief Administrative Officer of the Village may deem a property with a nil improvement value to be used for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when the industrial use of a site for a equipment laydown area that does not require improvements that would register on the assessment roll • when the assessed value of a residence does not raise the total assessed value above the minimum tax levy
Vacant:	<p>The term “vacant” for the purposes of this policy shall refer to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any property not having any habitable construction or commercial/industrial use of the site, as indicated by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Assessor, having deemed the property to be undeveloped and assigning a nil improvement value in the annual Yukon Government Assessment Roll. ii. The Chief Administrative Officer of the Village, having deemed a property with either minimum improvements or use, to be vacant

Village of Haines Junction Vacant Land Taxation Policy

	b. Any legally surveyed property forming part of an amalgamated property in the Tax Assessment roll that does not contain a primary residence.
Vacant Lands Minimum Tax Levy:	The minimum tax levy that will be applied when the percent rate applied to the assessed value will result in an amount less than or equal to the minimum rate.
Vacant Lands Tax Rate:	This shall be the reference to the higher rate of taxation given to those properties which are deemed affected by this policy. This is the minimum tax levy that shall be applied to properties when the percent rate applied to the assessed value will result in an amount less than or equal to the minimum rate.
Year of Subdivision:	The year in which a property was subdivided and registered at Yukon Land Titles Office.
Zoning:	Refers to the zoning of a property, as defined and described in the 2024 Village of Haines Junction Zoning Bylaw including Schedule A – Zoning Map.

3.0 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 Council is responsible for:

- a) the annual approval of a Property Taxation Levy Bylaw on or before April 15 each year as required under section 246 of the Municipal Act and section 55(2) of the Assessment and Taxation Act
- b) the Property Taxation Levy Bylaw shall levy taxes on all taxable real property within its jurisdiction, per section 55(2) of the Assessment and Taxation Act
- c) the Property Taxation Levy Bylaw may vary taxes from year to year, establish different assessment classes of real property, and vary the tax rate according to the class of real property to be taxed, per section 55(3) of the Assessment and Taxation Act
- d) the annual approval of the “Vacant Lands Tax Rate” which will appear within the annual Property Taxation Levy Bylaw.
- e) the establishment and annual approval of applicable vacant land minimum
- f) hearing appeals as per Section 8.01 c).

3.2 The Assessor is responsible for:

- a) the annual determination of the assessed value of land and improvements for each property.
- b) the reassessment of properties for reclassification under the new assessment subclass envisioned within this policy.

3.3 Village of Haines Junction Administration is responsible for:

- a) determining which vacant residential properties will be subject to the “Vacant Lands Tax Rate” and to levy the Vacant Lands Tax Rate.
- b) calculating and applying adjustments as per section 4.4
- c) submitting appeals to Council.

4.0 Administration of the Policy

4.1 Vacant Land Taxation Standards – General

4.1.1 Lands which have physically existed, as defined by their “Year of Subdivision”, for less than five years, and have remained vacant during that time period, are subject to the regular municipal tax rate, and are unaffected by this policy.

4.1.2 Lands which have physically existed, as defined by their “Year of Subdivision”, for five years or longer, and have remained vacant during that time period are subject to the “Vacant Lands Tax Rate”.

4.2 Applicable Properties

4.2.1 Only those vacant properties which meet each of the following two (2) criteria will be subject to the “Vacant Lands Tax Rate”:

- a) Properties having one of the following land use classifications as per the Assessment Act:
 - R-1 Zone (Single Detached and Duplex Residential)
 - R-2 Zone (Multi-Unit Residential)
 - RC (Country Residential)
 - AR (Agricultural Residential)
 - AG (Agricultural General)

- CM (Commercial Mixed)
- TC (Tourist Commercial)
- M-1 (Light Service Industrial)

b) Properties described by at least one of the following circumstances:

- i. Properties which have remained vacant for a period of five (5) years or greater since their time of final subdivision.
- ii. Notwithstanding the above clause, the Year of Subdivision is deemed to have not changed when properties, previously determined to be vacant, are subdivided, consolidated, amended or legally altered in a manner that, at the discretion of the CAO, has not materially changed the vacant nature of the properties, nor the vacant status of the lot.
- iii. Properties which were formerly improved but have had the improvements demolished, or relocated off the site, and have remained vacant for a period of five (5) years or greater since their time of demolition. In cases where properties become vacant because of demolition or removal, the start date for counting years of vacant status will commence on December 31st of the year of demolition or removal.

