



**Village of Haines Junction**  
**May 8, 2024**  
**Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

*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 Regular Council Meeting Minutes April 24, 2024
- 6. Proclamations**
- 7. Delegations**
- 8. Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions**
- 9. Old Business**
- 10. New Business**
  - a. Accounts Payable to May 8, 2024
  - b. RTC – Board of Variance, 101 Hume Street
  - c. RTC – Fire Smart Incentive Program
  - d. RTC – Haines Junction Lottery Funding Grants
- 11. Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption**
- 12. Correspondence**
  - a. Letter from St. Elias School – Grad Invitation
  - b. Letter from St. Elias School – Free use request (letter to come)
- 13. Council Reports**
- 14. Questions from the Public**
- 15. Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**
- 16. Adjournment**

**The next Regular Council Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on May 22, 2024 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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**Municipal Accounts Payable to May 8 , 2024**

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>
Transfer	Payroll Account #4305418	\$ 29,326.57	Administration	Net Pay - Pay Period 9
		\$ 5,395.14	Administration	RRSP Contribution - Pay Period 9
		\$ 577.99	Administration	Union Dues April 2024
		\$ 35,299.70		
EFT	BARR Plastics Inc.	\$ 38,384.64	Public Works	Water tanker hook lift
27959	Peter Allen	\$ 864.02	Public Works	Accommodation, rental car
27960	ATCO Electric	\$ 565.96	Administration	Electricity: Apr. 2024 billing
		\$ 11,624.63	Arena	Electricity: Apr. 2024 billing
		\$ 565.96	Convention Centre	Electricity: Apr. 2024 billing
		\$ 169.64	Community Hall	Electricity: Apr. 2024 billing
		\$ 339.75	Fire Department	Electricity: Apr. 2024 billing
		\$ 516.95	Landfill & Recycling	Electricity: Apr. 2024 billing
		\$ 64.91	Pool	Electricity: Apr. 2024 billing
		\$ 396.95	Public Works	Electricity: Apr. 2024 billing
		\$ 3,353.78	Roads & Streets	Electricity: Apr. 2024 billing
		\$ 8,154.71	Water & Sewer	Electricity: Apr. 2024 billing
		\$ 25,753.24		
27961	535561 Yukon Inc.(Little Green Apple)	\$ 396.75	Legislative	CAFN joint meeting emergency management
27962	535902 Yukon Inc.( Backyard Services)	\$ 1,963.50	Roads & Streets	Grading ice of road
		\$ 357.00	Landfill & Recycling	Grading road
		\$ 2,320.50		
27963	Ackland's- Grainger Inc.	\$ 618.22	Convention Centre	Yard hydrant
27964	Association of Yukon Communities	\$ 800.00	Legislative	Conference Registration AGM
27965	Big Bud Contracting	\$ 2,625.00	Recycling Centre	Recycle pick-up Month of April 2024
27966	Chris Cybulskie	\$ 100.00	Capital Project	Honoraria Trail Signage Committee
27967	Collin Kallio	\$ 100.00	Capital Project	Honoraria Trail Signage Committee

