

**Village of Haines Junction  
Regular Council Meeting April 12, 2023**

**Present:**

Mayor Tomlin  
Councillor Maynes  
Councillor Nassiopoulos  
Councillor Strand

**Absent:**

Councillor Charlebois

Deputy CAO Istchenko, Recorder Izigzon

**Call to Order**

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

#95-23

It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as amended to add:

- Under Correspondence: 12h. Building Communities in the North: Southwest Yukon Building Supplies Cooperative.
- In-Camera session

Motion #95-23 was **CARRIED**.

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**Adoption of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**

Council Meeting Minute March 22, 2023

#96-23

It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 22, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Motion #96-23 was **CARRIED**.

**Proclamations**

**Delegations**

BGC Yukon – Summer Recreation Programming 2023

#97-22

It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Council extend the delegation time limit as per Bylaw 352-19, Council Procedural Bylaw, Section 15.6.

Motion#97-22 was **CARRIED**.

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Isabelle Piche, Lindsay Cornell, and Emily Lowe from BGC Yukon, in collaboration with Shannon Maloney from Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Youth Programming, presented to Council the 2023 Summer Recreation programming and Equipment proposal and the ParticipACTION Community Challenge plan.

The Summer Recreation programming and Equipment proposal includes the Summer Camp Shajé Kwa'ä Sunshine Camp, hiring of a lifeguard, and a Long Board Library for a grand total of: \$61,805.45

The summer camp funds include higher wages and training for staff, food, travel to Whitehorse for supplies/food, gear (health & safety, first aid kits, sun shelters, backpacks, swag).

The lifeguard proposal is to hire one at Pine Lake for the summer camp activities and/or more days a week for public safety.

In addition to the summer camp, BGC was awarded the ParticipACTION Community Challenge Grant. "The Community Challenge consists of gathering the amount of Active Minutes community members can accomplish throughout the month of June 2023," Isabelle Piché.

BGC is asking if the Village of Haines Junction would like to support the Community Challenge through one or all of the following:

- In-kind use of arena space
- Printing/Laminating engagement posters
- Labour time; installation/setup and support when needed
- material to build community engagement piece (i.e. thermometer indicating amount of minutes registered up to date)
- Some funds for purchase of sports/recreation gear (Laser Tag)

Council requested further details regarding the liabilities connected to hiring a lifeguard and quotes for equipment. A discussion will be held at the following Council meeting on April 26, 2023.

**Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions**

**Old Business**

RTC 2023 04 12 Voyent Alert! Service

#98-23

It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Council direct Administration to proceed with advertisement and registrations for the Voyent Alert! service and set May 1, 2023, as the launch date.

Motion #98-23 was **CARRIED**.

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**New Business**

Accounts Payable April 12, 2023

#99-23      It was moved and seconded  
              **THAT** Council accept the Municipal Accounts Payable  
              report to April 12, 2023, as presented.

Motion #99-23 was **CARRIED**.

RTC Reducing Building Requirement Term on New Lot Sales

Land Management Branch has been considering reducing the length of the building requirement term in their agreements for sale from 5 years to 3 years and is asking whether Council would consider having a 3-year building requirement term on the lots that will be going up for sale on Bates and Karman Streets.

Council is not interested in changing the building requirements at the moment. Monetary implications may deter people from buying and wanting to build. A five-year requirement is already a challenge; three years would be even more of an obstacle. Council will revisit the topic when the Building Requirements Policy is revisited once the lots in Development Area 1 are ready to go on the market.

RTC Request to Minister to Extend Mayor's Authority to Perform the Duties of the CAO

Mayor Tomlin has been Acting CAO since February 1, 2023. The Municipal Act allows for a three-month period under Section 180. The three-month period allowed by the Act will expire on April 30, 2023. As a new CAO will not be appointed by that time, Community Advisor has recommended that Council ask for an extension to the period of time that the Mayor (or designate) may perform the duties of the CAO. The deadline is approaching, and a new CAO will probably not be in position by then. Council can request for an extension to the Minister of Community Services.

#100-23      It was moved and seconded  
              **THAT** Council apply to the Honorable Richard Mostyn, Minister of  
              Community Services, for Mayor Tomlin to continue acting as Chief  
              Administrative Officer until such time as a new Chief Administrative  
              Officer is appointed, as per Section 371(1) of the Municipal Act, RSY 2002,  
              c. 154.

Motion #100-23 was **CARRIED**.

Association of Yukon Communities AGM Nominations & Attachments

The Association of Yukon Communities will be holding the Annual General Meeting, May 11-14, 2023. Nominations are submitted by Council members for the Hanseatic Award (Yukon municipal politician) and the Municipal Employee Award to recognize people that have made outstanding contributions to Yukon municipal government and their communities at the conference. Council members are also able to submit Briefing

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Notes (subject desired to be discussed) and Resolutions that they wish to bring up to Yukon Government.

The Village of Haines Junction Council will be submitting a Resolution for the *Putting People First* report.

