

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting March 8, 2023**

Present:

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

Deputy CAO Istchenko, Recorder Izigzon

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m.

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

#66-23 It was moved and seconded
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to add:
- 15. Motion to Close Meeting to the Public
- Change Agenda title from "Special" meeting to "Regular"

Motion #66-23 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

Council Meeting Minutes February 22, 2023

#67-23 It was moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 22, 2023,
be adopted as amended to change:
- Recorded to Recorder

Motion #67-23 was **CARRIED**.

Proclamations

Delegations

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

AYC AGM Agenda item

At the February 22, 2023 Council Meeting, Councillor Strand asked Administration to contact AYC and follow-up on her request to add a report on "Putting People First" on the AYC AGM Agenda. Deputy CAO Istchenko contacted AYC and their response was that they sent an invitation to Hon. Deputy Premier Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services, to attend and speak at the AYC Board meeting on March 4, 2023, and they had not received a response.

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AYC AGM Council Attendance

Councillor Strand will be attending the AYC AGM in May 2023. Councillor Charlebois will advise whether she may be able to make it to some of the days. All other Council members are unable to attend.

New Business

Accounts Payable March 8 2023

#68-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council accept the Municipal Accounts Payable report to March 8, 2023 as presented.

Motion #68-23 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

RTC Bylaw #401-23, 2023 Property Taxation Levy Bylaw - First Reading

#69-22 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Bylaw 401-23, 2023 Property Taxation Levy Bylaw be accepted as having been Read for the first time on March 8, 2023.

Motion #69-22 was **CARRIED**.

#70-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council ask Administration to reduce the residential and non-residential tax rate from 1.2% to 1.15% and leave everything else the same.

Motion #70-23 was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Charlebois opposed.

Bylaw #400-23, 2023 Annual Operating and Capital/Projects Budget Bylaw - First Reading

#71-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Bylaw #400-23, 2023 Annual Operating and Capital/Projects Budget Bylaw be accepted as having been Read for the first time on March 8, 2023.

Motion #71-23 was **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

YESAB Registry - Fuel Abatement and Road Development - Haines Junction Phase 1

Council has the following concerns with the project "Fuel Abatement and Road Development - Haines Junction Phase 1:

- Reclamation of road 1 and 2, how long it will be there?
- Fire break with landing in zones where extension to Willow Acres development is planned.
- Timber harvesting: Request to show 24% retention with descriptive pictures.

#72-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Deputy CAO Istchenko record Council's concerns to send to YESAB process and invite Wildland Fire Management Branch to the next Council meeting for discussion.

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Motion #72-23 was **CARRIED**.

Haines Junction February Mayors - Chiefs Report

#73-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file the HJ February Mayors – Chiefs Report.

Motion #73-23 was **CARRIED**.

Justice DM Change

#74-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file Justice DM Change.

Motion #74-23 was **CARRIED**.

Federal Funding Opportunities (RTSF & DMAF)

#75-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file Federal Funding Opportunities (RTSF & DMAF) for new CAO to take a look and see if it fits in the parameter.

Motion #75-23 was **CARRIED**.

New Minerals Legislation Engagement and Survey Opportunity

#76-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file New Minerals Legislation Engagement and Survey Opportunity for information and encourage anyone who is interested to complete the survey by the due date of May 9th, 2023.

Motion #76-23 was **CARRIED**.

Signage Strategy - Brent Liddle (Regarding Power of Positive Words)

#77-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and respond to Brent Liddle to thank him for the context and inform him that Council is still in discussion on the project and will take his input in consideration.

Motion #77-23 was **CARRIED**.

Mar HJHC Newsletter

#78-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file Mar HJHC Newsletter.

Motion #78-23 was **CARRIED**.

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Council Reports and Notice of Motion

Councillor Charlebois: "Thank you HJ Minor Hockey board, coaches, arena staff, and volunteers, it was a lot of work and people did a wonderful job for the youth and adults in the community. It was a great season. Kudos to organizers and staff."

Councillor Maynes: Sent an email to EMP to let them know that the proposed dates were not good and requested for funding to be considered for next year fiscal year budget. Response was "Thanks for letting me know." We should be thinking about a different date. I also reached out to Bryan Levia this morning and have not heard back.

Councillor Nassiopoulos: A little note to check emails for Recreation Assessment. They would like to do an hour session with Council on the report in April and a community engagement on the 19th of April.

Echo Angie on Minor Hockey, it was a great season!

Mayor Tomlin: Spent Saturday at the AYC Board meeting. There were premiers there and ministers doing presentations. There were a few things that came out of it that I had not heard about. A biomass starting in Haines Junction, there will be meetings this spring and summer. The Solid Waste Management plan is coming out soon. Also, funding for the water and sewer infrastructure last year was budgeted at 2-3 million and this year is showing \$250,000 – \$600,00. Hoping it is enough to get us through this year. We asked about it in November and received an answer that it was going to be all the way up to phase 4 or 5.

Other things have dried up in funding; They have cut back the funding for rural land development as residential from \$10 million to \$6 million and increased in Whitehorse from \$13.3 million to \$17.6 million. AYC put out a blur about that and they got ministers' attention. There should be explanations coming about that. The worrisome to me is that we have land development on the way and hope we are not part of any cuts.

I think we should be sending a letter to minister of community services asking for clarification on why the budgets have been cut and ask to make sure that phase 3 for water and sewer infrastructure will be completed and hoping that there will be money for phase 4. Disappointed that they cut back in rural and raised it in Whitehorse.

Also, there was a presentation by Humane Society saying that they are not a funded organization and they run out of money and asked the government for money. They did get money this year, but they are in a predicament all the time. I think Whitehorse is the only municipality that gives them money. I also asked Lions Club to give them money. Like the presenter said, "You can lose the ski club or canoeing society but if you lose the humane society, someone still has to take care of the animals."

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Not saying we should give them money, but back them up to ask YG to do funding for them. They provide services to communities not just in Whitehorse. They are taking over everyone's animal control issues.

It was a good meeting.

Questions from the Public

Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

#79-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, section 213(3).

Motion #79-23 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was closed to the public from 8:25 p.m. to 9:16 p.m.

#80-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the meeting come out of closed meeting.

Motion #80-23 was **CARRIED**.

Adjournment

#81-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion #81-23 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at. 9:17 p.m.



Mayor Tomlin



Deputy CAO Istchenko

