

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting January 11, 2023**

Present:

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

Absent with notice:

Councillor Maynes

CAO Thomas, Recorded 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

#1-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to add:

10g. Asset Management Maturity Assessment and Roadmap

10h. Awarding of Vehicle-Equipment Fuel Service Tender

*10i. CoW Special meeting to discuss Noise Bylaw correspondence and next steps
in camera.*

Motion #1-23 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

Council Meeting Minutes December 21, 2022

#2-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 21, 2022,
be adopted as presented.

Motion #2-23 was **CARRIED**.

Proclamations

Delegations

Stephanie Twiss – Power of Positive Words

Stephanie Twiss appeared before Council to speak to them about the Power of Positive Words project she had presented to the previous Council in 2021. The project consists of installing positive word signs that reflect at night around Haines Junction/Dakwākāda. The signs can be periodically updated with new words for a vast array of positive inspiration for people to share.

Stephanie expressed, “The signs will remind people of positivity. It changes thoughts and lives and I know that if we have these signs, it could clean up our streets mentally. Our whole town would benefit. We would become noticed in the Yukon and can spread words and be mentors for a lot of communities.”

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At the October 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the previous Council had passed the following motion:

RTC re Power of Positive Words

#323-21 *It was moved and seconded*

THAT Council, given the cost of \$2,500 and the labour of two staff members for two days, approves moving forward with the project Power of Positive Words, and staff should consider obtaining a mock-up.

Motion #323-21 was CARRIED.

Councillor Johnston and Councillor Nassiopoulos abstained.

The current Council took office at the following Regular Council Meeting on October 27, 2021. Council thanked Stephanie for bringing back the project to them and will revisit.

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

Infrastructure Improvements Status

#3-23 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council receive and file the Infrastructure Improvements Status report.

Motion #3-23 was **CARRIED**.

New Business

Area 1 Master Plan Approval

The Government of Yukon's Land Development Department provided Council with "Area 1 Master Plan - Infill Concept Brief and Preliminary Engineering Report. Council is concerned about the minimal spacing between lots and lack of access roads and green space displayed in the report. In response, Council passed the following motion and requested a meeting with YG's Land Development Department.

#4-23 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council direct Administration to go back to YG to do a comparative analysis between the 2009 and the new plan, and address some of the space concerns with the existing Willow Acres lots and new development.

Motion #4-23 was **CARRIED**.

Interim Regionalization Agreement Approval

The Government of Yukon presented Council with a draft Interim Regional Waste Management Facility Agreement to provide financial compensation and support for improvements and shared asset retirement obligations. At the moment, Council does not feel comfortable moving forward with the agreement without further discussion and revisiting their objectives in the previously held political meetings

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- #5-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council table the approval of the agreement to a later date and find a time during the next weeks to have a CoW meeting with all information at disposal.

Motion #5-23 was **CARRIED**.

Recreation Needs Assessment Award

- #6-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council That Council award the Recreation Needs Assessment Contract to Expedition Management Consulting Ltd. For the quoted price of \$70, 600 plus GST. Council notes that any changes to this amount that exceed 10% of the approved budget will require Council approval.

Motion #6-23 was **CARRIED**.

Mayor Tomlin opposed.

HJ Community Association - Request for Letter of Support

- #7-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council move the conversation to an in-camera discussion.

Motion #7-23 was **CARRIED**.

Accounts Payable January 11, 2023

- #8-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council accept the Municipal Accounts Payable report to January 11, 2023 as amended to reflect a corrected amount.

Motion #8-23 was **CARRIED**.

Donated Refundables Fund Grant Distribution

- #9-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council for the Municipality of Haines Junction evenly distribute the \$4,927.15 of Donated Refundables Fund monies collected at the Haines Junction Recycle Centre during 2022 to the following eligible community groups:
- *Creative Junction Collective*
 - *Junction Arts and Music*
 - *Romp n Run*
 - *SECS Graduation Class of 2023*
 - *St. Elias Cross Country Ski Club*

Motion #9-23 was **CARRIED**.

Asset Management Maturity Assessment and Roadmap

In October 2022, council set Service Sustainability as one of the strategic priorities for 2022-2024. In

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December 2022 Administration did an invitational RFP to several firms that have Asset Management specialists with small municipalities experience specifically in order to solicit proposals. Two firms responded with proposals, and upon careful review of the deliverables, Administration is confident that WSP's Asset Management Department will deliver the highest value and quality of support for this important priority, with a quoted \$25,380 with specific deliverables as required.