- #101-23        It was moved and seconded  
                  **THAT** Council direct staff to ask the businesses that participated in the 2022 Winter Holiday Gift Certificates if they have something to offer towards a "Getaway to Haines Junction" package with a budget limit of \$1000 for the whole package.

Motion #101-23 was **CARRIED**.

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

CDF Village HJ support letter – Sue Johnson

The Kluane-Chilkat International Bike Relay (KCIBR) is requesting a letter of support from the Village of Haines Junction Council for the Community Development Funding to support the creation of a KCIBR Strategic Plan.

- #102-23        It was moved and seconded  
                  **THAT** Council approve the support letter.

Motion #102-23 was **CARRIED**.

Support letter Grad – St. Elias Community School 2023 Graduating Class

The St. Elias Community School 2023 Graduating Class wrote to Council to request an in-kind donation of the rental fee, tablecloths and glasses. The Graduation Ceremony booking is confirmed at the St. Elias Convention Centre from June 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

- #103-23        It was moved and seconded  
                  **THAT** Council provide the Grand Hall, tablecloths, and glasses for the 2023 Graduating class.

Motion #103-23 was **CARRIED**.

Request for Council - Thrift Store Volunteers Recognition– Sandy Holmes

Sandy Holmes wrote to Council requesting a form of recognition for the volunteers at the Thrift Store. Their wonderful and hard work is what keeps The Thrift Store serving the Haines Junction and surrounding area as an affordable retail outlet. Council is going to further discuss their priority to cultivate community pride and spirit and include Sandy Holme's request for the volunteers at the Thrift Store.

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Going M.I.L.E.S – Inspiring Youth through Art program – Patricia Sanchez

- #104-23      It was moved and seconded  
                 **THAT** Council receive and file the letter from Patricia Sanchez re  
                 Going M.I.L.E.S' letter.

Motion #104-23 was **CARRIED**.

Housing Accelerator Fund – Jillian Hardie

The New Housing Accelerator Fund through CMHC will launch in Summer 2023. It is available to local governments with the aim to increase housing supply. *It will also support the development of complete, low-carbon and climate resilient communities that are affordable, inclusive, equitable and diverse.*

- #105-23      It was moved and seconded  
                 **THAT** Council receive and file the "letter from Jillian Hardie re Housing  
                 Accelerator Fund letter.

Motion #105-23 was **CARRIED**.

Invitation Land Acknowledgement Workshop – Yukon First Nations Culture & Tourism

Council received an invitation from Yukon First Nations Culture & Tourism to attend a series of workshops they will be facilitating to *"assist operators and other service providers aimed at visitors and Yukon residents in developing cultural awareness and relationship building skills that will support enhanced visitor experiences, business development opportunities, and respectful interest in and engagement with Yukon First Nations."*

It was noted that Council's Strategic Plan included an item to develop a Truth and Reconciliation Plan /Policy.

- #106-23      It was moved and seconded  
                 **THAT** Council receive and file the correspondence, *Invitation Land  
                 Acknowledgement Workshop* from Yukon First Nations Culture & Tourism,  
                 and support Council members attend the workshops.

Motion #106-23 was **CARRIED**.

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**Building Communities in the North: Southwest Yukon supplies Cooperative Finella Pesco at Fortitude Consulting**

Mayor Tomlin met with Finella Pescott of Fortitude Consulting to discuss a grant Ecotrust Canada's Indigenous Home-Lands Initiative, in collaboration with Fortitude Consulting, received through the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Housing Supply Challenge.

The grant will be used to carry out research, planning and engagement needed for the development of a Southwest Yukon building Supply Cooperative. At this time, they are looking at different parcels of land to start the building supply facility where local materials will be sold at affordable prices and training will be offered in carpentry and sawmilling. Fortitude Consulting is accepting suggestions for suitable land locations to either purchase or lease.

#107-23           It was moved and seconded  
                    **THAT** Council receive and file the letter Building Communities in the North: Southwest Yukon supplies Cooperative.

Motion #107-23 was **CARRIED**.

**Council Reports and Notice of Motion**

Councillor Nassiopoulos has been working on the Recreational Needs Assessment project.

**Councillor Maynes:** Reached out to Bryan Levia in regards for dates on the Emergency Management Planning and is waiting on a response.

**Mayor Bruce Tomlin:** Would like to send a letter to all businesses requesting to clean up the streets and move vehicles. Councillor Strand is Deputy Mayor while the Mayor goes on Holiday.

**Questions from the Public**

**Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**

#108-23           It was moved and seconded  
                    **THAT** Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, section 213(3).

Motion #108-23 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was closed to the public from 8:22p.m. to 9:25p.m.

#109-23           It was moved and seconded  
                    **THAT** the meeting come out of closed meeting.

Motion #109-23 was **CARRIED**.

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**Adjournment**


#110-23

It was moved and seconded

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

Motion #110-23 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at. 9:26p.m.

  
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Mayor Tomlin  
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Deputy CAO Istchenko