4.2.2 Properties which the Development Officer has deemed to be undevelopable are exempt from the Vacant Lands Tax Rate.

4.3 Determining Vacant Status

4.3.1 For the purposes of this policy, the following criteria will be followed:

- a) To determine the Assessment Class for the application of this policy, Village Administration will use:
 - i. Yukon Government annual Preliminary Tax Assessment Roll
 - ii. Legal Survey as provided by Yukon Government GeoYukon map services.
- b) Property Owners shall receive a Notice of Vacant Land Status mailed on or before December 31st prior to the year of taxation to the address as per the Taxation and Assessment Roll.
- c) In any instance where a property owner disputes their vacant status (their assessment class) the remedy will be for the property owner to contact the CAO

in writing on or before February 28th of the assessment year, and the recourse available to the property owner is through appeal to Council. The property owner must provide documentation on why the property does not qualify under as verification by a third-party professional, photographs and/or third-party information.

4.4 Reversion to Regular Tax Rate

4.4.1 A property which is taxed at the “Vacant Lands Tax Rate” will revert back to the regular municipal tax rate when the land is no longer considered to be vacant. The tax rate reversion will be enacted during the current tax year, by way of an assessment correction, upon receipt of the occupancy permit.

4.4.2 A property which is taxed at the “Vacant Lands Tax Rate” will not revert back to the regular municipal tax rate under the following scenarios:

- a) The property owner has been issued a development permit. Receipt of a development permit does not affect the vacant status provisions referred to in section 4.3 of this policy.
- b) The property is sold and title is transferred to a new owner. Change in ownership does not affect the vacant status provisions referred to in section 4.3 of this policy.

4.5 Vacant Property Tax Rates

4.5.1 An annual review of the Vacant Property Tax rate will be conducted before February 27th of each year and a rate will be established for inclusion in that year’s Property Taxation Levy Bylaw.

4.5.2 Council may elect to apply different rates to different Zones.



Village of Haines Junction
Report to Council

January 22, 2025

Council Decision
 Council Direction
 Council Information
 Closed Meeting

RE: Tipping Fees Public Meeting Preliminary Review

Recommendation

That Council direct staff to further explore the options outlined and initiate tasks or prepare Reports to Council on selected topics.

Background

On September 24, 2024, the Waste Management Cost Recovery and Sorting Bylaw, along with the Municipal Tipping Fees Bylaw, was passed. The primary goals of these bylaws are to establish a cost-recovery model for the facility, thereby minimizing the financial impact on taxpayers. These bylaws align with the requirements of regionalization, enabling funding from YG, and incorporate sorting requirements to extend the landfill's lifespan through waste diversion while following best waste management practices to mitigate environmental risks.

On January 13, a Tipping Fees Public Meeting was held, attended by over 90 community members. Below is a summary of the top suggestions received during the meeting. Many of these potential actions have already been discussed by this or prior Councils. Staff will provide an overview of considerations previously discussed by Council for these matters.

Rank	Suggestion	Votes
1	Free Day (bi-annual or quarterly)	34
2	Composting	24
3	Tourist garbage (sources, volume, cost allocation)	22
4	Consultation before action; committee for waste disposal	22
5	Refundables to fund freestore staffing, education, and materials	15
6	Annual fee for all users	12
7	Improved communication on recycling processes	11
8	Relocation and accessibility improvements for the freestore	9
9	Contracts with YTG departments	7
10	Designated hours/staffing for the freestore	5
11	Salvage credit system for item removal	5
12–28	Topics with fewer than three votes, to be discussed in future Council meetings.	< 3

Discussion and Analysis

1. Free Days

While free dumping days may seem appealing, they could undermine the bylaws' goals of encouraging recycling and waste diversion. Without monetary incentives, residents may delay waste disposal, leading to unsightly yards and potential odor issues. Additionally, these events would strain the Village's limited staffing capacity, as only three landfill staff are currently available.

2. Composting

Composting is a top community concern. While plans exist to introduce a composting unit similar to those in Carmacks and Mt. Lorne, timelines and costs remain uncertain. Interim solutions, such as covered bins for collection, can be explored.

