

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2024**

Present:
Mayor Tomlin
Councillor Strand
Councillor Charlebois

Absent:
Councillor Nassiopoulos

CAO Fairbank, Recorder Ogden

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05

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

#188-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the following changes:

- Defer 7a – Delegate is not available this evening
- Defer 11a – Need to spend more time on HAF budget

Motion #188-24 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings

Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 12, 2024

#189-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 12, 2024 be adopted as presented

Motion #189-24 was **CARRIED**.

Special Council Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024

#190-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of June 17, 2024 be adopted as presented

Motion #190-24 was **CARRIED**.

Proclamations

Delegations

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

New Business

Accounts Payable to June 26, 2024

Materials provided: Municipal Accounts Payable to June 26, 2024

#191-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Municipal Accounts Payable to June 26, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion #191-24 was **CARRIED**.

RTC Yukon 125 Historical Mural

Materials provided: Municipal Accounts Payable to June 26, 2024

CAO Report:

- Introduced Brent Liddle, project co-creator (in attendance).
- The Village was awarded \$7,500 from Yukon 125 that was matched by Council.
- Considerable consultation with CAFN has taken place on the project.
- Drafting of the written materials, and selection of imagery, is still in progress and is being vetted through CAFN. This will be brought back to Council at a later date.
- The current interpretive wall doesn't mention pre-gold rush history; the story that is shared starts in 1900. This project is intended to fill in this gap. While the messaging on the current wall is dated, the exhibit materials have lasted well. May want to consider updating this wall as it is near end of lifespan.
- Interpretive exhibits generally have a 20-year lifespan.
- Council was presented with 3 options -- with cost estimates -- for the mural. Brent ran through the options:
 - Option A – would use same materials as existing exhibit. Easiest to install, requires least maintenance. Least expensive option. Fixed panels with fixed message to last a fixed period of time. Security rail not required. ~\$6100
 - Option B – addition of pebbled walkway to create a path through the exhibit area. Central kiosk, circular flow to exhibit. The central kiosk is not moveable. More visual appeal, large panorama. 3 panels. Separate interpretive components -- individual components can be changed. Interactive kiosk is the

expensive component – not yet priced out. Recommended that access to exhibit space be controlled. ~\$10,200

- Option C – Backlit images, state of the art. Exhibits would light up this dark corner in the building as the panels would glow. Text would be panels below images. Images are static, text panels could be more easily changed. Elevated platform to keep people back from exhibit. ~\$15,000
- Option D (not presented) could be some blend of the above options.

Discussion:

- Council doesn't like the idea of cordoning off the exhibit space to restrict access to the space.
- If update the whole exhibit, could consider using the space behind the existing mural wall (currently used for storage)
- Council likes option to update messages regularly.
- Instead of a fixed backlit panel could use an AV screen – change to suit event that is taking place.
- Sheep mountain interpretive centre was recently revamped at a cost of \$100,000.
- Council is not sold on central kiosk because the convention centre is a destination for events, not a tourist destination where this would seem more fitting.
- Like the idea of the pathway/journey around the exhibit, could build on this to draw the exhibit outside at some point.
- Council asked if the interactive exhibit against the wall (instead of central kiosk)?
- The budget currently set aside for this project beyond the design phase is \$60,000.
- Council likes the concept of including a video screen with a short documentary.
- Prefer to direct funds to updating existing exhibit before putting funds into producing a video.
- Prefer designing the exhibit so it can be cleaned vs. putting on a raised platform with a railing and setting people back from the exhibit.
- Council likes backlit panels.

#192-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the design move forward with a blend of Options C and B - incorporating the backlit panels as suggested in Option C and the individual interpretive panels/interactive kiosks as suggested in Option B – and not incorporating the central kiosk or railings and an elevated platform to keep visitors back from the exhibit (and instead selecting materials that can be cleaned).

Motion #192-24 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

Correspondence

Council Reports

Councillor Strand

- Noting to report

Councillor Charlebois

- Attended electoral boundaries public meeting, great turnout.

Mayor Tomlin

- Also attended electoral boundaries public meeting, appreciative they came to community and to gather feedback.

Questions from the Public

Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

#193-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the meeting be closed to the public at 7:39.

Motion #193-24 was **CARRIED**.

Motion to Reopen Meeting to the Public

#194-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the meeting be reopened to the public at 8:58pm

Motion #194-24 was **CARRIED**.

#195-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council direct Administration to process a lump sum payment based on hours worked during 2023 to any employees who did not receive the inflation adjustment payment of 4.5%

Motion #195-24 was **CARRIED**.

Adjournment

#196-24 It was moved and seconded
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:59pm.

Motion #196-24 was **CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.



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Mayor Bruce Tomlin

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CAO David Fairbank