

**Village of Haines Junction  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2024**

Present:

Deputy Mayor Charlebois  
Mayor Tomlin (via Zoom)  
Councillor Strand  
Councillor Nassiopoulos

Absent:

CAO Fairbank, Recorder Ogden

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

**Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

#137-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion #137-24 was **CARRIED**.

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings**

Council Meeting Minutes May 8, 2024

#138-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 8, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Motion #138-24 was **CARRIED**.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes May 14, 2024

#139-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 14, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Motion #139-24 was **CARRIED**.

## Proclamations

## Delegations

## Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

## Old Business

### RTC – 101 Hume Street and Lot Sale Process

Materials provided: RTC

#### *CAO Report:*

- This report was a late addition to the package.
- This report follows up on the report presented to Council on May 8<sup>th</sup> regarding 101 Hume Street. Council requested additional information on the process for how 101 Hume Street was identified for sale.
- In June 2023, the Land Development Branch (LDB) reached out to the Village seeking lots in the community could be placed on sale. LDB provided an initial map of vacant lots. Several of these lots were removed from the list for various reasons including right of way issues, protracted development requirements and conflict with seasonal waterways.
- On July 12, 2023 Council Meeting, Council directed staff to proceed with the YTG lot sale initiative as directed (Motion #194-23). Specifically, 101 Hume Street, and Lots 206 & 208 Luciana Street. 111 Hume Street and the Industrial Lot were also recommended for consideration.
- Appended to the report are the considerations from the Board of Variance regarding 101 Hume Street.

#### *Discussion:*

- Luciana Streets are currently serviced from the alley and are not currently sanitary serviced – this would be done when put up for sale.
- Could 206 and 208 Lucania also be captured in the motion?
  - Yes, this would be helpful to staff.
- YG lots need a larger discussion – should we wait to release YG lots for sale until all YG lots are ready?
- Council is reluctant to pass a motion without the Mayor being present.
- Would like to see a report on all the lots: 101 Hume Street, 111 Hume Street, an industrial lot and Lots 206 & 208 Luciana Street.
- Suggest scheduling a Committee of the Whole meeting and include a discussion about potential options around Kluane Street.

#140-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the RTC on 101 Hume Street and the Lot Sale process be tabled and revisited at a future, to be scheduled, meeting.

Motion #140-24 was **CARRIED**.

## **New Business**

### Accounts Payable to May 22, 2024

Materials provided: Municipal Accounts Payable to May 22, 2024

#141-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Municipal Accounts Payable to May 22, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion #141-24 was **CARRIED**.

### RTC - Spring Litter Cleanup

Materials provided: RTC

#### *Corporate Manager Report:*

- Spring litter clean-up in Haines Junction has been coordinated and supported in a variety of different ways by a variety of organizations over the years.
- There has been some inquiries from residents asking when litter pick-up will take place, and some confusion/concern expressed about HPW coordinating clean-up along the highways through town this year instead of the Village.
- Staff have reached out to CAFN to see if they are planning to coordinate anything.
- YG Highways and Public Works (HPW) have assigned all the highway clean-up sections in and around Haines Junction to community groups through their Spring Litter Clean Up Campaign.
- Last year, and the year previous, HPW did not coordinate the clean up along the highway through town as this was funded through the Trans Canada Trail Foundation. They included the section through town at the request of the Village.
- Three options were presented to Council for how the clean-up could be approached this year. Staff recommend:
  - Dividing the town into six roughly equal sections,
  - Providing grants to eligible community organizations in the amount of \$250 per section,
  - Establishing eligibility criteria per the Donated Refundables Fund.
  - Assigning groups a maximum of 2 sections unless not enough groups come forward within two weeks of posting this opportunity, at which time willing community groups may apply for as many sections as they feel they can take on.

*Discussion:*

- Council is supportive of all the options.
- Regarding the option to encourage residents to clean up the community and hosting a community BBQ -- garbage bags could be left on the side of the streets for Public Works staff to clean up as has been done in the past.
- Option 3 (as recommended by staff) provides consistency with how the Highway roadside is being cleaned up and wouldn't put extra work onto staff to organize a BBQ.

#142-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the staff be directed to coordinate the spring litter clean up program as directed in the RTC and proceed with Option 3 and a \$1500 budget.

Motion #142-24 was **CARRIED**.

RTC - Naming of Willow Acres Area 1 Infill

Materials provided: RTC

*CAO Report:*

- Staff are seeking Council direction on the naming of the Area 1 subdivision – whether there is a desire to give it a name, and if so what name.
- Consultation took place during the Master Planning process. The community expressed a preference for a name that reflects the natural environment, be written in Southern Tutchone and English, and pay homage to the CAFN traditional territory. Many potential names for the subdivision were suggested.
- Council has reviewed guidance provided by the community and have narrowed down potential names to:
  - Dhäl Gähy (roughly translated to Mountain Ridge)
  - St. Elias Vista (translation pending)

*Discussion:*

- Dhäl Gähy (Mountain Ridge) is preferred because it the subdivision has a wonderful view of the mountains.
- The spelling was drawn from the Southern Tutchone dictionary. Will need to confirm spelling.
- Considered just naming the streets and not naming the subdivision. Council expressed a preference to give the subdivision a name so we can move away from calling this Area 1.