3. Tourist Garbage

Limited data exists on tourist-generated waste. Tracking landfill inputs may help estimate impacts, though distinguishing between local and tourist waste will remain challenging. Staff can explore options to mitigate tourism-related waste impacts and provide recommendations.

4. Consultation and Committee

Council may consider forming a committee to provide recommendations on tipping fees, recycling, and the freestore, either now or after gathering initial data.

5. Refundables to Fund the Freestore

Staff can prepare a report on options for funding a part-time freestore position or supporting a community group to manage operations. Restricted hours of operation may also be considered to reduce costs

6. Annual Fee for All Users

Implementing a flat annual fee disincentivizes waste reduction and disproportionately affects small households and lower-income residents. Staff recommend retaining the user-pay model.

7. Improved Communication on Recycling

Changes in recycling policies have caused uncertainty. Improved communication about what is recyclable and why certain items are still collected but landfilled can help clarify expectations and build community understanding.

8. Freestore Relocation and Accessibility

The current freestore location is suboptimal. A new building housing the refund and recycling centers is estimated to cost over \$3 million. Staff can explore options for a standalone facility.

9. Contracts with YTG Departments

Currently, commercial and institutional users can opt for monthly billing, but no

contracts exist for large users, including YTG departments. Staff can examine potential agreements.

10. Designated Freestore Hours

Restricting freestore hours could reduce staffing costs and increase operational efficiency.

11. Salvage Credit System

While intriguing, this suggestion is complex to implement and requires further study.

Community Meeting with Elders

Staff can organize a meeting at the Seniors' Center to gather feedback from community elders if directed.

Fiscal Impact

Detailed fiscal impacts will be outlined in future Reports to Council as considerations are explored further.

Alternatives Considered

One public suggestion was to suspend tipping fees until further consultation. However, this does not account for the extensive work already conducted by Council or the constraints imposed by the regionalization agreement. Reverting from the current tipping fee model would have significant financial implications for taxpayers.

Next Steps

Staff request that Council review the recommendations from the Public Meeting and provide initial direction to prioritize exploration of these ideas. Detailed Reports to Council will be prepared for prioritized topics.

Draft Resolution

Council moves that staff prepare reports on the following topics over the next two Council meetings. The prioritized areas include (insert four topics here, e.g., #1 Recycling, #2 ...), as discussed.

