

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting May 10, 2023**

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Strand (with notice)

Deputy CAO Istchenko, Recorder Izigzon

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02p.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

#121-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to add:

- 10c. RTC Zoning Amendment and Land Transfer Request

Motion #121-23 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

Council Meeting Minute April 26, 2023

#122-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 26, 2023,
 be adopted as presented to amend:

- Note that Mayor Tomlin attended via web conferencing.

Motion #122-23 was **CARRIED**.

Proclamations

Delegations

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

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Questions From The Public

Alessandra Barone attended the Council meeting via web conferencing to share her concerns on green space and forestry loss due to new development. Ms. Barone requested that wildlife corridors be considered during development design and construction.

Council has included green space and conservation as a priority in new development and will take Ms. Barone's input into consideration.

New Business

Accounts Payable May 10, 2023

#123-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council accept the Municipal Accounts Payable
 report to May 10, 2023, as presented.

Motion #123-23 was **CARRIED**.

Invitation to Engage on the Animal Protection and Control Act Regulations - Nils Clarke
Minister of Environment

Nils Clarke, Minister of Environment, sent Council an invitation to arrange a public meeting in the Community to discuss the development of the regulations of the new *Animal Protection and Control Act* that will replace the current *Animal Protection Act*, the *Dog Act* and the *Pounds Act*. The Department of Environment, Government of Yukon will share plans for enforcing the new legislation, tools to control feral animals, and listen to citizen's views on the new Act.

Council invites the Department of Environment to host both a meeting with Council and a public meeting on the new *Animal Protection and Control Act*.

RTC Zoning Amendment and Land Transfer Request

An application has been received from Land Development Branch for an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw requesting the re-zoning of Phase 1 of Area 1 lot development from Future Development to Single Family and Multi Family Residential as identified in the conceptual plan.

#124-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council agrees to proceed with the re-zoning of that portion of
 Disposition Number 2019-4861 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 Area 1 Master Plan
 Infill Concept Phase 1.

Motion #124-23 was **CARRIED**.

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#125-23 It was moved and seconded
THAT the ownership of Lot 55 be transferred from the Village of Haines Junction to the Government of Yukon in order to facilitate the development and sale of the Area 1 Master Plan Infill Concept Phase 1 lots.

Motion #125-23 was **CARRIED**.

#126-23 It was moved and seconded
THAT this be considered a Council initiated zoning change and the application fee be waived.

Motion #126-23 was **CARRIED**.

**Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption
Correspondence**

HJHC Newsletter May 2023

#127-23 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council receive and file HJHC Newsletter May 2023.

Motion #127-23 was **CARRIED**.

Dark Sky Movement - Rabia Jaffar

Rabia Jaffar, a Canadian citizen concerned with the environment, wrote Mayor Tomlin an email to request consideration for Haines Junction/Dakwākāda to join the Dark sky Movement under the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA). Information can be found at: <https://www.darksky.org/our-work/conservation/idsp/become-a-dark-sky-place/>

Mayor Tomlin replied to Rabia Jaffar appreciating his request as there are members in the community who are big promoters for the movement. Council will take the Dark Sky Movement into consideration for the new development.

#128-23 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council receive and file Dark Sky Movement - Rabia Jaffar.

Motion #128-23 was **CARRIED**.

Yukon 125 fund

The Government of Yukon and the Yukon Historical & Museums Association have partnered to offer the Yukon 125 Fund in honor of the territory's 125th anniversary. The fund is to help share the Yukon story. Yukon First Nations governments, municipalities, community organizations, clubs, boards and committees are welcome to apply to receive up to \$7,500 per applicant.

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Council will brainstorm ideas for the application and bring the topic back for the next Council meeting.

#129-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file Yukon 125 fund and make information available to the public.

Motion #129-23 was **CARRIED**.

#130-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council add Yukon 125 fund to the next Council agenda.

Motion #130-23 was **CARRIED**.

Council Reports and Notice of Motion

Councillor Nassiopoulos: Thank you Public Works for working on filling the potholes. The Recreation Assessment is still being completed and should receive updated information soon. There is less than a month left of school and requests have been made for the basketball court to be tuned up.

Councillor Charlebois: Honored two community members' passing, Libby Dulac and Rosemary Anne Buck, and the community members who came together to hold their services. Sad occasions but beautiful how people are honored. Sad and heart warming to see how much people are loved and well cared for.

Mayor Tomlin: Will not be in town for the next two weeks. Councillor Strand is Deputy Mayor and will be away the first week to attend a course.

#131-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council appoint Councillor Maynes as the acting Deputy Mayor for the time that Councillor Strand is not in Haines Junction.

Motion #131-23 was **CARRIED**.

Thank you, Public Works, for the potholes being filled.

There is a scheduled meeting with Land Management on Thursday May 11, 2023 that Treasurer, Donna Istchenko, Public Works Manager, Jerry Tracey, and Mayor Tomlin will attend in regards to the development of Area 1.

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The discussion will be on the debris from Area 1 clearing that has been filling up the landfill; and keeping Council advised on the development progress and next steps before they happen and not after. There will also be discussion on the lots for lottery on Bates Street. There are concerns on their current state of which the Village of Haines Junction holds no responsibility.

Councillor Nassiopoulos requested to ask if the lots on Bates St. have been compacted and what happens if they start to move; and about the concerns on the proximity and shape of lots in Area 1.

Council will request a map of what is going to be built on Area 1 in the next year to show the public.

Deputy CAO Istchenko shared the following updates with Council:

- Water Automation Upgrade is complete
- SCADA has progressed to point that we are no longer at risk. Options are being submitted by contractors for the next steps.
- Patching of the Pine Lake Trail, basketball court, and Convention Center parking will commence as soon as patching equipment is received.
- Street sweeping will begin as soon as the street sweeper attachment is received.
- All gravel surfaces have been graded and some packed. Currently sourcing calcium to be applied for dust control.
- Pothole repair has begun on shoulders and corners with gravel material. Cold-mix patching on BST surfaces will begin as soon as the days get warmer.
- RFP for arena and Firehall roof repair is currently awaiting bids.

The next Council Meeting, on May 24th, 2023 is the same evening as the CAFN Citizen Graduation.

#132-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council change the next Council meeting from the 24th to the 31st.

Motion #132-23 was **CARRIED**.

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Questions from the Public

Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

Adjournment

#133-23

It was moved and seconded

THAT there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion #133-23 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.



Mayor Tomlin



Deputy CAO Istchenko