## Village of Haines Junction Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 11, 2025

Absent:

Present: Mayor Strand Councillor Busche Councillor Mackinnon Councillor McPhie Councillor Sundbo (via Zoom)

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

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

#199-25 It was moved and seconded

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

• Agenda items 10b, c, d and e be moved to the top of the agenda

Motion #199-25 was CARRIED.

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

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

#### Council Meeting Minutes May 28, 2025

# #200-25 It was moved and seconded THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 28, 2025 be adopted as presented

Motion #200-25 was CARRIED.

#### **Proclamations**

Delegations

#### **Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions**

#### **New Business**

### Presentation – 2024 Audit

#### Presentation: Steven Webber, Metrix Group

- The Audit was carried out in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards
- Auditor's opinion is that the financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the Village as of December 31, 2024
- Statement of Financial Position
  - This report provides a statement of the Village's financial position on December 31, 2024 as compared to December 31, 2023
  - The Village held ~\$1 million more in cash and cash equivalents at the end of 2024 than at the end of 2023 because of a general operating surplus
  - Receivables are down by ~\$100,000 compared to last year. Most of the Village's receivables are in the form of government grants. There are no concerns over the collectability of these receivables. As of today's date, most of the items in that receivable balance have been collected.
    - Receivables include \$650,000 owing from YG for the front of house improvements at the landfill
    - Money that is promised in an agreement but hasn't been used yet wouldn't show up in receivables
  - Loans receivable this reflects the five lot sales for \$50,000. Each lot is on a five-year payment plan. A \$10,000 deposit was received from each sale.
  - Land held for resale this reflects the sixth lot that was put up for sale and was returned.
  - Accounts payable and accrued liabilities this relates to the timing of invoices.
     Work done in November/December that is billed in January would show up here. This amount is much greater than last year because of the landfill improvement project.
  - Deferred revenue refers to funding that has been received and is required to be spent on a specific project, e.g. the Housing Accelerator Fund (a multi-year project). This is where unspent funds received to date are tracked.
  - Asset retirement obligations This reflects an accounting standard that was created a few years ago. It represents the portion of the closure costs for the landfill that the Village will be responsible for. It is an estimate of the funds that will be needed to pay for the eventual costs of closure and post-closure monitoring. Because environmental law requires municipalities to remediate these sites back to their original state, and this will be a significant cost, accounting standards now require municipalities to plan for these costs well in advance. The year-to-year change is due to inflation. This does not reflect costs associated with opening a new landfill when the old one is closed.

- The difference between assets and liabilities is the net financial assets, of which the Village has \$8.1 M. This represents the amount of surplus remaining after all bills are paid. This is a very strong number.
- Tangible capital assets took a significant jump this year and reflects two significant Yukon government-managed projects and investments -- the Phase 4 Water/Sewer Infrastructure project and the Mountain Ridge Subdivision Development project.
- Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus Report
  - This report summarizes everything that happened during the year and compares this to the previous year.
  - o Revenue:
    - Council set an operating budget that came in ~\$300k less than the actual budget. This means the Village had a good sense of what revenues it was going to receive over the course of the year. ~\$2.5 million of the ~\$4.7 million operating budget is from government transfers and ~\$1 million is from taxation.
    - Sales and user charges were \$250k higher than anticipated due to the 5 lot sales.
    - Interest was higher than expected due to the higher cash balances held.
  - o Expenses:
    - Environmental Health planned and budgeted to hire two additional employees. Actual increases pertained to salaries but still came in underbudget
    - Administration also underbudget. A Project/Asset Manager (hired midway through the year) and a Recreation Administrator (not hired) were planned/budgeted for. Also budgeted to complete an asset management plan which was not initiated.
    - Public works also underbudget, primarily due to wages. In addition, all
      of the repairs and maintenance categories came in under budget.
    - Planning and development services this amount was overbudget and reflects the cost of the land that was put up for sale as well as work done on the Zoning Bylaw
    - Convention Centre the \$115k elevator repair project explains most of the overages in this budget
    - Protection This came in underbudget because only \$2k of \$45k set aside for protective services closing was spent, and \$75k set aside for an emergency response plan was not spent.
    - Overall, there was an operating surplus of ~\$1 million
  - O Other Revenue (Expenses)
    - These line items reflect one-off items and/or non-cash items and typically are not items that are paid for from taxation revenues; this part of the statement has big fluctuations from year to year.
    - Government Transfers for Capital Anticipated receiving \$3.6 million in transfers for capital; the actual amount received was \$9.7 million. This

amount relates to YG's investment in the Phase 4 Water/Sewer Infrastructure project and the Mountain Ridge Subdivision (\$4 million). Note: YG gave the Village a much larger value for the cost of construction for this subdivision (\$8.5 million) than they provided to the auditor (\$4.4 million); this difference reflects that the subdivision was not completed on December 31, 2024, and reflects that the Village will not own all the assets associated with the development (specifically the land).

- Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets this reflects the value of the old water and sewer system that was replaced (non-cash item)
- Amortization of capital assets this reflects the devaluation of the Village's assets as they get older (non-cash item)
- o Surplus
  - Annual surplus was ~\$9M.
  - Accumulated surplus at the beginning off the year was ~\$46 million.
  - Accumulated surplus at the end of the year was ~\$55.3M. This includes tangible capital assets (what the value would be if every asset owned by the village was sold for its current cost) as well as restricted and unrestricted surplus.
  - Restricted surplus reflects where Council has made a motion to allocate specific projects and/or savings categories.
  - With an operating budget of ~\$3.6 million, the Village has enough money in reserves to fund its operations for a full year from its unrestricted reserves, and nearly 2 years from its restricted reserves without requiring any other revenues. This is a very strong position to be in and is very strong when compared to the Village's peers.
  - Council may want to have a plan for how reserves will be used. What is this funding being set aside for? How does the Village plan to use these funds?
- Audit Findings Report
  - Internal controls The audit did not revel any significant deficiencies in internal controls (approvals and reviews, coding, check signing etc. for payroll, purchasing, revenue collection etc.). Everything looked really strong. The audit also did not find any instances of non-compliance with accounting standards, nor did it find any instances of staff not following bylaws or motions passed by Council.
  - Accounting estimates The Village has made two significant accounting estimates (the value of amortization of capital assets, and asset retirement obligations). It is important to get these estimates to be as realistic as possible. The audit did not uncover any issues with these estimates.
    - The Village is working on an asset management plan. The Auditor would not look at this for the audit unless items are purchased, then the auditor would compare the actual cost to the estimated cost in the asset management plan.

- Adjusted differences This provides an assessment of how reliable monthly financial information is that is presented throughout the year. If there are 30 adjustments at year end, there is a need to be more diligent during the year. The Village required 12 adjustments, which is a low number. You can feel comfortable that what you review throughout the year is in alignment with what you see at the end of the year.
- Unadjusted differences these adjustments are too small to go back and restate and include something that the auditor finds that is smaller in nature that should have been corrected last year. It is preferable to disclose here than go back and adjust last year. If the amount is large enough to affect decision making, then this would be required. The audit found an ~\$48k overstatement of the annual surplus.
- Staff cooperation Staff were very cooperative with all the requests from the auditor and were fantastic to work with and all information was provided in a timely matter.
- Other Matters/Recommendations:
  - Accounts payable As noted in previous years, there is \$2,700 in accounts payable since 2018. Recommend that the Village decide what to do with this.
  - Accrued vacation As noted in previous years, one employee has approximately \$27,605 in accrued vacation liability. Recommend the Village develop a policy to address how much vacation a person is allowed to carry forward.
  - Interest revenue Recommend revisiting budget assumptions to ensure a more reasonable amount is budgeted for as this has been off by nearly 200% for a few years in a row.
  - Capital and Projects Budget Combining capital and projects creates a lot of confusion and is not aligned with accounting standards, so work must be done to translate this for the statements. Recommend including all operating costs in the annual operating budget and approving a strictly capital budget. Or having three budgets – operating, operating-projects, capital. Right now, the capital and projects budget doesn't align with what is in the statements because some goes into capital and some goes into operating.
  - Amortization rates Recommend these be critically assessed to ensure they reflect an asset's useful economic life to the Village. Try to be as consistent as possible within the same assets.
  - Inventory As noted previously, the Village currently does not record inventory of supplies, parts, gravel, sand etc. Most communities this size do have a stockpile of supplies. It is good to have someone do a physical count/inspection to prevent/detect misappropriation.

#201-25 It was moved and seconded THAT the 2024 Audit is approved as presented.

