

**Village of Haines Junction  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2024**

Present:

Mayor Tomlin  
Councillor Strand  
Councillor Nassiopoulos  
Councillor Charlebois

CAO Fairbank, Recorder Ogden

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

**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**

#60-24 It was moved and seconded

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

- Add 10d - Update regarding Councillor Maynes

Motion #60-24 was **CARRIED**.

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

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

Council Meeting Minutes February 28, 2024

#61-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 28, 2024 be adopted as amended

- Date in footer should say February 28, 2024

Motion #61-24 was **CARRIED**.

**Proclamations**

**Delegations**

**Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions**

## Old Business

## New Business

### Accounts Payable to March 13, 2024

Materials provided: Municipal Accounts Payable to March 13, 2024

#62-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Municipal Accounts Payable to March 13, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion #62-24 was **CARRIED**.

### RTC International Trail Day Event

Materials provided: March 13, 2024 Report to Council

#### *Corporate Manager Report:*

- With financial support from the Trans Canada Trail (TCT), we held a Trail Care Day on June 4, 2022. TCT approached us to host another event this year and has offered us \$3,500 in funding towards our proposed event.
- We are proposing to host an inaugural walk/run/bike from town to the campground along the Pine Lake Trail.
- We would like to have a local community group coordinate the event, and plan to put out a request for proposals. The group would receive \$2,000 to put towards the work of their community group and would be responsible for coordinating and organizing volunteers for the event.
- Village staff would work closely with the group on the planning and would be responsible for purchasing race bibs, catering, timing equipment rental etc.
- We have estimated a total event budget of \$10,000, which includes a rather large contingency as we've not hosted an event like this before. We anticipate we will be able to get more funding and partners for the event.
- The event would celebrate volunteerism and the trail. These events are popular with the Whitehorse crowd, and if we promote it well, we may have folks coming to town for the weekend to participate which would be good for local business.
- If the event goes well, this could become an annual thing.

#### *Discussion:*

- Sounds like fun.
- Seems expensive? Funds could be put towards extending trail out to planned Area 3 in Willow Acres. It was noted that this amount of funding wouldn't go far towards the costs of creating and paving a new trail.
- The largest component of the budget is catering for a community barbeque following the event. We could consider charging an entry fee to cover cost of food and race t-shirt.

#63-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 in partnership with the Trans Canada Trail, the Village of Haines Junction host the inaugural Pine Lake Family Fun Run/Walk/Stroll with a budget of \$10,000, some of which will be offset by TCT's contribution of \$3500 towards the event. A request for proposals will be issued for a local community group to coordinate/host the event, for which they will be awarded a grant of \$2000 towards the group's operations. Additional sponsors and partners will be sought to offset the estimated costs of the event.

Motion #63-24 was **CARRIED**.

For information: RTC Renewal of Waste Management Permit – YESAB Submission

Materials provided: March 13, 2024 Report to Council

*CAO Report:*

- This report is for information.
- Jerry has been working with YESAB on our submission for the renewal of our permit to operate the landfill. YESAB has deemed the submission to be adequate, and it has moved into the public comment phase.
- We don't anticipate many comments will be submitted, nor do we anticipate any issues from YESAB regarding our submission and anticipate the outcome will be that we will have our new solid waste management in place for the next 10 years of operations.
- Implementation of the solid waste management plan is a very large project that will span several years and cost millions of dollars. Initial work has been included in the Council-approved provisional budget for this year.
- Want Council to be aware that we have a lot of work forthcoming.

*Discussion:*

- No comments.

Councillor Maynes

- Council shared that Councillor Maynes has resigned from Council for personal reasons.

#64-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Council acknowledges resignation of Councillor Maynes effective March 8, 2024 and that Council keep the position open and vacant until the next Municipal Election per S46.1.4 of the Municipal Act

Motion #64-24 was **CARRIED**.

## Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

Bylaw #407-24 Consolidated Municipal Fees Bylaw #343-19 Amendment #6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

Materials provided: Consolidated Municipal Fees Bylaw\_Amendment #6

*Discussion:*

- This amendment concerned the raising of application fees for a Board of Variance hearing.

#65-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Bylaw #407-24 Consolidated Municipal Fees Bylaw #343-19 Amendment #6, passed third reading on March 13, 2023

Motion #65-24 was **CARRIED**.

## Correspondence

Haines Junction Health Centre Newsletter

Materials provided: March 2024 Newsletter

#66-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT the** Haines Junction Health Centre Newsletter be received and filed

Motion #66-24 was **CARRIED**.

## Council Reports

Councillor Charlebois

- Thanked Councillor Maynes for her time, diligence, and hard work on Council. She was a pleasure to work with.

Councillor Strand

- Expressed thanks for Councillor Maynes for her time and dedication to the Municipality, she put in a lot of effort and demonstrated considerable due diligence which was really appreciated, and she will be missed on Council.

Councillor Nassiopoulos

- Extended gratitude to Councillor Maynes and appreciation for the work she did and the perspective she brought to Council.

Mayor Tomlin

- Sad to see Councillor Maynes go, appreciated her diligence on Council and for putting her name forward for Council, noting it is important for people to do this. Sometimes things don't work out, hope things may work out for another run for Council in the future.
- Did an interview with CBC today about the new subdivision, expressed that the Village is happy to see this project getting started and shared our hopes that the project is completed on schedule.

**Questions from the Public**

**YG Community Advisor Report**

- An update from our Community Advisor, Jenna Rooney, has been added as a standing item on the agenda.
- Jenna shared staffing changes in the Community Affairs Branch -- Michael Prowse, who worked with the Branch for several years, has resigned and the Branch has recently hired a Grad Corps student, who we will likely meet later in the summer.

**Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**

#67-24 It was moved and seconded  
    **THAT** the meeting be closed to the public at 7:18pm.

Motion #67-24 was **CARRIED**.

**Motion to Reopen Meeting to the Public**

#68-24 It was moved and seconded  
    **THAT** the meeting come out of camera at 8:24pm.

Motion #68-24 was **CARRIED**.

#69-24 It was moved and seconded  
    **THAT** Administration be directed to send a letter of support regarding the development of a new land treatment facility in Haines Junction.

Motion #69-24 was **CARRIED**.

#70-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Council allocate the \$6,827.71 of remaining Community Lottery Program Funds to the previously purchased Arena score clock and Skate Trainers.

Motion #70-24 was **CARRIED**.

#71-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Council approves the one-time retroactive payment to current staff with greater than one year of continuous service or returning seasonal employment based on 4.5% of their annual earnings in the 2023 calendar year.

Motion #71-24 was **CARRIED**.

Motion # was **CARRIED**.

#72-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Council allows the CAO and Mayor Bruce Tomlin to negotiate the fourth collective PSAC Agreement without further direction or approvals, as outlined in the in-camera Negotiation Mandate Report-to-Council dated March 13, 2024.

Motion #72-24 was **CARRIED**.

### Adjournment

#73-24 It was moved and seconded.

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:28pm.

Motion #73-24 was **CARRIED**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.



Mayor Bruce Tomlin



CAO David Fairbank

