

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON April 4, 2023 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Councillors: D. Hansen, K. Unterschute, H. Belanger
Delegation: Cpl. T. Woodman, M. Hill, J. Trudeau
Staff: M. Cybulski, M. Lillefors
Regrets: Mayor L. Bodie, Councillor J. Lachance

ORDER: Councillor D. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

**23-07-01 M/S Councillors H. Belanger/K. Unterschute motioned that the agenda be
accepted as presented.**

CARRIED

Minutes: From the regular meeting on March 21, 2023

**23-07-02 M/S Councillors H. Belanger/K. Unterschute motioned that the minutes be
accepted as presented.**

CARRIED

Delegation:

4.1 RCMP

Cpl. T. Woodman mentioned that it had been quite a busy month, there has been 54 calls for March.

Since the snow has melted speeders are expected, so the RCMP have been diligent on the highways. They also got a chance to attend the grand opening of the arena which they were happy to be apart of. They've also been very involved with the school on the regular.

The work out classes that Cpl. G. Beaucamp and Fire Chief B. Vandecamp have been putting on have been picking up traction.

4.2 Wildland Fire Management Presentation

J. Trudeau and M. Hill met with CAO M. Cybulski a couple of weeks ago to explain who they are and what they do, so they were invited to participate in the council meeting to give Mayor and Council a better idea on what their place in the community is.

It is officially fire season now, as far as Carmacks goes they're fully staffed for the year. They went into detail on where their boundaries for fighting fires are, as far as communities go, around every community or populated area, it's critical to do automatic dispatches of ground and air resources. They went into detail on critical zones, strategic zones, which is how they determine which fires to attack and which ones to let burn.

We don't have timber value here in comparison to BC which is why not every single fire is not necessarily meant to put all our resources forward to.

One of the important things to understand is that this is the policy that allows the Yukon to respond to fires that make sense.

The policy is here to provide the information to help communities understand why they fight fires, and why they don't in the Yukon we have 24 initial attack crews, which are comprised of 3 people along with support staff.

In our region, (Tatchun region) there are 3 crews, 3 officers, and support staff.

For training they're all trained to a national standard.

We have look out towers to help keep an eye on any wildfires, quite often wildfires are also reported by pedestrians that spot them.

There are heat detectors in satellites that go over the region.

After a lightning storm goes through the region there's a crew that follows lightning activity from a respected distance, and ariel detection, there's also always live tracking on dispatch so they always know where their staff is.

To keep communities safe starts at fire prevention, some examples of that are shaded fuel breaks, there is also a plan in place to plant Aspen trees since they have a higher water content and are more likely to sprout back up after being involved with a wildfire, making them a good for tactical use to grow in and around communities.

They explained if a fire were to threaten Carmacks, they would segregate Carmacks into different positions, the plan would be once an ember fall out would be noticed they would have all engines and pump trucks doing patrols looking for spot fires and extinguishing them.

In the past they've offered fire smart home checks, which they're still open for people to come forward and request fire smart home checks.

In 2020 the territory did sponsor an assessor that came in and provided a course for everyone to be able to attend to be able to do their own home assessments, there is also a Fire Smart website that's loaded with information for anyone wanting to do their own assessment.

CAO M. Cybulski asked if there was a possibility of having that course happen again, M. Hill said of course, he will provide us resources and opportunities if we would like.

Last year we had a super busy 3-4 week period that was too much for our resources, so we did rely on outside resources, whenever we ask for help we get it, we also extend our resources if anyone else needs help. Canada relies on the concept of resource sharing, as the fire season starts throughout Canada it moves through different areas at different times which works for resource sharing very well.

There is a fire map accessible on yukon.ca/firemap which is accessible for all to stay in the loop.

The Village of Carmacks will be collaborating with Wild Land Fire to help be consistent with preventative measures, more details on that will be presented in the future.

Correspondence (listed under agenda delegates.)

5.1 AYC AGM Resolutions (Topics of Concern to Yukon Municipalities)

A table resolution procedure for consideration at general meetings that was presented to Mayor and Council to review.

Mayor and Council agrees to take part in this.

6. Reports

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councilor D. Hansen has an AYC meeting coming up on April 28th, she also got a chance to check out the hockey tournament, but mostly followed it online.

Councilor K. Unterschute went to the hockey tournament and was happy to see that they pulled off the tournament well.

Councilor H. Belanger has been busy with EMS.

6.2 Mayor Report

None

6.3 CAO Report

CAO M. Cybulski went over some major updates we had with municipal staffing. He gave Mayor and Council a Firehall update and went into detail on the report as well as explained that the inspection had been passed.

There is a contingency plan expected in October for the backup generator that we needed to have operations working over there.