Motion #201-25 was CARRIED.

### Presentation on Draft Financial Sustainability Report

CAO Presentation: Steven Webber, Metrix Group

- This report provides financial analysis for the Village and its peers. The report does cannot provide an assessment of sustainability or comment on whether the Village is better or worse off than its peers.
- Peer communities City of Dawson, Village of Carmacks, Town of Faro, Village of Mayo and Village of Teslin
- Metrix Group audits Dawson, Carmacks and Mayo so has first hand knowledge of these communities audited financial statements.
- This report cites data from the most recent five years of audited financial statements with data available (2019 to 2023).
- Current Financial Position:
  - Operating surplus (deficit) these numbers exclude one-off capital items, noncash items, gains/losses on tangible capital assets, spending on new capital assets, and YG funded projects. This is utilities, salaries – all the expenses related to keeping things running.
    - Average operating surplus, the difference between total expenses and total indicator is comparable regardless of the size of community. Haines Junction has nearly double the operating surplus compared to its peers over a 5-year period.
    - With this surplus be because we are not being proactive enough in the maintenance of our assets? Or it could be because our peers have older facilities that require more funds to operate? Or it could be because our peers are expanding their assets, and the Village is maintaining status quo? It would require months of work to compare where community assets are in their lifespan to be able to provide insight on why operating surpluses vary between communities.
  - Net financial assets -- this is the assets less liabilities, so if you had to liquidate all of your holdings and pay all your bills tomorrow, this would show you where you are sitting.
    - The Village was sitting at ~\$8 million in net financial assets in 2024.
    - With operating expenses of ~\$3 million/year, the Village could fund nearly 3 years' worth of operations from its net assets with no additional revenues. This is unheard of. Peers can fund about a year and a half.
    - Most of the things that communities, for example in Alberta, must pay and plan for are funded by YG in the Yukon (e.g. wastewater treatment plants, recreation centres, water/sewer infrastructure). It is hard to predict how long this funding from YG will continue.
    - Since YG funds significant projects, Yukon communities have more money to direct to other priorities.
    - The sustainability of this financial position is a political question.
  - o Accumulated surplus -

- The Village has essentially a 16 months worth of operating costs sitting in unrestricted surplus (peer average 8 months). These funds have no plan and no restrictions; the funds have not been set aside for any specific purpose. Council may want to consider moving this into a restricted reserve.
- 9% of the Village's accumulated surplus is in restricted reserves, compared to a peer average of 12%. This means that other communities are putting more aside for specific projects or rainy days than Haines Junction currently is. The good news is that the Village has the funds (in unrestricted reserves) – they just need to be allocated.
- The Village runs the risk of YG holding funding back because the Village appears to not able to spend the funds it receives. Putting surplus into restricted reserves, as part of an asset management plan, would greatly minimize this risk.
- Cost analysis by Key Government Functions
  - o Council and General Administration
    - Between 2019 and 2023, the Village's spending on everything to run Council and the office (\$~\$680k) is below the peer average (~\$900k).
    - When measured as a percentage of the total operating expenses, the Village is on par with the peer average (25% vs 26%).
    - The 2024 audited statements for the Village show this dropped to 22%.
    - Council renumeration increased in October 2024 since this is a relatively small part of the overall Council and General Administration expenses, this will not have any significant impact.
  - o Public Works
    - The five-year departmental spending average (~\$667k) was below the peer average (~\$700k).
    - When measured as a percentage of the total operating expenses, the Village is higher (24%) than the peer average (19%).
    - This isn't necessarily good or bad. It could reflect that assets are closer to the end of their life cycle, and we are paying more to keep them going, or the Village could be the more proactive at maintenance than peer municipalities?
  - o Recreation
    - The five-year departmental spending average (~\$502k) was below the peer average (~\$770k).
    - When measured as a percentage of the total operating expenses, the Village is lower (18%) than the peer average (20%).
    - This includes repairs, maintenance and staffing of all recreation facilities such as the arena, convention centre (e.g. the elevator repairs) and mezzanine.
  - o Environmental services
    - This is tougher to compare to peers because some communities don't have landfills, others don't have recycling centres.

