

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting April 26, 2023**

Present:

Deputy Mayor Strand
Councillor Charlebois
Councillor Maynes
Mayor Tomlin (via web conferencing)

Absent:

Councillor Nassiopoulos

Deputy CAO Istchenko, Recorder Izigzon

Call to Order

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

Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory

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

Adoption of Agenda

#111-23 It was moved and seconded
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to add:

- In-camera session.

Motion #111-23 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

Council Meeting Minute April 12, 2023

#112-23 It was moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 12, 2023,
be adopted as presented to amend:

- #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 to
attend the workshops.*

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

- Change deteriorate to deter under RTC Reducing Building Requirement
Term on New Lot Sales.

Motion #112-23 was **CARRIED**.

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Proclamations

Delegations

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

RTC April 2023 Haines Junction Lottery Funding Grants

The Lottery Funding Grant welcomes community organizations to apply for funding towards community arts, sport and recreation projects. There are two intakes a year; The 2023 first intake deadline was on April 17, 2023. Ellen Stutz (Receptionist), Rob McPhie (Parks and Recreation) and Yari Izigzon (Corporate Administrator) reviewed the six grant applications received for this round of funding. The committee wrote a report to Council with their recommendations for funding, and Council approved as followed:

#113-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council for the Municipality of Haines Junction to award the following Haines Junction Lottery Funding Grants:

- *Haines Junction Football Club: \$1,940.00*
- *Treble Makers Fiddle Club: \$2,025.00*
- *Creative Junction Collective: \$4,062.91*
- *St. Elias School Bouldering Club: \$2,950.00*

Motion #113-23 was **CARRIED**.

Council would like to thank Ellen Stutz, Rob McPhie, and Yari Izigzon for their work in reviewing the applications and submitting a recommendation to Council.

RTC BGC Summer Programming Request

At the April 12, 2023 regular meeting, BGC Yukon made a presentation to Council regarding 2023 Summer Youth Programming support and funding, as well as in kind contribution of arena space, poster printing, labour time, to build a community engagement “thermometer”, and funds to purchase laser tag equipment (no cost was provided) towards the ParticiAction Community Challenge. The total amount requested for the Summer Youth Programming is \$61,930.80. BGC Yukon is also requesting for the Village of Haines Junction to either provide funding (included in the total amount requested) to hire a lifeguard at Pine Lake or hire one as a Municipality employee. The discussion was deferred from the last meeting based on Council’s request for Administration to research the logistics and liabilities that fall under employing a lifeguard.

Administration presented Council a report that includes feedback from the Village of Haines Junction’s insurance advisor noting that the current insurance would cover the liability but cautioned whether it would be an acceptable new risk as any claims filed could have a substantial impact on future premiums. YG Parks would support the activity by providing a permit with conditions to the lifeguard’s employer. While YG Parks can support the activity, they would not own any activity or equipment.

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There seems to be a shortage of lifeguards in the territory which means that someone would have to be brought from elsewhere. This would add accommodation and transportation to the equation. Hiring a lifeguard for the 2023 summer season under the Village of Haines Junction's employment would add uncertain liabilities and logistics to the Administration department.

Due to the concerns mentioned, Council decided that it would be best for BGC Yukon to be responsible for the hiring of a lifeguard, and the Village of Haines Junction would fund it.

Isabelle Piche from BGC Yukon was present at the meeting and mentioned that the laser tag equipment for the ParticiAction Community Challenge is a bonus and there are other ways of funding it; Any other type of support from the Village of Haines Junction is greatly appreciated.

#114-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the Village of Haines Junction provide BGC Yukon the amount requested of \$61,930.80 and decline to hire a lifeguard as a VoHJ employee. If a lifeguard is not hired by BGC Yukon, the amount will be reduced accordingly.

Motion #114-23 was **CARRIED**.

#115 - 23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council direct staff to help BGC Yukon where we can with ParticiAction Community Challenge.

Motion #115-23 was **CARRIED**.

Request for Council - Thrift Store Volunteers - Sandy Holmes (Tabled from previous meeting)

Council requested for Sandy Holme's original request to recognize the volunteers at the Thrift Store to be tabled to this meeting with motive to hold a discussion on cultivating community pride and spirit.

Council discussed how volunteers used to be recognized in the past through a committee that got transferred to postcard recognition as more people needed to be recognized. In response to Sandy Holme's request, Council decided to honor it at the Canada Day BBQ.

The priority to cultivate community pride and spirit will be brought back to Council once the new website has launched to look at a new process for volunteer nominations and recognition.

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- #116-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council ask Administration to recognize the Thirft Store volunteers at Canada Day BBQ and inform Sandy Holmes of their decision.

Motion #116-23 was **CARRIED**.

New Business

Accounts Payable April 26, 2023

- #116-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council accept the Municipal Accounts Payable report to April 26, 2023, with noted amendments.

Motion #116-23 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

Correspondence

Council Reports and Notice of Motion

Questions from the Public

Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

- #117-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, section 213(3).

Motion #117-23 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was closed to the public from 7:41p.m. to 8:20p.m.

- #118-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the meeting come out of closed meeting.

Motion #118-23 was **CARRIED**.

- #119-23 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with the lawyer to establish a procedure and agreement to finance the Shakwak St. lots for sale.

Motion #119-23 was **CARRIED**.

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Adjournment

#120-23

It was moved and seconded

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

Motion #120-23 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21p.m.


Deputy Mayor Strand


Deputy CAO Istchenko