**Municipal Accounts Payable to May 8 , 2024**

27968	Dave Weir		\$ 100.00	Capital Project	Honoraria Trail Signage Committee
27969	Devin Wittig		\$ 100.00	Capital Project	Honoraria Trail Signage Committee
27970	Ellen Stutz - Petty Cash	\$ 1,833.80		Recycling Centre	Refundables paid out
		\$ 150.00		Public Works	Drivers Medical
		\$ 62.37	\$ 2,046.17	Administration	Postage mass mailer
27971	Finning Canada	\$ 2,657.36		Landfill	Cylinder, dowel pin
		\$ 344.17	\$ 3,001.53	Public Works	Hydraulic Oil
27972	Jacob's Industries Ltd.		\$ 373.28	Water & Sewer	Co2
27973	Lianna Grice		\$ 100.00	Capital Project	Honoraria Trail Signage Committee
27974	Northwestel	\$ 243.60		Administration	April 27, 2024 billing
		\$ 73.26		Public Works	April 27, 2024 billing
		\$ 683.29		Water and Sewer	April 27, 2024 billing
		\$ 684.94		Protective Services	April 27, 2024 billing
		\$ 36.64		Convention Centre	April 27, 2024 billing
		\$ 36.64		Arena	April 27, 2024 billing
		\$ 60.45	\$ 1,818.82	Recycle Centre	April 27, 2024 billing
27975	Olaf Contracting		\$ 939.75	Convention Centre	Sweep Parking Lot
27976	Owen MacKinnon		\$ 100.00	Capital Project	Honoraria Trail Signage Committee
27977	Tangerine Technology	\$ 576.45		Administration	Network support
		\$ 105.00	\$ 681.45	Water & Sewer	Annual domain hosting
27978	Twiss and Shine	\$ 585.00		Administration	Custodial Services Apr. and May 2024
		\$ 1,690.00		Convention Centre	Custodial Services Apr. and May 2024
		\$ 292.50		Fire Department	Custodial Services Apr. and May 2024
		\$ 828.75		Mezzanine	Custodial Services Apr. and May 2024
		\$ 169.81	\$ 3,566.06	GST	Custodial Services Apr. and May 2024





**Village of Haines Junction  
Report to Council**

**May 8, 2024**

**Council Decision**  
 **Council Direction**  
 **Council Information**  
 **Closed Meeting**

**RE: Board of Variance Public Hearing – 101 Hume Street**

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### **Recommendation**

The Board of Variance recommended Council approve this lot for sale, with the following conditions:

- The lot be sold with a development agreement requiring a home to be built within a specified time frame.
- That no encroachments into the side setback with the neighbouring property will be permitted be written into the development agreement.
- That the lot be serviced prior to sale.

### **Background**

According to Section 307(1) of the Municipal Act, a person may apply to the Board of Variance for a variance or exemption from an OCP or zoning bylaw if there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in meeting the requirements of the OCP or zoning bylaw because of the exceptional narrowness, shortness, shape, topographic features, or any other unusual condition of the property.

According to Section 307(2) of the Municipal Act, the Board of Variance shall not approve an application for a variance if:

- a) The unusual condition is the result of the applicant or the property owner's action;
- b) The adjustment requested would constitute a special privilege inconsistent with the restrictions on the neighbouring properties in the same district;
- c) The variance or exemption would be contrary to the purposes and intent of the OCP or zoning bylaw and would injuriously affect the neighbouring properties; or
- d) The variance or exemption would allow a change to a use that is not like a permissible use in the area.

### **Current Status**

The Government of Yukon requested the Village apply, on its behalf, to the Board of Variance for 101 Hume Street. This property is 412 m<sup>2</sup> in size and is zoned Single Family Residential. Per the zoning bylaw, the minimum lot area in this zone is 450m<sup>2</sup>. Due to the shortage of lots on the market, Yukon government has asked for a variance to approve this lot for sale. This lot is bordered by two roads and an alley.

The Board of Variance held a Public Hearing on March 26, 2024. No one from the public attended the hearing, but three written submissions were received from adjacent property owners. Their comments are summarized below:

Respondent 1 (owner of adjacent property)

- I own the adjacent Hume Street lot and directly affected by the proposed variance. If approved the variance is an 8.5% reduction of the required minimum lot size. Normally a lot size variance rarely exceeds 5%... if approved you have just set a precedent for 8.5% variances elsewhere. Is that wise?
- A key consideration in deciding on whether to approve a variance or not is whether the need is “self-imposed or not” and the variance is a reasonable and fair solution. This request does not meet that test because the Government of Yukon is the proponent and was the original subdivision approving authority. Both Yukon and the Village of Haines Junction have been aware of the problem for over 20 years and ignored the problem.
- I expressed interest in buying the lot when I purchased mine more than 20 years ago but was told I could not build on it separately because of the minimum lot size requirement. I would also have to apply for lot consolidation. The variance option was not an option. When I approached the Village administration a few years later I was told the same thing including that minimum lot size might be revisited in the upcoming OCP/ZB review. No change was made.
- If the Board of Variance approves the request, I would like the potential impact on my lot mitigated by not reducing the side yard setback, along the eastern lot boundary between the 2 properties.
- The community needs affordable housing. The only infrastructure improvement needed is a sewer/water line connection into the lot. That is a nominal cost and should be factored in any repricing decision. I realize serviced lot values and servicing costs have risen substantially. The lot was originally priced around \$4,000. There is an opportunity here to apply the hidden equity toward demonstrating how affordable housing can be created on a smaller lot. Residents have already asked to have first access to any new residential lots created in a rural Yukon community.

