

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING 08-17 OF COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS HELD AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY,
September 2, 2008 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Elaine Wyatt
Councillors J. Wheeler, and L.Bodie, and D. Hansen
Staff: Cory Bellmore, Lorraine Kontogonis
Regrets: Councillor C.Wheeler
Public (7)

ORDER: Mayor Elaine Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

139/08 M/S/C J. Wheeler/ L. Bodie that the agenda be adopted as amended with the following amendments:

**New and Unfinished Business
3. Dealing with the recent Youth activities**

140/08 M/S/C J. Wheeler/D. Hansen to adopt the minutes for the regular meeting of August 19, 2008

DELEGATES:

1. Michelle Vainio and Lindsay Agar representing Association of Yukon communities.

Michelle conveyed that it is the AYC's mandate to interact more with elected officials and staff of the municipal governing bodies encouraging building better relationships.

A few surveys have been posted on the website for AYC which , with the answers should give some insight into relationships , utilizing resources etc. Michelle mentioned that there is a spare office within the AYC office that houses a telephone, computer with internet and fax machine, and this is available to community members who find themselves in need of one of the above mentioned.

It was asked to brainstorm and offer suggestions to foster First Nation relationships.

Lindsay announced that some workshops are in the planning stage and should be posted soon. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Presentation completed at 8:05 PM

2. Claire Derome – Vice president Government & Community relations
Claire gave a brief history of her experience working with mines back East and with the Yukon Government. She stated that she has secured office space in Carmacks, and would like to have this open for one day a week encouraging everyone to drop by.

Western Copper is waiting for the decision document from the YESAB process which has a deadline of September 16, 2008.

She is trying to arrange and organize a community visit, taking those interested, up to the mine site for a viewing.

Claire made a suggestion that Management and Consultants meet with community members regarding the plans of Western Copper.

Mayor Wyatt asked if a meeting was being set up with other mines that intend to use the Freegold road access to discuss the Casino Bypass route? Claire responded that yes, the other groups are meeting and that they felt they had enough strength to lobby the Yukon Government to complete this bypass.

Mayor Wyatt asked if it is Western Coppers intention to resume meetings with the working group?

Claire mentioned that if this method was considered effective, it would definitely resume, however all parties involved interested needed to be attending these meetings.

Councillor Bodie mentioned that these meetings were occurring about every 3 weeks and was to continue, but mentioned that this all fell apart which does leave a feeling of distrust.

Claire mentioned that the reason it was eventually dissolved was due to the lack of attendance by some concerned parties.

Mayor Wyatt asked what Claire's opinion is regarding the Yukon Government completing the bypass route.

Claire stipulated that depending on which Minister you talk to, they see this project differently. Energy Mines and Resources do see the need for this bypass route and are aware of the explorations being done in this area especially in the Freegold area. The Highways Department may not see the numbers and additional traffic or potential traffic, therefore not necessarily seeing the obvious to continue on with this structure.

She pointed out that Western Copper will continue to work with other exploration and mining groups to present a business case to the Yukon Government.

Mayor Wyatt asked how Western Copper feels towards the opposition from the residents, concerning the use of River Rd.

Claire expressed this was not under Western Coppers control, that they do understand the concerns, and they will continue to lobby for the bypass route.

Councillor Bodie feels that some of the concern lies with the YESAB process as it was clearly stated this route through town, was not going to be tolerated. He felt the recommendations didn't reflect the strong voice presented by this community.

Claire reiterated, that there needs to be a rationale presented to Yukon Government to see this bypass route accomplished.

She also expressed that is the position of the company not to lessen the problem, but to actively seek out and accomplish this alternative route.

Presentation Completed at 8:30 PM

Cully Robinson – Tantalus school principal

Today was the first day in session and tomorrow will be first day with the kids. Enrollment is at 105 students. There are a few new teachers, along with some returning ones.

CORRESPONDANCE - None presented

REPORTS

Mayor Wyatt is still trying to set up a meeting with Minister Archie Lang. She mentioned that Council will have to coordinate time frames to meet with the Premier during his community tour visits.

A meeting will also need to be set up with Deputy Minister _____.

Mayor Wyatt was happy to see the flood situation was handled well.

Councillor Hansen noted that communication was a concern during the recent flood situation. This should be viewed in the future.

Councillor J. Wheeler expressed his work load lately, which has involved long hours due to the flooding situations in this area.

Councillor Bodie apologized for missing his first meeting, due to work. He expressed some concerns over the clean up project with Mt. Nanson and their tendering process and felt local hire wasn't being utilized. As this is a federal project, it is not in our jurisdiction. It was suggested to bring this up with Abandoned mines at the next meeting.

COA Cory Bellmore mentioned that the office has been a very busy place with the staff shortage.

The recent flood had been noted as a great experience.

Councillor Bodie asked if something could be done with the rough patches along River drive, especially the part very near to the fire hall. Castle rock is now moving after the recent heavy rainfall, and the rough patches should be dealt with soon.

Councillor Bodie announced that a few weeks ago, a number of youth were hanging around outside the hotel and their party got out of hand. The youth were dispersed and eventually appeared back at the hotel, sometime later. There was considerable annoyance with their return, from one youth falling off the balcony, breaking their ankle, to each guest in the hotel being awoken with banging on the windows, to rocks being thrown at the RV campers parked in the back.

RCMP were called, but they couldn't apprehend all youth involved. There is discussion that besides the alcohol being given to these youth, that the drug Ecstasy is also being used.

It was asked if there are any suggestions on how to combat this problem as it is increasing, and crippling the tourist industry along with being a dangerous situation for our youth. It was mentioned that there is a meeting Thursday for those that are concerned and want to help and stressed that Council should attend.

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M/S/C L. Bodie /D. Hansen to accept the August 27, 2008 payroll of \$ 18658.28 being direct deposits along with cheques numbered 17966-17974 and accounts payable of \$ 26684.66 (cheques numbered 17975-18006) be accepted.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

142/08 M/S/C D. Hansen / L. Bodie to leave the Gas Tax Agreement as status quo for the years 2010-2014.

2. Rental Request – It was decided that this would go out for advertisement to rent out the bachelor suite of the duplex, after the Pool manager job has been secured for the 2009 swimming season.

143/08 M/S/C L. Bodie / D. Hansen to move into Question Period

The Nurse in Charge, Deb Crosby, expressed that the future mining and exploration in our area is exciting. She has some concerns regarding the safety of the kids that play along River drive, those that dart of ditches, and ride bicycles precariously along this route, what safeguards are being put in place, to ensure the big trucks and increased traffic are aware of this and take the necessary precautions?

Claire acknowledges that there are safety concerns, and will involve the Health Centre during future discussions.

K. Gage mentioned that both the Minister of Mines and the Minister of Highways are aware of the extra traffic. This entire process was started in the 1990's with a lot of the engineering already completed.

M. Vainio commented that she was pleased to see a very respectful Council meeting.

She asked if the youth had been invited to meetings which involved them directly? It was answered yes, and only one showed up at the last meeting. She suggested, that from experience, to encourage Yukon Government that they need to secure funding for mine clean up projects prior to clean up.

144/08 M/S/C J. Wheeler / L. Bodie to move out of Question Period

145/08 M/C J. Wheeler to adjourn at 9:18 PM.

Mayor Wyatt adjourned meeting at 9:18 PM

Elaine Wyatt
Mayor

Cory Bellmore
CAO