

**Village of Haines Junction
Minutes of the Ceremonial and Regular Council Meetings
October 23, 2024**

Outgoing Council

Present:

Deputy Mayor Nassiopoulos

Councillor Charlebois

Councillor Strand

Incoming Council

Absent:

Mayor Tomlin

Present:

Mayor Riseborough

Councillor Busche

Councillor McPhie

Councillor Strand

Absent:

Councillor Mackinnon

Staff

Chief Administrative Officer Fairbank

Policy/Communications Manager Ogden

Call to Order of Ceremonial Meeting

The ceremonial meeting was called to order at 7:04

Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory

Deputy Mayor Nassiopoulos acknowledged that we are on the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

Signing of Oath of Office

- The new Mayor and Councillors were invited, one at a time, to read and sign their oath
- Mayor Risenborough thanked the outgoing Council for their service.

Adjournment

#329-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the ceremonial meeting be adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Motion #329-24 was **CARRIED**

The ceremonial meeting adjourned at 7:09pm

Call to Order of Regular Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm

Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory

Mayor Risenborough acknowledged that we are on the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

Adoption of Agenda

#330-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion #330-24 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings

Proclamations

Delegations

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

New Business

Accounts Payable to October 23, 2024

Materials provided: Municipal Accounts Payable to October 23, 2024

Discussion:

- It was confirmed that the accounts payable to October 23, 2024 were not approved by the previous Council
- Council is not yet familiar with the budget
- Council has no desire to withhold payment
- It was requested that all motions be recorded votes in order to record who is making which motions.

#331-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT accounts payable be received and filed.

All were in favour.

Motion #331-24 was **CARRIED**.

RTC September 2024 Financial Report

Discussion:

- It was acknowledged that Council likely has questions on the report.
- A request was made for any questions regarding the report be deferred to a Committee of the Whole Meeting, and any actions arising from the report be deferred to after said Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Thanks were expressed to Treasurer Donna Istchenko for her work on the report.

#332-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the September 2024 Financial Report to Council be accepted as information.

All were in favour.

Motion #332-24 was **CARRIED**.

RTC 2024 Haines Junction Lottery Funding Distribution

#333-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the report on the Haines Junction Lottery Funding Distribution, and its recommendations, be accepted.

All were in favour.

Motion #333-24 was **CARRIED**.

Transition Binder

Discussion:

- Thanks were expressed to Council and Staff for preparing the Transition Binder
- Given the 70-page binder has 57 briefing and issue notes, Council is not in a position tonight to go through all of these and make decisions on them.
- It was suggested that discussion on this Binder be deferred to a Committee of the Whole meeting where time will be set aside for Council to go through the binder with senior staff and look at the recommendations and get feedback from Council on what their priorities are.
- A request was made to defer any actions or decisions that may arise from the Transition Binder until the contents are discussed at a Committee of the Whole Meeting

- Before the end of the evening Council will set a date for a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

Correspondence

Letters requesting public engagement on landfill

Discussion:

- A suggestion was made for Council to defer any decision regarding the requests for public engagement on the landfill
- It was suggested that a response letter be sent indicating that Council be in touch as soon as they are in a position to have a meaningful meeting with them.
- A point of order was called to clarify what the motion is for the minutes

#334-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT Staff respond to the correspondence and indicate that this topic will be deferred for future discussion

All were in favour.

Motion #334-24 was **CARRIED**.

Council Reports

Councillor Busche

No report

Councillor McPhie

No report

Councillor Strand

No report

Mayor Riseborough

No report

Questions from the Public

- Regarding the landfill discussion and Council's response the correspondence that was received requesting public engagement, it was indicated that Council will get in touch with those that sent in letters. Will Council's decision and response be made public?
 - It was explained that Council has not had an opportunity yet to caucus.
 - Will ensure that requests are considered in depth.
 - If it is appropriate, Council would likely be open to meet with everybody.
 - A decision will be made after Council has had a chance to confer.
- Amanda Janssens, Community Advisor, was introduced by CAO Fairbank. Amanda is with the Government of Yukon Community Affairs Branch. Amanda invited anyone with questions on the Municipal Act to reach out.

Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

#335-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the meeting be closed to the public at 7:25pm.

All were in favour.

Motion #335-24 was **CARRIED**.

Motion to Reopen Meeting to the Public

#336-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the meeting be reopened to the public at 7:44.

All were in favour.

Motion #336-24 was **CARRIED**.

#337-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT a Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled on October 30th at 1:30pm

All were in favour.

Motion #337-24 was **CARRIED**.

Adjournment

338-24 It was moved and seconded

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:45

All were in favour.

Motion #338-24 was **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.


Deputy Mayor Diane Strand


CAO David Fairbank