Prepared by

David Fairbank
Chief Administrative Officer

Landfill Tipping Fees - Comparison Simplified

Category	Description	Fee Schedule							
		Haines Junction	Marsh Lake, Mount Lorne, Tagish, Carcross and Deep Creek	Whitehorse	Carmacks	Testin	Dawson	Watson Lake	Mayo
Effective Date			June 9, 2020	April 1, 2024	Q4 - 2023	16-Sep-24	2024	16-Apr-24	
Compostable (Organic) Waste – sorted before taken to waste disposal site	Organic material (e.g. food scraps, lawn and yard waste) in compostable bags (maximum 90 L), up to 3 bags per load	Subsidised FoodCycler program Free Composting Facility Planned in 2025	\$3/load	\$3.50 up to 3 bags				Small load up to 70kgs free	\$10/m3
Brush and clean wood – sorted before taken to waste disposal site	Untreated wood; uncontaminated brush; trees	FREE	\$5/m3	\$27/pickup load \$70/tonne	FREE				\$10/m3
Grubbing	Grubbing material including roots, stumps, embedded logs and branches & bushes greater than 1.5cm in diameter	\$25/m ³		\$79/tonne					\$10/m3
Animal carcasses	Small animal (e.g. cat, dog, other small pet)	FREE	\$7/animal	\$8/animal	\$15 each	\$10 each		\$8.40	\$10
	Large animal or part of animal (e.g. pig, deer, moose, bear, horse)	FREE	\$25/animal	\$29/animal	\$15 each	\$10 each		\$17.85	\$20
Bulky item	Large item (e.g. wooden furniture, couch, recliner)	\$20/each	\$10/item	\$13/item	\$10 per item	\$20/each		\$11.55 per item	\$10/m3
	Large item (e.g. mattress, box spring)	\$20/each	\$10/item	\$20/item	\$25 per item	\$20/each		17.85/per	\$10/m3
Construction or demolition material – sorted before taken to waste disposal site	Construction/demolition, grubbing/stripping, drywall and wood waste - larger load than volume set out in item 10	\$25/m ³	\$31/m3	see below	\$150 anything larger than a trailer load (less than 25m3)			Large load sorted over 70kgs \$84/tonne	\$10/m3
Residual (household) waste – sorted before taken to waste disposal site	Household waste - regular sized garbage bag maximum 90L	\$2/bag 90L or \$1/bag 45L	\$1/bag	\$6 up to 5 bags	\$2/bag (within limit) \$8 for 5 bags \$14 for 10 bags \$40/truck load	\$1 per 2 bags up to 20 bags Anything over 10 bags \$25 each		Small load up to 70kgs \$5.25	\$10/m3
	Household waste, large pickup load, either loose or in bags	! \$60/m3 ! - Propose \$40/level load	\$20/load	\$24/load				Large load over 70kgs \$84/tonne	\$10/m3
	Mixed waste, unsorted, from outside city boundaries	50% surcharge		\$468/tonne				Large load over 20 kgs \$294/tonne	\$10/m3
Metal waste sorted before taken to waste disposal site	White goods with refrigerant (e.g. refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner)	\$50 each with refrigerant	\$40/item	\$50/item	\$50 each with refrigerant	\$50 each with refrigerant	\$50 each with refrigerant	\$52.50/per	\$40 each
	Any other white goods (e.g. dishwasher, stove, washer, dryer)	\$20 each	\$15/item	\$20/item	\$25 each without refrigerant	\$20 each without refrigerant	\$17 each without refrigerant	\$17.00/per	\$20 each
	Scrap metal (e.g. clean tank or drum, scrap iron, bicycle, metal furniture) - pickup load	\$30/m ³	\$15/m3	\$143/tonne	\$150/full pick-up load	\$40/tonne	\$150/full pick-up load	Large load over 70kgs \$115.50/tonne	\$10/m3
	End of Life Vehicle	\$900/Item - temp rate	\$300/item	not accepted		\$750	\$250		\$125 each
Tires	Tires (if separated from rim) with inner diameter of 24.5" or less	FREE	not specified	not accepted	FREE	\$20/each			24.5" or less free
	Tires (if not separated from rim) with inner diameter less than 24.5".	\$50/each	\$5/item	not accepted	\$25/item				not accepted
	Tires (not on rim) with inner diameter greater than 24.5".	Not accepted	\$250/item	\$290/each	not accepted				not accepted
Asbestos	Asbestos load fee - in addition to materials containing asbestos charge			\$184/load					
	Materials containing asbestos Materials containing asbestos from outside City boundaries	\$90/m ³		\$240/tonne \$420/tonne					
Concrete	Concrete - sorted large load, to be weighed (concrete, bricks, masonry)	\$200/m ³		\$143/tonne					\$10/m3
Construction and demolition waste	Pickup load - cupboards, countertops, carpet, fixtures, gypsum, siding, insulation, treated, painted, glued or stained wood and other construction materials	\$15/m ³		\$31/load	\$15/truck load (up to 3.4m3) \$60/trailer load (up to 9m3)			Small load unsorted construction and demolition waste up to 20kgs \$5.25	\$10/m3
	To be weighed - cupboards, countertops, carpet, fixtures, gypsum, siding, insulation, treated, painted, glued or stained wood and other construction materials	\$15/m ³		\$143/tonne	\$150 anything larger than a trailer load			Large load unsorted construction and demolition waste over 20kgs \$294/tonne	\$10/m3
Clean fill	Soild with analytical test results showing acceptable contamination levels	FREE		FREE					\$10/m3
Other	Uncovered load	10% surcharge		\$250/each					
	Automotive batteries Oil Tanks (up to 250 gallon)	FREE \$125/each							\$6 each \$125 each
Electronics/e-waste		FREE			FREE		\$5 per piece		

From: Sally Hogan <sallyho11@yahoo.com>

Sent: January 13, 2025 10:30 AM

To: Haines Junction Administration <admin@hainesjunction.ca>

Cc: John Marthin Backe <johnbacke@hotmail.com>; Rosemary Jonette Gute-Gruening <rosegutegruening@gmail.com>; Julia Kathleen Teskey <juliateskey@gmail.com>

Subject: Haines Junction Cemetery

A few years ago I put in a request to have the cemetery updated and regularly maintained. At that time I thought that the large rock that is there already that could be acid washed and engraved plaques drilled into the rock. As far as I know this has not moved forward.