Respondent 2 (neighbour across the lane)

- I do not think that this variance proposal should be approved. I think that this forested lot would help provide a barrier from the back end of the Alcan Motor Inn, both physically and visually and from the traffic on Dalton. I also think that this forested lot would help prevent more of a wind tunnel from blowing down Hume Street. We have already seen what the wind effect is like at the junction of

the Alaska Highway and the Haines Highway due to the opening of the forest. Just ask the fruit and vegetable seller.

- Over the years, I have seen numerous wind events coming through that area and opening up more of the small green belts that we currently have could just increase those events. I am opposed to the variance proposal.

### Respondent 3 (neighbour across the street)

- We do not believe that this should be a variance request, but rather a zoning bylaw amendment request. In the Haines Junction zoning bylaw, the Board of Variance is established as an appeal process when a development cannot be approved within the zoning regulations. There has been no refusal of a development on this property. Further, if it was to be considered as a zoning bylaw amendment, it would be a ‘spot zoning’ request – spot zoning has historically been discouraged in past OCP’s and by previous Councils.
- The Municipal Act states that a variance cannot be granted if the unusual condition of the lot is due to the property owner’s actions – it was YG who originally developed the lot this size.
- How likely is it that a purchaser of this lot would need to request an additional variance to build due to the smaller size and shape?
- It is likely that the lot would not have adequate space for accessory buildings, yards or parking and could potentially lead to encroachment of vehicles and personal items onto the road right of ways, creating a hazard for traffic on Dalton and Hume Street. Hume Street is of particular concern as speeding is a constant problem.
- The Municipal Act states that a variance shall not be granted if the adjustment constitutes a special privilege on the neighboring properties. The assessed land value of this undersized lot is lower than the neighboring properties, therefore providing a future owner a lower property tax levy (noted, it would fall under the minimum tax but only until such time as improvements were built that would increase the combined assessment value above the threshold for the minimum tax).
- As the noted intent of YG for this request is due to the shortage of lots available for sale, why isn’t Block 4 Lot 6 listed for sale on the government website - it is currently titled to YG on the assessment roll and is a 5000 sq ft lot.
- Has the applicant paid the required application fee (note that Council recently increased the variance application fee to discourage frivolous applications and to help offset the cost of the variance process). If not, it should be noted that municipal fees are set by bylaw, which do not exempt different levels of government and do not give authority to be waived administratively – fees need to be waived by a resolution of Council.
- In conclusion, we are not in support of the variance request.



## Discussion/Analysis

Staff did an analysis of the comments that were received, and advised the Board of the following:

- The Municipal Act provides for reasons when the Board is not able to approve an application for a variance. Therefore, the following concerns do not affect the Board's decision:
  - This treed lot provides a visual and physical barrier from the back end of the Alcan Motor Inn and from the traffic on Dalton.
  - Retaining this forested lot would help prevent a wind tunnel from blowing down Hume Street.
- A development permit was requested and denied as the lot didn't meet the minimum lot size requirements, so a development permit could not be issued.
- It is unknown whether the minimum lot size requirements were different when the lot was first developed.
- In the current bylaw, there are no other zones with a smaller minimum lot size. No developable lot in Hanes Junction is less than 450m<sup>2</sup>.
- There are lots in Whistle Bend that are smaller than this lot.
- This lot 15m wide at one end, and 12m wide at the other end, which is large enough to develop a home within current setbacks.
- The minimum lot width for a single detached home in Whitehorse is 11m.
- Block 4 Lot 6 is scheduled for an over-the-counter sale.

