

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting May 31, 2023**

Present:

Deputy Mayor Strand
Councillor Charlebois (via web conferencing)
Councillor Nassiopoulos (via web conferencing)
Mayor Tomlin (via web conferencing)

Absent:

Councillor Maynes (with notice)

CAO Fairbank, Treasurer Istchenko, Recorder Izigzon

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory

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

Adoption of Agenda

- #134-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to add:
- In camera Session
 - 10d. Request from Denise to put up banners

Motion #134-23 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

Council Meeting Minute May 10, 2023

- #135-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 10, 2023,
 be adopted as amended to add:

- Deputy Mayor Strand was absent with notice.

Motion #135-23 was **CARRIED**.

Proclamations

Delegations

Stephen Webber, Metrix Group re 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements

Stephen Webber reviewed the Independent Auditors' Report and Audit Findings Report. He stated that everything looks great, numbers are solid, and all was done in a timely manner.

Mayor Tomlin joined at 7:10pm

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Net financial assets are very strong; Metrix Group recommends allocating more funds to reserves. Stephen Webber gave a shout out to Donna Istchenko and her team for being so accommodating and great to work with. Council appreciated Metrix Group's report and advice and echoed his shout out to Donna Istchenko and Administration.

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

Yukon 125 fund

The Yukon 125 fund was introduced to Council at the Council Meeting on May 10, 2023. The fund is to help share the Yukon story through shared cultural heritage. Brent Liddle, resident of Haines Junction and past coordinator of the 2000 exhibit in the St. Elias Convention Centre foyer, wrote to Council suggesting upgrading the 20+ year old exhibits through the fund.

#136-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council direct Administration to acquire required information to move the reinvigoration of the display in the foyer forward.

Motion #136-23 was **CARRIED**.

Virtues Signs - Stephanie Twiss

Stephanie Twiss sent Council an email to follow-up on the Virtues Signs project that has been put on hold.

#137-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council add the topic for the next committee meeting date, set criteria specifics for the project, and direct Administration to reply to Stephanie and advise on their status.

Motion #137-23 was **CARRIED**.

Questions From The Public

New Business

Request for motion to approve 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements

#138-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council Approve the 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements.

Motion #138-23 was **CARRIED**.

Accounts Payable May 31, 2023

#139-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council accept the Municipal Accounts Payable report to May 31, 2023, as presented.

Motion #139-23 was **CARRIED**.

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Bluegrass Camping Permit extension request

Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival board requested an extension to their overnight camping to include the old Community Hall parking area. Mark Nelson, KMBF President, and John Faulkner, Festival Artistic Director, joined the meeting through Zoom to speak to Council about the matter.

- #140-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council approve the request for additional camping space in the area provided and have an access way through it for safe passage.

Motion #140-23 was **CARRIED**.

Request from Denise Beattie to put up banners

Denise Beattie, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Governance Director, wrote to Treasurer Istchenko to ask if it would be possible to hang approximately 6 banners directing traffic towards Klukshu for the CYFN Annual General Assembly.

- #141-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council Administration respond to Denise Beattie and state that Council is in support of providing the service for the celebration.

Motion #141-23 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

Bylaw 402-23, Zoning Bylaw 104-96 Amendment #44 Bylaw

The bylaw provides for the re-zoning of that portion of Disposition Number 20 I 9-4861 PID 2000023570 from Future Development to Single Family Residential, Multi-Family Residential and Greenbelt Community; and of Lot 55 from Country Residential to Single Family Residential and Greenbelt Community as per Arca I Master Plan Infill Concept Phase 1.

- #142-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Bylaw 402-23, Zoning Bylaw 104-96 Amendment #44 Bylaw be accepted as having been read for the first time on May 31, 2023.

Motion #142-23 was **CARRIED**.

- #143-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT a public hearing for Bylaw 402-23, Zoning Bylaw 104-96 Amendment #44 Bylaw be scheduled for June 14, 2023 and that the notice be posted once a week for two successive weeks on local bulleting boards and on the Village of Haines Junction website and Facebook page.

Motion #143-23 was **CARRIED**.

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Correspondence

Pride Flag request - Donna Istchenko

Donna Istchenko wrote to Council to request for the Progress Pride flag to be flown on the courtesy pole for the month of June in honor of Pride Month.

- #144-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council respond to Donna Istchenko to let her know that Council is happy to fly the flag for the month of June in accordance with the Village of Haines Junction Flag Protocol Policy #30-20.

Motion #144-23 was **CARRIED**.