Haines Junction is a very young town, established in the early 1940's when the Alaska Highway was completed. And as the years go by, people are passing away. Many have lived here their whole lives and it would be a shame not to have them acknowledged after their demise. I am turning 80 in 2025, so I'm getting closer to my expiry date as well. Many are choosing cremation instead of a burial. We could establish a fenced 'scattering garden' of wild flowers for ashes.

If you could get a committee together, and fine tune this project. Get a budget as to how much this would cost. It doesn't necessarily have to be a rock. It could be a framed sign with names. I am including a few pictures that we could possibly incorporate into the Haines Junction Cemetery. They are of a pet memorial, in the park I live at in the winter. The cost would be minimal. I would like to be a participant in the discussions. As well, I would be willing to make a contribution towards this project.



January 16, 2025

To the Mayor and Council,

I am submitting this letter for council support for Mio Kucerova to apply for the Yukon nominee program: Yukon Community Program.

Mio is from the Czech Republic and has been working as head chef at Mount Logan Lodge since August, 2024. She has been an invaluable part of the operations at the Lodge. Securing a head chef with her abilities and experience is a very difficult task to do. We are incredibly fortunate to have her skills in the community. Her international background, with a mother from Japan, leaves her with a flavor pallet and approach to the art of cooking that is unrivaled. She also is passionate about incorporating local aspects of the culinary experience as much as possible.

She has certainly supported Mount Logan Lodge to be a top destination that serves the highest standard of food. With her support we are able to welcome more guests and cater to the tourism market in a manner that will leave a lasting impression.

Enticing her caliber of skill into our community is an important marker of the quality of Haines Junction as a place to live and visit.

Thank you in advance for signing this letter in support of Mio's application for the nominee program so that she may continue to support the standards we want to share.

Sincerely,

Signed Haines Junction Council

Roxy Mason

Signature_____

Owner

Name_____

Mount Logan Lodge

Date_____

The Yukon Community Program is part of the [Yukon Nominee Program](#).

What is the Yukon Community Program ?

This program gives flexibility to employers in Yukon communities. Employers can offer a foreign worker a combination of jobs that add up to 1 full-time position. Full-time means 1,560 hours of work a year. You can create a full-time position by:

- combining up to 3 positions within your business; or
- partnering with up to 2 other employers.

Community support letter

This program is for filling critical labour market shortages in Yukon communities.

Employers must provide a community support letter showing how the job is filling a critical labour market need. Employers from communities outside Whitehorse must have a letter from:

- the mayor;
- city council;
- local chamber of commerce; or
- Yukon Chamber of Commerce.

Employers in Whitehorse must have a letter from the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce.

Eligible communities

The Yukon Community Program is for businesses in:

- Carcross;
- Carmacks;
- Dawson City;
- Haines Junction; and
- Watson Lake.

We'll consider applications from Whitehorse employers if they cannot provide full-time hours.

Dakwàkàda Nda Dän Kù Haines Junction Health Centre

News January 2025

Time for a change in 2025

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 improve your health. For it to stick, you must want to do it!

To quit smoking, 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 ACHIEVEABLE (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

Hours of operation

Monday to Friday: 8:30 am to 5 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: 9 am to 11:30 am
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 pm to 4:30 pm

Lab hours

Tuesday: 1 pm to 4:30 pm
Wednesday: 9 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.



Improving access to food

Local Food Infrastructure Fund

A new intake of the **Local Food Infrastructure Fund – Large Scale Projects**

IS COMING SOON

The **Local Food Infrastructure Fund (LFIF)** supports community-led production-focused projects that **improve community food security and resilience** through the purchase and installation of infrastructure that increase the availability and accessibility of local, nutritious and culturally-appropriate food for equity-deserving groups, particularly Indigenous and Black communities.

Through Budget 2024, LFIF received **\$42.7 million** to help increase food security in communities across Canada.