The Board of Variance concluded:

- The unusual condition of the lot is the result of the action of the Yukon government, the developer of this lot.
- The Board considers its mandate as being limited to assessing applications for variances submitted by people who purchase property from Yukon government.
- The Board felt it is Council's mandate to decide on whether to allow this lot to be put up for sale.
- The Board did not agree that development of a smaller lot, therefore subject to smaller tax levies, would affect neighbouring properties nor would it be a special privilege. That smaller lots pay less tax than larger lots is how the tax system works for everyone in the Yukon.
- The Board did not feel that the lot was small enough to prevent any possibility of parking on the lot. They also felt confident that this issue would also be addressed at the development permit stage when the lot developer would have to submit plans for development of the lot for approval.
- The Board did recommend Council approve this for sale, with the following conditions:
  - The Board also recognized that older lots did not have development agreements requiring building a home of a minimum size within a specified

time frame. Should this lot go to market, the Board recommends requiring a modern development agreement.

- The Board agreed with the adjacent property owner's request to not allow any encroachments into the side setback with the neighbouring property, and suggested this be written into the decision should this lot be allowed to go up for sale.
- That the lot be serviced prior to sale.

### **Draft Resolution**

**That** given the shortage of housing lots on the market in Haines Junction, Council approves this lot for sale, with the following conditions:

- The lot be sold with a development agreement requiring a home to be built within a specified time frame.
- That no encroachments into the side setback with the neighbouring property will be permitted be written into the development agreement.
- That the lot be serviced prior to sale.

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Approved by

Dave Fairbank  
Chief Administrative Officer



**Village of Haines Junction  
Report to Council**

**May 8, 2024**

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**RE: FireSmart Incentive Program**

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**Recommendation**

That Council identify preferred option(s) and direct staff to develop these program(s), for offering this spring/summer on a pilot-basis. After assessing uptake and success of the program(s) this year, Council revisit the preferred approach for next summer.

**Background**

Property owners in the Wildland-Urban Interface, and home and across the country, have not fully committed to self-protection. In a recent Canadian study<sup>1</sup>, factors that influence adoption of FireSmart activities were found to include:

- Awareness – 77% of survey respondents have never heard of FireSmart Canada.
- Perceived risk – For those who have heard of FireSmart, the most influential factor leading to adoption was the perceived risk of damage from wildland fire.
- Incentives, not punitives – When asked for suggestions for how to promote adoption, survey respondents favoured positive approaches such as incentives tied to homeowner insurance rather than punitive actions such as fines for non-compliance.

On April 11, 2024, Council tasked Administration to identify options that Council could consider to incentivize property owners within the Village to FireSmart their properties.

In canvassing for options, Administration reached out to the FireSmart coordinator at Yukon's Wildland Fire Management, and researched what other municipalities are doing in jurisdictions across Canada.

**Current Status**

The following options have been identified for how the Village can support and promote FireSmart within the community. The options are listed in increasing order of effort/efficacy/cost.

Option 1: Educational campaign

The Village could initiate an education campaign. This could involve:

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<sup>1</sup> For example: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1389934118305379>

1. Hosting a public information session to review how to reduce risks to your home, neighbourhood, and how to get your home and family prepared in case of an emergency.
2. Creating a webpage with information resources, like what has been done by the City of Whitehorse<sup>2</sup>. The City of Whitehorse received funding from the Wawanesa Climate Champions program for their FireSmart educational campaign.
3. Promoting the use of the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre FireSmart Begins at Home App<sup>3</sup> which contains a 15-question assessment of what you can do to reduce risk.

#### Option 2: Home Fire Smart Assessments

The City of Whitehorse is offering free, 1-hour FireSmart Home Assessments.<sup>4</sup> A similar service is also being provided in the Municipality of Hay River in NWT<sup>5</sup>. FireSmart Home Assessments involve identifying and assessing potential fire hazards on individual properties and suggesting ways to mitigate risks. Owners just need to sign up for an assessment. Once the assessment is complete, they receive a report explaining issues on their property. The Village could:

1. Work jointly with Wildland Fire Management to offer/raise awareness of this service.
2. Tie any program incentives that it may offer to addressing issues raised in this assessment.