#143-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Council direct staff to officially name the Area 1 infill development as Dhäl Gähy, roughly translated to Mountain Ridge, with a check in on the spelling.

Motion #143-24 was **CARRIED**.

## Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

### Correspondence

#### Haines Junction Health Centre Newsletter

Materials provided: June newsletter.

#144-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the HJHC Newsletter be received and filed.

Motion #144-24 was **CARRIED**.

#### Response from KCIBR re: Camping

Materials provided: May 15, 2024 email from KCIBR

#### *Discussion:*

- KICBR withdrew their request for an exemption to the overnight parking bylaw.

#145-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the correspondence be received and filed.

Motion #145-24 was **CARRIED**.

#### Letter from M. Mostyn re CCBF Renewal

Materials provided: May 8, 2024 Letter

#### *Discussion:*

- Was there a discussion at AYC about the CCBF that would be helpful to interpret this letter?
  - AYC has indicated they want to take over administration of CCBF from YG. This letter doesn't settle this matter in any meaningful way.
  - Council expressed some reservations about AYC taking over administration of this fund.

#146-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the May 8, 2024 letter from the Minister be received and filed. When the new agreement is available, the letter, and all relevant earlier correspondence, will be brought forward for Council's review and consideration.

Motion #146-24 was **CARRIED**.

## Council Reports

### Councillor Nassiopoulos

- Attended the St. Elias School Awards ceremony earlier this evening. Presented the Tish Tomlin scholarship was awarded to Ethny Dulac.
- Acknowledged the recent, very difficult, loss in the community. Thoughts are with the everyone in the community.

### Councillor Strand

- Nothing to report

### Councillor Charlebois

- Shout out to graduating youth and thanks to Mark for attending and presenting the Tish Tomlin award on behalf of the Village.
- Our community is very supportive of our youth. This doesn't happen by accident and is beautiful to see. Expressed thanks to everyone who has ever been a community leader and has in any way honored youth because this legacy has lasted and is greatly appreciated and valued.
- Offered an apology to Paulette Schatz who requested an update on the pool. Staff were requested to provide a status update to community and a Report to Council.
- Attended the AYC Annual General Meeting in Dawson earlier this month. Two resolutions were put forward by the Village of Haines Junction
  - To reopen the Municipal Act to create an opportunity for an expansion to the Municipal Boundary to include settlement land. Didn't get exactly what we wanted, will need more discussion with CAFN.
  - To send a message to the Minister to find a solution for the safe disposition of end-of-life vehicles.
- Shared condolences with Williams Hume Hazzard family for their tremendous loss.

### Mayor Tomlin

- Nothing to report

## Questions from the Public

### Community Advisor Jenna Rooney

- Attended AYC, was great to see Councillor Charlebois and CAO Fairbank in attendance. A lot of discussion and learning opportunities around emergency preparedness and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) funding. Looking into FCM infrastructure and community canopies programs for the Village
- Reminder June 3 Lands Act public legislation – thanks to Village for sharing info on this session with the Community.

- Report from Electoral Boundary Commission has been released regarding the territorial election; feedback is being sought. In general, the recommendation from the Commission is that Communities lose two seats, and Whitehorse picks up two seats.
  - Rural ridings are very large, geographically, so they are a lot more difficult to represent.
  - Commission findings seem Whitehorse-centric
  - Haines Junction is not on the list for a public meeting.
  - Encourage getting in touch with them to request a public meeting in Haines Junction.
- Community Affairs Branch is undergoing staffing changes.

**Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**

#147-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be closed to the public at 7:44 pm.

Motion #147-24 was **CARRIED**.

**Motion to Reopen Meeting to the Public**

#148-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be reopened to the public at 9:07 pm.

Motion #148-24 was **CARRIED**.

# 149-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be extended past 9pm

Motion #149-24 was **CARRIED**.

#150-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the motion 189-23 of June 14, 2023 be rescinded.

Motion #150-24 was **CARRIED**.

#151-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Administration be directed to offer a counter sale of 6 lots on Shakwak street.

Motion #151-24 was **CARRIED**.

#152-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Administration be directed to prepare a draft Expression of Interest to any local partners for affordable housing in Haines Junction

Motion #152-24 was **CARRIED**.

#153-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** staff be directed to provide a contract to Elevator Yukon as drafted.

Motion #153-24 was **CARRIED**.

#154-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the minutes of the settlement between PSAC and the Village of Haines Junction be approved

Motion #154-24 was **CARRIED**.

#### **Adjournment**

#155-24 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

Motion #155-24 was **CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.



Mayor Bruce Tomlin

  
CAO David Fairbank