An old Firehall update was also presented. A big update is the possibility to reutilize the facility in the near future since there is no substantial documents on the closure of the old Firehall.

As far as our board walk project update goes, we have been approved for an extension for spending and completion of the Boardwalk Restoration and Revitalization Project.

A request for update has been extended to Greenwood Engineering Solutions for continuation of the most recent Aquatic Center engineering assessment completed in 2019, RPAY will be able to provide more insight about staffing and labor possibilities.

So far most the issues are structural things that would need to be upgraded.

Since we do have 2 large new pieces of infrastructure we may be waiting to act on the Aquatic Center until next year.

More information on the Pool Engineering will be provided at the next Council meeting April 18th.

The Village of Carmacks have received clarification from the Yukon Government that Lagoons are considered a joint responsibility between local Municipalities and their direct First Nations partners. This has been confirmed through other municipalities across the territory and AYC. A summary letter will be brought back to us and we can continue to a joint discussion/meeting.

6.4 Fire Department Report

Council reviewed the report provided.

6.5 Recreation Department Report

Council reviewed the report provided.

So far, we have made 1,290.33 between February and March just from paid memberships, not including the subsidized memberships.

There have been tons of cool new features the people of our community have been checking out and it's been really showing positively in our numbers.

Council was presented with enrollments by season which all had amazing turnouts.

There have been 386 programs over a 5-6 month span, with an average of 36-40 registrants per month.

There was a minor hiccup after having to put the afterschool program on hold during a staff turnover, but it's up and running again.

The John Chabot Hockey Camp had 48 enrolments.

6.6 Arena Facility Operations Report

Council reviewed the report provided.

The arena has been operating well with minor problems that have been able to be resolved in a timely manner.

There has been some new staff hired that have been doing a great job.

There has been a lot of use of the arena, such as public skate and shinny hockey programs, the learn to skate program for kids has also been picking up traction.

Curling supplies has arrived and is ready for set up for the Bonspiel.

6.7 Foreman Report

Council reviewed the report provided.

6.8 AYC

There was a meeting on March 28th, some AYC news is a housing acceleration fund being put out to municipalities that could be a great help. CAO M. Cybulski has signed himself up for the web seminars. Council still needs to register for the AYC in Watson Lake. Hotels have already been booked. A donation for an auction item is still needed, Councillor D. Hansen suggested getting Twyla to help us on that with a home made item valued at \$200-\$500.

7. ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLES

Council reviewed accounts and payables.

8. BYLAWS

8.1 CAO Appointment By-Law 281-23 (3rd and Final Reading)

23-07-03 M/S Councilors H. Belanger/K. Unterschute motioned to give the 281-23 CAO Appointment By-Law 3rd and final reading.

Council reviewed Bylaw 281-23

CARRIED

8.2 CRC Advertisement Rates By-Law 282-23 (3rd and Final Reading)

Council Reviewed Bylaw 282-23

23-07-04 M/S Councilors H. Belanger/K. Unterschute motioned to give the 282-23 CRC Advertisement By-Law 3rd and final reading.

CARRIED

8.3 Carmacks Recreation Centre Rates Updates By-Law 283-23 (3rd and Final Reading)

Council Reviewed Bylaw 283-23

23-07-05 M/S Councilors H. Belanger/K. Unterschute motioned to give the 283-23 Carmacks Recreation Centre Rates Updates By-Law 3rd and final reading.

CARRIED

8.4 Annual Operating Budget By-Law 284-23 (1st and 2nd Reading)

Council Reviewed Bylaw 284-23

23-07-06 M/S Councilors H. Belanger/K. Unterschute motioned to give the 284-23 Annual Operating Budget By-Law – 1st reading.

CARRIED

23-07-07 M/S Councilors H. Belanger/K. Unterschute motioned to give the 283-23 Annual Operating Budget By-Law– 2nd reading. CARRIED

Council Reviewed Bylaw 281-23.

23-07-08 M/S Councilors J. Lachance/D. Hansen motioned to give the 281-23 Village of Carmacks CAO Appointment Bylaw – 1st reading. CARRIED

23-07-09 M/S Councilors H. Belanger/D. Hansen motioned to give the 283-23 New Pricing Fee Bylaw Structure – 2nd reading. CARRIED

9. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

23-07-10 M/S Councilors H. Belanger/K. Unterschute motioned to go In-Camera to discuss labor at 9:23PM.

23-07-11 M/S Councilor H. Belanger/K. Unterschute motioned to go out of in-camera session at 9:59PM.

ADJOURNMENT

23-07-12 Councillor D. Hansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Councillor D/ Hansen adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Mayor L. Bodie

CAO M. Cybulski