#### Option 3: Neighbourhood Chipping Events

The Town of Princeton, BC<sup>6</sup> coordinates neighbourhood chipping days where the Municipality brings a chipper into a neighbourhood on a particular day and operates the chipper. The Village of Haines Junction does not own a woodchipper and based on current staffing levels does not have the capacity to take on the additional workload. Subcontracting this work in the late winter may provide an opportunity to extend the annual FireSmart contracts to include neighbourhood chipping events.

#### Option 4: Debris Removal Program

The Town of Princeton, BC<sup>6</sup> also offers free pick up and disposal of (branches, bushes, etc.) for homeowners who are working on reducing the wildfire fuels around their home. To qualify for free pick up and disposal, homeowners must complete a free, 1-hour, online FireSmart 101 Training Course, and place debris at the curb in manageable sizes for one person to load by hand, with rock/dirt-free leaves/needles in paper bags.

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<sup>2</sup> More information: <https://www.whitehorse.ca/living-in-whitehorse/my-property/fire-smarts/#1696437767495-0ebfbc2f-3e59>

<sup>3</sup> More information: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.firesmartcanada>

<sup>4</sup> More information: <https://www.whitehorse.ca/living-in-whitehorse/my-property/fire-smarts/#1696437767495-0ebfbc2f-3e59>

<sup>5</sup> More information: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/hay-river-nwt-meeting-to-prepare-for-wildfire-season-1.7183163>

<sup>6</sup> More information: <https://www.princeton.ca/p/firesmart>

The Village ran a curbside debris removal program in 2022. Due to limited staffing capacity and concerns with instances of large volumes of material being placed at the curb, the program was not renewed in 2023. It may be beneficial to consider subcontracting the debris removal program with clear limitations on the volume of material per household, in order to prevent cost overruns.

#### Option 5: Financial Support Program

Other Canadian Municipalities have offering funding to property owners to carryout wildfire mitigation work on their home and property. In many cases, these Municipalities applied for grant funding and passed along awarded funds to qualifying homeowners. Depending on the program, eligible homeowners are required to have a complete (and recent) Home FireSmart Assessment. For example,

- The community of Lac La Biche, BC provides up to \$3,750 in funding for property owners for projects which reduce wildfire risk and threat, up to a maximum of 75% in total eligible costs<sup>7</sup>. The community received \$76,000 in grant funding from the Intact Financial Corporation's Municipal Climate Resilience Grants Program.<sup>8</sup> to fund this program, which ran in 2020 and 2022. To be eligible for funding, property owners must have a recent FireSmart home assessment and provide a report with photos on their FireSmart improvements.
- The Wawanesa Climate Champions program provided funding to the Watson Lake, YT Fire Department to distribute home sprinkler kits to community members, coupled with an incentive for them to complete fire prevention strategies on their property.
- The Town of Princeton, BC secured grant funding to provide qualifying Homeowners with a \$500 rebate to assist them with the wildfire mitigation work performed on their home and property. Property owners must complete \$1,000 worth of mitigation work to be eligible, which can include your own labor time, hired contractors and/or expenses for materials. Fifty rebates were available on a first come, first serve basis.
- The Town of Banff<sup>9</sup> offers a Tree Replacement Rebate Program (a free deciduous tree is provided when a conifer tree is cut down), a Combustible Roof Replacement Program (a rebate of \$1,200 to replace wood shake or shingle roofs), and a Roof Sprinkler Incentive Program (sprinkler kits are offered for purchase from the Municipality at a significantly discounted rate of \$65.50 – the regular price is \$230).

To date, Staff have not identified a funding source to support a wildfire mitigation incentive program this year. For most funding programs, the application window closes in the spring. It would be possible to begin with policy development and a pilot project this summer, with full project implementation next year, contingent on securing funding.

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<sup>7</sup> More information: <https://www.laclabichedcounty.com/p/wildfire-mitigation-incentive-program>

<sup>8</sup> More information: <https://www.intactfc.com/in-the-community/municipal-climate>

<sup>9</sup> More information: <https://banff.ca/firesmart>

### Option 6: Tax Incentive Program

We did not find any examples of Municipalities offering tax incentives to property owners who FireSmart their property.

### **Discussion/Analysis**

It is important to note that these options are not mutually exclusive; in fact, they are complementary.