- Spending within this department fluctuates considerably from year to year.
- A spike was seen in spending when the Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) was created for the landfill.
- If have a building that may have asbestos, or a site that may be contaminated, the Village is legislatively required to have an engineering assessment to say whether there is an ARO. Some communities have 30 buildings listed. The Town of Faro has an abandoned mall listed, for example. If you have plan to demo or sell these properties, then they need to be listed right away as this is when the liability kicks in. If not anticipating demo or sale, then there isn't really any liability. The point is to spread these costs out and plan for them so there are no surprises. A restricted reserve could be created for this purpose, noting that with \$3.7 million in unrestricted reserves the Village could cover off our ARO in one motion. Other communities are planning for up to 20 years to save money for these types of expenses.
- o Salaries and wages
  - The five-year departmental spending average (~\$1.2 million) was below the peer average (~\$1.65 million).
  - When measured as a percentage of the total operating expenses, the Village is on par (44%) with the peer average (44%).

## Discussion:

- Council commissioned this report because the Village is planning to decommission the old recreation centre, and possibly get a new recreation centre, and wanted to be more informed about the Village's financial position before making these kinds of decisions.
  - It is very difficult to make a general comment on whether the Village can afford a new rec centre.
  - It would be much easier to provide an opinion on a very specific question for example, an opinion could be provided when it is known how much the new rec centre will cost, how much funding you will be receiving, and over how many years you would like to pay for the remainder.
  - In about a year, Metrix will be able to provide a good idea of how much the new YG funded rec centre in Carmacks costs to operate on a yearly basis.
- The Village is more concerned with the O&M costs, as we expect to be able to find funds to build a new rec centre.
  - If the Village is curious about maintenance and life cycles of parts, engineering firms can provide reports detailing what will break down when, what the expected costs are and provide a full lifecycle plan for the potential building.
- Is it possible to get a sense of what a sustainable level of annual operating costs that could be diverted into a rec facility, without incurring an annual deficit, would be?
  - Since the Village is consistently operating with a 1 million annual surplus, the Rec Centre would need to cost you a million more on top of what you are spending right now to run a deficit, which seems impossible

- This report can be updated when project specifics are available.
- Council also commissioned this report because claims were being made that the Village was going broke because new staff were hired. Now we can provide the community with comfort and say that we could operate for three years with no new funds coming in.

#### #202-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Village of Haines Junction Financial Sustainability Report be received and filed

Motion #202-25 was CARRIED.

#203-25 It was moved and seconded THAT the meeting be extended past 9:00 pm

Motion #203-25 was CARRIED.

#### RTC - Composting

CAO Presentation:

- The Free Store Advisory Group will soon be bringing forward a Report to Council on the five items they want to work on when they are reconstituted as the Landfill Advisory Group. Composting was at the top of their list.
- Staff recommend deferring any decision on composting until there is a recommendation from the Advisory Group.

### Discussion:

- Do we know what capital costs will be?
  - The Landfill Advisory Group will provide more information on capital costs associated with their recommendations
- [Public Comment] The Advisory Group is a great initiative, but the community should also get to have some input on which model is chosen. Putting compost in the landfill is not a desirable option; the preferred option is to give the compost back to the community or use it in municipal gardens around town. Want to see Council take action rather than spending more time looking at all the issues around composting. Also, July 1<sup>st</sup> is coming and haven't seen anything put out to the community encouraging folks to bring potlatch bags.

#204-25 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Report to Council with a composting update be received and filed.

#### Motion #204-25 was CARRIED.

#### RTC – Camping Request, Haines Junction Triathalon

CAO Presentation:

• The Kluane Running Club is hosting a triathalon on July 20, 2025 and has asked permission to use the Convention Centre parking lot for overnight camping for race participants over the weekend.

#### Discussion:

- Would like conditions applied to the Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival be applied here.
- Is there an expectation that the campers would have access to washroom facilities?
  - For the Bluegrass Festival the facility is open later in the evening but is eventually closed. In this case the building would be closed at 5pm, unless another event is occurring that night.
- Bluegrass Festival request has to do with the size of the event and needing additional space than is available in/around town. Don't want to take business away from places in the community that offer RV camping.
  - o As this is the first year, it is uncertain how large this event will be.
- Need to check if insurance allows for Bear Paw Quilters to camp within the building; not comfortable with allowing this as it takes away from local businesses.
- Pine Lake and Kathleen Lake campgrounds are full on most weekends in the summer. Castle Rock is also taking up spaces at the KPI RV Park.
- Make organizers aware this permission is one-time only; and will need to be reassessed again next year.
- May need more policy work around this.
- Let Patty Moore know this request has come in (she raised concerns about camping on the convention centre grounds earlier in the year).

