

**Village of Haines Junction
CoW Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2024**

Present:

Deputy Mayor Strand
Councillor Bushe
Councillor Mackinnon
Councillor McPhie

Absent:

CAO Fairbank
Public Works Manager Tracey

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm

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

Solid Waste Facility – Council Information Session

Purpose of meeting:

To review work done by prior Council that led them to make the decision to sign the Interim Regionalization Agreement.

Materials distributed at the meeting:

The following documents were distributed at the meeting, noting all documents have been previously shared with Council/the public at prior council meetings and are posted on the Village website at hainesjunction.ca/p/waste-management

- Interim Regionalization Agreement signed April 2024
- Public Information Session Presentation on Tipping Fees – September 18, 2024
- October 2024 mailout to all Haines Junction households
- Tipping fees FAQ
- Recent letters from the public requesting more public engagement

Topics discussed at the meeting:

- The decline in recycling and refundables being diverted from the landfill since a peak in 2018, despite population growth and steps that are being taken to regain control of waste diversion
- Whether it makes sense to bail compacted garbage
- Changes made at the front of house at the landfill
- The cost of bailing and removing the 600-800 tons of scrap metals (\$327/ton) and the 200 automobiles at the site (\$823 plus tax per vehicle) – a total liability of approximately \$390,000 – as well as efforts the Village and AYC have made to lobby YG for support with end-of-life vehicles.
- Work that is needed at the back of the landfill to manage water runoff in the spring.

- Plans for improvements to the free store.
- How salvaging activities will be managed.
- Implications to the Village for not signing the regionalization agreement.
- The status of regionalization across the Yukon.
- Regulatory changes in the management of landfills.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50


Deputy Mayor Diane Strand


CAO David Fairbank

