

**Village of Haines Junction  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2024**

**Present:**

Mayor Tomlin  
Councillor Strand  
Councillor Nassiopoulos  
Councillor Charlebois

**Absent:**

CAO Fairbank, Recorder Ogden

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

**Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory**

Mayor Tomlin acknowledged that we are on the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

**Adoption of Agenda**

#318-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as amended with the following additions:

- Added to new business - Royal Canadian Legion Advertisement Request
- Added to correspondence – Message from Dave Weir for Mayor and Council
- RCMP Chief and Mayors Report added to in-camera agenda

Motion #318-24 was **CARRIED**.

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings**

Council Meeting Minutes September 25, 2024

#319-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 25, 2024 be adopted as amended

- Motion #s91-24 be corrected to #291-24

Motion #319-24 was **CARRIED**.

**Proclamations**

**Delegations**

## Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

### Old Business

### New Business

#### Accounts Payable to October 9, 2024

- Is Across the River Consulting appropriately coded as capital project?
  - Yes, all are applied to the Zoning Bylaw which is part of the Housing Accelerator Fund

#320-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Municipal Accounts Payable to October 9, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion #320-24 was **CARRIED**.

#### Royal Canadian Legion Advertisement Request

##### *CAO Report:*

- Asked to again do a sponsorship advertisement in the Military Services Recognition Book in commemoration of Remembrance Day.
- Recommend same size of ad/cost as last year, \$1,155 tax included.

#321-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the same advertising that we did last year be purchased at a value of \$1,155 tax included.

Motion #321-24 was **CARRIED**.

## Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

### Correspondence

#### Email from Dave Weir

#322-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the email from Dave Weir be received and filed.

Motion #322-24 was **CARRIED**.

## Council Reports

### Councillor Charlebois

- Extended thanks to fellow Councillors for the opportunity to serve together; it has been an honour to serve with such dedicated, caring, thoughtful, smart, well-intentioned people who do so much for the community, and help to make this town a wonderful place to live.
- Extended thanks to CAO Dave Fairbank – this job has a steep learning curve and requires tremendous hard skills and soft skills and Dave has shown a lot of fortitude, commitment and integrity and this is really appreciated.
- Also extended thanks to Aynslie, Donna, Ellen, Jerry and the Public Works team for their work. Council doesn't always see all the effort that goes on behind the scenes, but this is reflected in the fact that the job is easy, Council doesn't get a lot of calls from people upset about things, and the community is beautiful and runs well.
- Happy so many candidates have come forward, not seeing a lot of negativities in the campaigning which is beautiful; proud that so many great people live here.
- Also extended thanks to the ~10 volunteers who were involved with the food hamper distribution today. One example of the countless volunteer hours that contribute to making our community run smoothly – firefighters, ambulance, hockey coaches – proud to be someone of privilege of living here.

### Councillor Strand

- It is a funny feeling walking in here this evening knowing this could potentially be the last time! Has learned a lot in the last 3 years, it has been fun and there have been lots of challenges too – the challenges brought the Council together and solidified us as a team; really enjoyed hearing different points of view and sometimes walking out of here having a different perspective on things.
- Thanks to Dave and all the staff, going through the briefing notes in the transition binder it is clear that Council did a lot! And stumbled at the very beginning and because of the staff we have that we have been able to move forward.
- Thanks to Bruce for being really dedication to his job as Mayor, this was really appreciated.

### Councillor Nassiopoulos

- Two terms are coming to an end, it has been really good. Enjoyed getting to know everyone better and working together to tackle the things we had to tackle. Will always wish we could have accomplished a bit more, but if you look back on what has been done as a whole there were a lot of things done.
- It's been a real privilege and honor – maybe will come back one day but for now need a little break to spend more time with the kids and have evenings at home.
- It has been a great term, two great terms, and good luck to Diane and Angie for being brave enough to put your names forward again.

### Mayor Tomlin

- There were trying times at the beginning and part way through, fun times also, and a learning experience all the way through. It is going to be weird not to come back!
- Thanks to all the staff and to Council – it would be hard to keep things going without all of you.
- One thing to be happy about is that we did fill a lot of the positions, and we almost have a full slate of everybody we need. Some people don't like that we have a lot of employees, but it is needed. If we want to get things done, we have to have people to do it.
- It is too bad Vicky wasn't still here, she put in a lot of effort too
- Was so pleased to see 10 people up on stage at the All-Candidates Forum – hopeful that everyone can work well together in the next term.

### **Questions from the Public**

#### **Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**

#323-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be closed to the public at 7:15.

Motion #323-24 was **CARRIED**.

#### **Motion to Reopen Meeting to the Public**

#324-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be reopened to the public at 8:25 pm.

Motion #324-24 was **CARRIED**.

#325-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the transition binder for the new Council be made public by Friday October 18, 2024, and that it be included in the first Council Meeting Package for the newly elected Council on October 23, 2024.

Motion #325-24 was **CARRIED**.

#326-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Mayor and Council portraits from 2010 onward be framed and mounted in Council Chambers, when time permits.

Motion #326-24 was **CARRIED**.

#326-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the RCMP Chief and Mayors report be received and filed.

Motion #326-24 was **CARRIED**.

#327-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** we proceed with providing a letter of Support from this Council for McKellar contracting to develop a land treatment facility in our region, as discussed.

Motion #327-24 was **CARRIED**.

#### **Adjournment**

#328-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

Motion #328-24 was **CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.



Mayor Bruce Tomlin



CAO David Fairbank