The application intake for the **Large Scale Projects** component provides **non-repayable contributions** to help prevent hunger through investments in infrastructure needs.



Applications will be accepted from **January 13, 2025, to February 28, 2025,** depending on funding availability

Eligible applicants must foster equity, diversity and inclusion, be capable of entering into a legally-binding agreement and are:

- **not-for-profit organizations** that have been in operation for at least 2 years as a legal entity;
- **Indigenous** (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit); or
- **Municipal** Administrations.

Eligible projects must be:

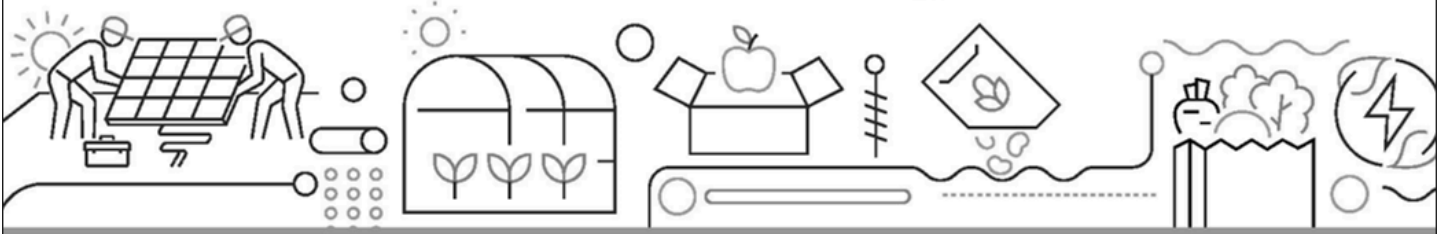
- **production-focused projects** with multiple infrastructure and equipment needs and partnerships (minimum 2) that address local food security in a comprehensive manner;
- funding requests between **\$150,000 and \$500,000**; and,
- completed by **March 31, 2027**.

depending on funding availability.

NEW APPLICATION PROCESS

don't forget to **create your GCKey** to apply!

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From: Troy Abromaitis <tabromaitis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 8:14 PM
To: Aynslie Ogden <corporate@hainesjunction.ca>
Subject: Proposal for Indigenous Survivors Day

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to propose the establishment of **Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, 2025**, as a day to reflect Haines Junction's commitment to inclusivity, empathy, and healing. This observance, adopted by cities such as Surrey and Prince George, honors Indigenous resilience and heritage by acknowledging the lasting impacts of colonial policies, including the Sixties Scoop, Millennium Scoop, birth alerts, and other practices that disrupted Indigenous families and communities.

Indigenous Survivors Day provides Haines Junction with an opportunity to honor the courage and strength of Indigenous survivors who have endured historical traumas and ongoing challenges. By designating June 30 as **Indigenous Survivors Day**, Haines Junction can take an important step in raising awareness, promoting healing, and fostering education and dialogue that deepens understanding and appreciation of Indigenous resilience and cultural heritage.

Adopting **Indigenous Survivors Day** would demonstrate Haines Junction's dedication to reconciliation and inclusivity. This proclamation would signify the community's solidarity with Indigenous peoples and its commitment to justice, equality, and respect.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your positive response and the opportunity to collaborate on this meaningful initiative.

Sincerely,

Troy Abromaitis

All Nations Outreach

Proclamation Statement:

Whereas the Village of Haines Junction recognizes the injustices endured by Indigenous peoples through colonial policies, including the Sixties Scoop, Millennium Scoop, birth alerts, and practices that disrupted families and communities;

Whereas Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30 provides an opportunity to honor the resilience, strength, and heritage of Indigenous communities who have endured family separation and systemic discrimination;

Whereas this day creates a platform for healing, education, and dialogue, raising awareness of Indigenous challenges and resilience;

Therefore be it resolved that, by establishing Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, the Village of Haines Junction affirms its commitment to honoring Indigenous survivors, promoting healing, and fostering an inclusive community.



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

- WHEREAS** *the province of Nova Scotia recognizes the historical injustices endured by Indigenous peoples due to colonization, forced assimilation, and systemic injustices.*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- WHEREAS;** *by implementing Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, the province of Nova Scotia demonstrates its commitment to honoring Indigenous survivors, promoting healing, and building a more equitable and inclusive province.*

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