Options 1 through 5 could be easily implemented by the Village as there are existing programs that the Village could work from. In addition, partners and/or funding may be available to support the Village in implementing these options.

With regards to staff capacity:

- Options 1 and 2 are low impact for the Village (coordination).
- Options 3 and 4 require additional resources e.g. subcontractors, or additional temp staffing and equipment.
- Option 5 has moderate initial, and minor ongoing impact on staff, with demands to support program development and ongoing administration.
- Moving forward on Option 6 would be more complex as staff would need to develop this program from scratch.

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Village of Haines Junction  
Report to Council

May 8, 2024

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RE: 2024 Haines Junction Yukon Lottery Funding Grant Distribution

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### Recommendation

That Council approve Creative Junctions request for an extension to September 2024 to spend their funds, and award the following Haines Junction Lottery Funding Grants from the spring intake:

- Treble Makers Fiddle Club: \$1,770
- Creative Junction Collective: \$5,400

### Background

The allocation of Community Lottery Program funds from Lotteries Yukon is \$23,493.00 for the 2024/25 fiscal year. There are two intakes – in April and October.

It is important to note that the demand for this grant funding has increased significantly in the past few years, and most applications come forward at the October intake. Most applications are not able to be fully funded as the applications far exceed the amount of funding available.

At the April 27, 2022 Council Meeting, Council directed staff to conduct a review of the grant funding regulations, including intake dates and application criteria, in order to provide a more fair and equitable allocation of the funding to all community groups.

*#124-22 It was moved and seconded*

***THAT** Council request Administration to explore policy and program options and provide a report for consideration of changes to the Haines Junction Lottery Funding Grant criteria and allocation methodology beginning in 2023.*

*Motion# 124-22 was **CARRIED**.*

This review has not yet taken place.

### Current Status

Ellen Stutz (Office Administrator), Donna Istchenko (Treasurer) and Aynslie Ogden (Corporate Manager) reviewed the two grant applications received for this round of funding.

The total requested funds in this intake was \$15,222 as follows:

- Treble Makers Fiddle Club: \$1,772 for in-person individual fiddle lessons to members of

the Treble Makers Fiddle Club (15 youth). A professional instructor will be brought in from Whitehorse to provide individual lessons twice per week for six weeks in April/May.

- Haines Junction Horsemanship Work Club: \$13,752 to provide six local youth with skills training in horsemanship and animal husbandry, and part-time employment to those involved in the program to put these skills into practice.

The reviewers assessed applicants' eligibility based on the conditions outlined in the Haines Junction Lottery Funding Grant Information Sheet, we concluded:

- Treble Makers –Providing honoraria/travel for instructors to provide individual lessons to member of the Fiddle club is an eligible expense. The club has fundraised more than 25% of the costs, so this application is eligible to receive the full amount it has applied for.
- Haines Junction Horsemanship Work Club - Providing honoraria/travel for instructors to provide horsemanship lessons is an eligible expense; however, providing wages to program participants is not considered eligible. The applicant has not initiated any fundraising yet, but plans to do so in the future. For this reason, the applicant is eligible for 75% of the estimated \$7,200 for the instructor, or \$5,400.

In addition to the above applications, we received a request from Creative Junction for an extension to \$4,062.91 in funds awarded in the April 2023 intake. They had until April 2024 to spend the funds and have spent approximately half of the funds that they were awarded. Dance classes are continuing until June 2024, so they have not yet incurred all of their costs. They are requesting an extension until September of 2024.

### **Discussion/Analysis**

By awarding the above-noted Haines Junction Lottery Funding Grants, Council will be supporting recreational, artistic and cultural programming in our community.

### **Draft Resolution**

THAT Council for the Municipality of Haines Junction approve Creative Junctions request for an extension to September 2024 to spend their funds, and award the following Haines Junction Lottery Funding Grants:

- Treble Makers Fiddle Club: \$1,770
- Creative Junction Collective: \$5,400

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*We respectfully acknowledge that we live, work, and learn on the traditional territory of the Champagne & Aishihik First Nations*

April 25, 2024

Mayor Bruce Tomlin  
The Village of Haines Junction  
Box 5339  
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Dear Mr. Tomlin,

On behalf of the Graduating Class of 2024, I would like to invite you to address the graduates at their Graduation Ceremony. The ceremony will take place on Friday, May 24, 2024, at 4:00pm at the Convention Centre in Haines Junction. You are also invited to attend the dinner at 6:00 p.m.