#10-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council award the Asset Management Maturity Assessment and Roadmap project contract to WSP and that Administration be directed to provide Council with a comparative analysis report between the two firms that responded with proposals.

Motion #10-23 was **CARRIED**.

RTC 2023 01 11 Awarding of Vehicle-Equipment Fuel Service Tender

#11-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council award the Provision of Vehicle/Equipment Fuel Service Tender 2023 to the lowest bidder, Source Motors.

Motion #11-23 was **CARRIED**.

COW Special meeting to discuss Noise Bylaw correspondence and next steps in camera.

#12-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council establish by email, this week, a date to have an in-camera CoW meeting to discuss the most recent block of correspondence about the Noise Control Bylaw and determine next steps.

Motion #12-23 was **CARRIED**.

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

Noise Control Bylaw Letters

#13-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and table the block of correspondence on the Noise Control Bylaw to the in-camera CoW meeting to be scheduled by email.

Motion #13-23 was **CARRIED**.

Haines Junction 2022 Audit Plan

#14-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council accepts and files the HJ 2022 Audit Plan as presented.

Motion #14-23 was **CARRIED**.

Haines Junction December 2022 Mayors - Chiefs Report

#15-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file Haines Junction December 2022 Mayors - Chiefs Report.

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Motion #15-23 was **CARRIED**.

Council Reports and Notice of Motion

Councillor Nassiopoulos: Concerned for the Recreation schedule. Hopefully there has been a movement in recruiting more staff.

CAO, Tracy Thomas informed Council that Administration will be posting for student positions without closing the regular part-time posting.

Councillor Charlebois: Request to be informed of future discussions regarding major Arena schedule changes. Information was not provided to Council before previous change.

Mayor Tomlin: Have a meeting on Monday, January 16th with Chief Barb Joe and staff on Zoom. And then on Wednesday, January 18th a regular meeting with Chief and Council.

Questions from the Public

John Carney: Advised Council to request Territorial to provide a price option for buyers of new development lots to get their power lines buried in order to preserve the vista that the OCP valued.

On the Noise Bylaw, he expressed, "Some people are being misinformed and think that there is an idea that people are trying to stop the music. We are not trying to get rid of the music. It is the Bylaw that is the big picture. This bylaw is going to be a 365 for all people in the village. It has turned into an idea that it is all about the live music at the village bakery, it is not about that, it is about all citizens, what we are going to be living year-round. More people are paying attention to what council is doing. Should not have any problem with people not knowing."

Michael Schmidt: "I support John Carney's comment on the Noise Bylaw. Please treat this as two separate things. One is resolving of how we continue with the music and the other is the Noise Bylaw. They are two separate things. Please show leadership and resolve this issue which is causing some grief in town. It is not a huge deal. We have been sitting on it for a long time. Please resolve it."

Ron Schatz: "I am joining the process again and I do support Michael's suggestion on a role for mayor and council to mediate amongst the parties. That has immediate use aside from the bylaw with making a resolution. And suggest both processes can go forward. It is very important, if both parties agree to be part of it, to facilitate a mediation on the matter."

Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

#16-23 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, section 213(3).

Motion #16-23 was **CARRIED**.

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The meeting was closed to the public from 8:17p.m. to 9:12p.m.

#17-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the meeting come out of closed meeting.

Motion #17-23 was **CARRIED**.

#18-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council direct Administration to inform the public that further input into of the development of 399-22 Noise Control Bylaw and correspondence from the public related to the draft bylaw will no longer be accepted nor included in Council packages.

Motion #18-23 was **CARRIED**.

#19-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council direct Administration to respond to the correspondence listed in the Agenda package, thanking each for taking the time to submit their concerns and questions and that consideration to these will be given during the next step of the legislative process. The public input portion of the development of 399-22 Noise Control Bylaw is closed.

Motion #19-23 was **CARRIED**.

#20-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council direct administration to respond to the request for letter of support informing the society that Council is reticent, at this time, given the imminent start of the Recreation Needs Assessment. Further, Council is anticipating recreation priorities discussions with the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Chief and Council that could influence our future direction.


Motion #20-23 was **CARRIED**.

Adjournment

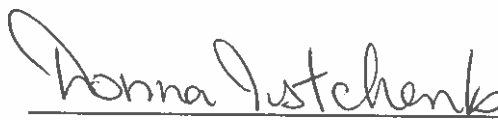
#21-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion #21-23 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17p.m.



Mayor Tomlin



for CAO Tracy Thomas