### #205-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Council grants permission for overnight camping in the Convention Centre parking lot for participants of the Haines Junction Triathlon over the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 weekend, with the same restrictions that were put on the Bluegrass Festival camping permit. Staff are directed to reach out to Patty Moore to let her know this will be happening.

Motion #205-25 was CARRIED.

#### Old Business

### Amended Monday/Tuesday Landfill Access Policy

### CAO Presentation:

- This is a revised version of a draft policy brought to Council on May 28, 2025.
- Revisions made:
  - The title was changed from After Hours to Monday/Tuesday
  - Specific hours for access were identified as 9am to 6pm.
  - Users must post a bond (recommended this be set at \$500), along with some rules around the bonding

#### #206-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Report to Council on Monday/Tuesday Access to the landfill for highvolume users be received and filed

Motion #206-25 was CARRIED.

### #207-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Monday/Tuesday Access Agreement for High Volume Users Policy was read and adopted on June 11, 2025.

Motion #207-25 was CARRIED.

### Amended Housing Accelerator Fund Policies

CAO Presentation:

- Proposing amendments to grant policies because they had less uptake than expected:
  - To remove the age limit for the New Dwelling Construction Grant. This involves amending the budget in the New Dwelling Construction Grant for Young Residents Policy and creating a mirror New Dwelling Construction Grant policy that removes the age restriction.
  - Instead of tying the Affordable Home Construction Grant to the cost of development, we propose providing a flat \$25,000 to eligible projects, and to make this retroactive to the two developers who have approved projects
- Also proposing to plan to spend 75% of the funding, because with the progress made to day on new building permits, we will not meet housing supply targets (and therefore not be eligible for the last of four payments)
  - If HAF lets us extend our housing supply target by one year, we can increase the amount of funds available for grants.

### Discussion:

• Has the retroactive payment to the two developers with approved Affordable Home Construction Grants been factored into the budget?

o Yes

- The updated budget also reflects that we spent less money on the Zoning Bylaw than budgeted, and that we did work on the permit approvals by our HAF-Funded Project/Asset Manager instead of through a contractor.
- Are we allowed to amend the age limit? Wasn't this a requirement of CMHC?
  - CMHC did not allow us to amend the age in the New Dwelling Construction Grant for Young Residents because this was specified in our contribution agreement.
  - However, now that this program has been offered and is now competed, CMHC is ok with us moving on to other program offerings.
- Has CMHC been appraised of these proposed changes, and they are ok with it?
  - Spoke to them a week and a half ago and this report informed this discussion; did not review every budget change with them.
  - CMHC confirmed that we've met all the initial criteria that they set out except for completing the Recreation and Community Services Review, which we hope will be tied into the Rec Centre work.
- Would like CMHC to be apprised of these changes.
- Interesting that there wasn't a lot of uptake on these programs.
- There may be other initiatives that Council could do; for example, talk more about private interests such as the Northern Housing Cooperative. Would a project like this fit anywhere?
  - Projects like this rely on other funding sources as well.
  - There may be opportunity to set aside funds that don't get allocated for future projects like this.
- Is this funding opportunity closed after we release one additional call for proposals within the next few months?
  - The challenge with the HAF funding is that the build requirement is that construction must be complete by January 2028. This isn't a lot of time if we reissue a third call for proposals, for example, in February 2026.
- We need to be mindful of the time put into planning and trying to make this happen when there hasn't been that much interest in these programs.
  - Was this a lack of interest, or was this a timing issue? The programs were released at the end of summer and many people didn't know about it. Also, there were limited lots available for sale.
- There is a requirement for a two-year residency for those who receive a grant, is this contrary to the charter? If people build a place they are allowed to move anywhere in the country.
  - They certainly can move, just the refundable loan would come due at that point. If they breach the contract, they must repay the grant. This was all reviewed by legal.
- Council agrees with the following recommendations in the Report to Council:
  - o 2-Seek an additional year to reach housing supply targets
  - o 3-Reallocate unspent funds from Initiatives 1 and 5
  - o 4-Reduce budget allocation for the Recreation and Community Services review
  - o 5-Amend the salary budget for the Project/Asset Manager

- o 6-Seek an amendment to the milestones/completion dates for Initiatives 2 and 4
- 7-Amend the policy/bylaw for the Affordable Housing Construction Grant to remove the requirement that units are eligible for 5% of project costs up to a maximum of \$25,000 and instead award each eligible constructed unit \$25,000 and issue a second call for proposals for the unallocated \$125,000 in funding.
- 8- allocating unspent funds from the New Dwelling Construction Grant for Young Residents program to a New Dwelling Construction Grant program. The New Dwelling Construction Grant program would mirror the New Dwelling Construction Grant for Young Residents program except for the grant would \$20,000 per eligible dwelling and the age restriction would be removed. Allocate \$120k for this program.
  - Is there anything in the policy to prevent people from taking the funds, constructing the residence and turning the home into an AirB&B?
    - This would be permitted after the 2-year primary residency requirement is met.
    - > A mortgage-helper Air B&B suite would be allowed.

### #208-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Council approves the recommendations approved in this Report to Council.

Councillor Sundbo voted against this motion because: a lot of changes are recommended and more time is needed to digest the information within the report; and the municipality should not be involved in developing housing – this should be left to Federal, territorial and first nations governments.

Motion #208-25 was CARRIED.

#209-25 It was moved and seconded THAT Council defers their review of policies #41-24, #40-24 and #46-24 to a future Council meeting

Motion #209-25 was CARRIED.

### Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

Bylaw #428-25 New Dwelling Construction Grant

#210-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Bylaw #428-25, the New Dwelling Construction Grant Bylaw, is read for a first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

Councillor Sundbo voted against this motion for the reasons noted above, and because there are other options for housing development.

Motion #210-25 was CARRIED.

## Bylaw #429-25 Zoning Bylaw #411-24 Amendment #2 CAO Presentation:

• This bylaw makes the following amendments to Zoning Bylaw #411-24:

- The properties located at #105 and #113 Auriol Street shall be rezoned from Tourist Commercial (TC) to CMx, in accordance with Zoning Bylaw Amendment #1.
- The Mountain Ridge subdivision shall be added to the zoning framework as outlined in the Area 1 Master Plan.
- Appendix "A" Updated "Zoning Overview Map" and "Downtown Zoning Overview Map" shall replace the corresponding maps in the original Zoning Bylaw #411-24.

## Discussion:

- When was the public hearing scheduled for this amendment?
  - o It took place on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- The dates for the public hearing and first, second and third reading within the draft bylaw are incorrect.
- Did third reading already happen for this bylaw?
- The last two bullets are new is this required to go back to first reading?

### #211-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** discussion and voting on the third reading of Bylaw #429-25, the Zoning Bylaw #411-24 Amendment #2 is deferred.

Motion #211-25 was CARRIED.

### Correspondence

### Letter Invitation to Mayor Strand

### #212-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the invitation to Mayor Strand to provide opening remarks at the Da Kų Our House is Waking up the Land Festival is received and filed. Motion #212-25 was CARRIED.

## **Council Reports and Notice of Motions**

### Councillor McPhie

- Condolences were expressed to the Graham family on Fran's passing
- Today was the 2025 Grad Parade -- congratulations to the 2025 grads. Thanks to public works staff for getting the grad banners up so quickly
- The dance festival is coming up next weekend hope everything looks sharp around town for the event.

### Councillor Busche

- Congratulations extended to the grads
- Attended Da Kų community barbeque and presentation on the Alaska Highway West Plan, surveys to be filled out, event was well attended.

### Councillor Mackinnon

- Congratulations extended to the grads
- Attended community barbeque at the gun range which also had a good turnout.
- Also attended the closing of the thrift shop barbeque and thank you to thrift store volunteers, wished volunteers a good summer off.

### Councillor Sundbo

• Extended condolences to Fran Graham's family, and congratulations to the grads.

### Mayor Strand

• Nothing additional to report.

### Questions from the Public

### Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

## #213-25 It was moved and seconded THAT the meeting be closed to the public at 9:55pm.

Motion #213-25 was CARRIED.

### Motion to Reopen Meeting to the Public

#214-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be reopened to the public at 10:15pm.

Motion #214-25 was CARRIED.

## Adjournment

#215-25 It was moved and seconded THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Motion #215-25 was CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:17pm.

Burch

Mayor Diane Strand

CAO David Fairbank