NEW Exhibits for the Convention Centre - Brent Liddle

Brent Liddle wrote to Council as past coordinator of the 2000 exhibit in the St. Elias Convention Centre foyer to suggest the fill of the historical gap between 1800 and 1898 with a new exhibit on trails & trade routes to the Kluane interior and upgrade the 20+ year old exhibits through the Yukon 125 fund.

- #145-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council respond to Brent Liddle advising that Administration is looking for information to support an application to reinvigorate the exhibit at the Convention Centre.

Motion #145-23 was **CARRIED**.

St. Elias Graduating Class 2023 Invitation - Maggie Mann

On behalf of the St Elias Community School Class of 2023, Principal, Maggie Mann, wrote to Mayor Tomlin inviting him to address the graduates at the Graduation Ceremony.

- #146-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council direct Administration to respond that a representative from the Village of Haines Junction will be present.

Motion #146-23 was **CARRIED**.

YESAB Public Comment Period - Guided Hiking and Climbing in KNPR (Skookum Backcountry Adventures)

- #147-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file YESAB Public Comment Period - Guided Hiking and Climbing in KNPR (Skookum Backcountry Adventures)

Motion #147-23 was **CARRIED**.

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YESAB Public Comment Period - Guided Hiking in KNPR (BES)

#148-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file YESAB Public Comment Period - Guided
 Hiking in KNPR (BES).

Motion #14-23 was **CARRIED**.

Council Reports and Notice of Motion

Welcome Dave Fairbank to your new role as the Chief Administrative Officer. Very glad to have you as part of the team and among us at your first official Council Meeting.

Councillor Charlebois - Attended the Cap and Gown on behalf of Mayor Tomlin and other Deputy Mayors. Presented the Tish Tomlin Scholarship award to recipient Marshall Boss; There was a nice write up of the virtues that he brought to the award. Attended the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations graduation for all ages of transition and was quite lovely. My last Council report was recognizing of people who passed and this time it was lovely to watch all of the young people moving through school and leaving their mark while they are graduating. It is not easy to be a kid these days and it is nice to see how many engaged students there are in the community.

Deputy Mayor Strand - Attended the Association of Yukon Communities AGM.

AYC AGM - Once again a good presentation done by Tosh Southwick and Davida Wood from Inspire Reconciliation Potential (IRP). There was a noticeable difference between their presentation and how people responded last year and this year. Made me think that there is more movement towards Reconciliation.

Also a very interesting presentation with the Village of Teslin, the Teslin Tlingit Council and Council of Yukon First Nations on how they work together. The CYFN Grand Chief, Peter Johnston, and AYC President, Ted Laking, are in discussion on working towards something similar as Yukon forum and gather all Mayors and Chiefs in Yukon at a gathering to be called "Mayor and Chief Gathering". The first one may be in October of 2023.

Christina Benty, Strategic Leadership Solutions, did about 4 workshops. It was really good. Brought back three booklets that she had developed specifically for Yukon Municipalities and are here for Council to look at.

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There were a few resolutions that were put into place. There is a request for a comprehensive joint Municipal Act review. It was suggested that we look into the British Columbia Community Charter for reference as some content may be fitting for Yukon. Two other municipalities brought up that their First Nations can not vote; There is an avenue that the Municipal Act will be open and could be revised accordingly.

There were requests for the Canada Community Building fund allocation to be tripled throughout the Yukon, for a disaster assistance fund, and better coverage for the Emergency Medical Services. They have also passed a motion on meaningful and respectful consultation with municipal governments

The Putting People First presentation will happen at the next board meeting as Health and Social Services Minister Tracy-Anne McPhee was not able to attend the AGM. AYC asked if we would be putting a motion or discussion at a future AGM. There was an incredible annual report and Yukon Aging Report presented. They gave us a bunch of Naloxone kits. I distributed some and have more to leave at the office.

It was a very informative annual general meeting.

Questions from the Public

Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

#149-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, section 213(3).

Motion #149-23 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was closed to the public from 8:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.

#150-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the meeting come out of closed meeting.

Motion #150-23 was **CARRIED**.

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#151-23 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council approve to pay Mayor Tomlin an amount equivalent
to the annual mayor honorarium, pro-rated to the period of February 1 to
May 12, 2023, for his work as acting Chief Administrative Officer.

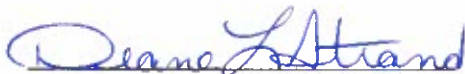
Motion #151-23 was **CARRIED**.

Adjournment

#152-23 It was moved and seconded
THAT there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion #152-23 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02p.m.


Deputy Mayor Strand


Deputy CAO Istchenko