We realize that you are very busy, but we hope you will be able to attend the Graduation Ceremonies as our guest. I will reserve 5-10 minutes during the Ceremonies for you to share a few words of encouragement and best wishes to the Graduating Class. Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you are able to speak. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carrie Heldman  
Principal

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Village of  
Haines Junction



# Association of Yukon Communities



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February 19, 2024

Honorable Sean Fraser  
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you today on behalf of Yukon communities to seek clarification on recent statements made by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. The specific comments in question are:

“Our government has made the decision to stop investing in new road infrastructure. Of course, we will continue to be there for cities, provinces, and territories to maintain the existing network, but there will be no more envelopes from the federal government to enlarge the road network.”

As you are aware the Yukon is facing a housing crisis. Due to rapid population growth and inflation communities are having difficulty keeping up with demand. Municipalities have been undertaking several measures to try to develop land and facilitate more home construction; however, all new housing is dependent on municipal infrastructure such as water and wastewater facilities, community amenities, and roads. To put these costs into perspective, recent research conducted by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) estimates that a housing unit requires an average investment of around \$107,000 in municipally owned capital assets. The FCM further estimates that of this \$107,000 approximately \$35,412 is associated with road assets.

If we assume that the 4730 homes that we estimate are required in the Yukon over the next 10 years are built to the same standard as today's existing housing stock, then the territory needs about \$500 million in infrastructure investments to support those homes over the next decade. Of this infrastructure, \$167.5 million is associated with municipal road assets. Indeed, many of our communities are moving forward with planning for new housing that will require the construction of new road infrastructure.

It is for these reasons that the Association of Yukon Communities was concerned with the suggestion that the federal government will no longer invest in new road infrastructure. If this were the case, then the federal government would essentially be leaving our communities helpless to meaningfully address the worsening housing crisis.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ted Laking  
President  
Association of Yukon Communities

CC: AYC Board of Directors, Yukon Mayors, Premier Pillai, MLA Dixon, MLA White



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Dear Ted Laking:

Thank you for your letter regarding investments in new road infrastructure and the enlargement of Canada's road networks.

Canada is growing along with its cities and towns, and Infrastructure Canada works closely with its partners to meet growth demands and support projects that build stronger communities. Our funding programs prioritize investments to improve climate resilience, road safety and trade. This includes critical rural roads and assistance for highway projects, in addition to housing, public transit, and water and wastewater systems.

Infrastructure Canada has previously supported roads and highways as part of strategic infrastructure projects that meet the real needs of Canadian communities.

Funding for roads and highways available through the Rural and Northern Infrastructure stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has committed a total of \$836 million towards 438 road and highway-related projects across Canada since November 2015.

For Yukon, this includes the Whitehorse Asphalt Overlay project, for which our department contributed \$5.7 million to rehabilitate and improve 22.2 km of roads, as well as the Pelly Crossing Road Upgrades project, for which Infrastructure Canada contributed \$1.7 million to complete full repair and bituminous surface treatment of roads.

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Furthermore, the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) helps communities build safeguards against the impacts of climate change and severe weather events like floods and fires. Roads or assets associated with a road or highway under DMAF may be eligible for funding under the program if they are part of a larger project and contribute to increasing their communities' climate resilience.

Under the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), roads and bridges represent over 50 percent of total projects funded in a given year. In our most recent reporting year (2022–2023), the federal government provided support for 2,651 road projects. Since 2015, the federal government has funded 10,833 projects under CCBF, representing a federal investment under the program of nearly \$4.5 billion.

The Government of Canada will continue to work closely with all orders of government and key partners to help build the infrastructure that forms the backbone of our communities.

Together, we will work to ensure that infrastructure plays a vital role in promoting economic growth, job creation and improving our quality of life in the coming months and years.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Fraser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities