

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING 10-01OF COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF
CARMACKS HELD AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY,
JANUARY 5, 2010 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Elaine Wyatt
Councillors L. Bodie, S. Wheeler, K. Gage and T. Wheeler
Staff: CAO C. Bellmore and P. McKenny

PUBLIC: (1)

ORDER: Mayor Elaine Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

230/10 M/S L. Bodie / T. Wheeler that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
Delegation: Corporal Lockwood – cancelled will be at next meeting.
John Laughlin – cancelled and will re-book.
Marc Legault – added, new principal at the school.

New and Unfinished Business:

Item 4 Property Tax, list of outstanding accounts.
Item 5 Advertising of O.C.P. and Bylaw changes.
Item 6 ‘In Camera’ – Staff.

**231/10 M/S T. Wheeler / K. Gage to adopt the minutes for the regular meeting of
December 15, 2009 as amended. CARRIED**

Reports

Mayor Wyatt – page 2 – *that all adequate steps to insure the project is noticed, has taken place and will* Amend to – that all adequate steps to insure the project is noticed have taken place and will ...

Councillor Gage – page 2 – *employee’s pay wasn’t individualized on the accounts payable. It was explained that this is a privacy issue and all employee matters are to be brought up (?)* Amend to – .. on the accounts payable. It was explained that employee wages are protected by privacy laws.

Page 3 – *Mayor Wyatt has been chosen to sit on a few AYC boards.* Amend to – Mayor Wyatt was appointed to sit on a number of AYC boards.

Page 3 – *A new Harassment Policy has made a few attempts to contact Cpl. Lockwood, without success.* Amend to – A new Harassment Policy was adopted by AYC.

DELEGATION

Mayor Wyatt welcomed Mr. Marc Legault the new school principal to the meeting and introduced council and staff. Mr. Legault drove from Ontario and to the Yukon and arrived on Sat. Jan. 2nd. He is very glad he had snow tires on the car for the drive out here. The school is lovely and the pictures he viewed on the website don't do it justice. He has been interested in northern communities and first nation education and is very excited to be doing both here in Carmacks.

A school assembly was held to introduce himself and to talk about expectations. Councillor Gage said that her granddaughter told her that the new principal is strict. Councillor Gage said that, that was not a bad thing.

Mr. Legault also asked about some of the youth issues in the community so that he could be aware. Mayor Wyatt replied that most of the issues in the community are the same as any other community in the Yukon or Canada. Councillor Bodie let Mr. Legault know that the RCMP is very involved with the youth here in a positive way, they play floor hockey, ice hockey and participate in other events.

Mayor Wyatt thanked Mr. Legault for attending the meeting and introducing himself. He was asked if he wished to stay for the rest of the meeting. Mr. Legault said that he would.

CORRESPONDANCE

Item # 1, Min. Lang response to Councils request for additional items to be added to the list of items addressed on the community tour.

Mayor Wyatt pointed out that out of the 15 items listed only 6 or 7 of these are addressed in this letter. The School Play Ground, HPW Maintenance Camp, Housing & Land Development, Sewage Collection system, and Conservation Officer were not even touched on. Councillor Bodie also asked about the 10% contribution the Village paid for the WWTP, when is this going to be paid back to the Village. He feels that this is clearly a black and white issue and that no other community has paid a 10% fee and why should we. CAO Bellmore stated that the letter is a general communication of the Ministries intent toward our issues and the public's concerns.

A letter will be sent ASAP, regarding the issue of the 10% payment, by CAO Bellmore.

Item # 2, Property Owner Voting Rights.

Councillor Bodie feels that an individual should live in the community that they own their property or business in to have a vote in that municipality. All of council is in agreement with Councillor Bodie's statement. Council wishes to send an email in response to these letters saying that the Village of Carmacks is not in favour of the resolution.

Item # 3, Viewed by Council.

232/10

M/S L. Bodie / S. Wheeler to file items not acted upon by resolution.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Mayor Wyatt had a good holiday and enjoyed the fireworks.

Councillor S. Wheeler also had a good holiday it was quiet.

Councillor Gage enjoyed the holidays and doesn't want anymore turkey for awhile.

Councillor T. Wheeler watched the fireworks and thought they were good and also enjoyed the staff Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Has a CTTS lunch meeting on this Thursday.

Councillor Bodie also watched the fireworks, from the comfort of his home. Things have been quiet and had a good holiday as well.

CAO Bellmore January is going to be a busy month. EBA is here today to do the re-test of two wells at the Landfill. Spoke with Wes Wirth of Community Services – wishes to use our *Dog Catcher* in the future, for a fee, to work with their Animal Welfare Officer. Wes also would like to talk more about the regional landfill idea and would like to attend a council meeting to discuss it further.

Is away Tues for a session in Whitehorse on drafting Permafrost and Climate Change Guidelines on how these changes affect municipal infrastructure. Wednesday attending training. Thursday has last interview to conduct for AYC Executive Directors that started with interviews last week.

Councillor Gage asked if she might bring two questions forward to council that she was asked to present from members of the community. Mayor Wyatt let the questions come forward at that time.

The first question is regarding the visibility of the RCMP around the community this community member says that they never see them around. Councillor Gage did state to the individual that she has seen the RCMP when she is at the health centre late at night. Councillor S. Wheeler also thought that the RCMP could be more visible at night that this would be a good thing, but was not usually out late at night to physically see them around town.

Councillor Gage's second question is why the RCMP is not outside the bar at closing time to watch for people that have been drinking and then driving home. Councillor Bodie thought that being at the bar every night would be impossible. And at this point in time Corporal Lockwood is still on light duties leaving only two officers on duty. Councillor T. Wheeler said that the RCMP were driving people home on New Year's Eve who didn't have a ride or needed to be driven home.

Both of these questions will be directed to Corporal Lockwood when he attends the next council meeting.

Fire Report: CAO Bellmore informed Council that a new Fire Chief is needed for the department and that Rob Cochrane is Acting Fire Chief at this time. Mr.

Cochrane and CAO Bellmore talked about recruiting more volunteers and the need for more training for existing and new recruits.

233/10 M/S S. Wheeler / K. Gage to accept reports as presented

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLE

Councillor Bodie asked what cheque # 19228 is for and who is AXA Assurances? CAO Bellmore explained that it is for the fire department and that the company AXA Assurances is part of AON Reed Stenhouse but that AXA is the actual name of company for coverage. Mayor Wyatt also pointed out that there are two items numbered with chq# 19224 and two for chq# 19225 could CAO Bellmore confirm the correct numbers, names and amounts of these cheques with finance and to file the correct report with minutes.

234/10 M/S L. Bodie/ S. Wheeler make motion that the December 16th payroll of \$19180.07 being direct deposits along with (cheques numbered 19195-19200) and the December 30th payroll being direct deposits and (cheques numbered 19222-19223) and accounts paid of \$ 134316.31 (cheques numbered 19201-19224) and accounts payable of \$ 25713.30 (cheques numbered 19225-19235) be accepted.

CARRIED

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Please review the *Code of Conduct Policy* and address any changes or suggestions to CAO Bellmore to update the draft. Mayor Wyatt asked could council have all their input to the CAO as soon as you can.
2. Support letter request from Western Copper. Mayor Wyatt spoke to Chief Skookum to talk about this letter being a joint letter. From their conversation both agreed they have very different issues to address with Western Copper that relate to their specific mandates and that a joint letter would not be reasonable. CAO Bellmore informed Council that Claire Derome of Western Copper wants to have an open house in Carmacks to update the community on their status. The tentative date for the meeting is Jan. 14th. Please inform LSCFN of Western Coppers intent.
Councillor T. Wheeler had some grammar changes to the letter. Councillor Gage questioned who the letter was addressed to that it should not be the Water Board but to Western Copper. CAO Bellmore stated that she had addressed the letter originally to Western Copper but was asked by Claire Derome to change it. All agree that the letter should be changed and addressed to Western Copper. Councillor Gage and Councillor S. Wheeler are concerned that this letter will be viewed as the Village supporting the water licence application and that is not what they would like to see happen. CAO Bellmore informed Council if they wish to check on the Water Board Application they can visit the *Yukon Water Board* website for more details of the application and see if there is any intervention claim. Intervention must be received by Jan. 25th and a public hearing is tentatively set for Feb. 15-19, 2010.

Mayor Wyatt clarified that Claire Derome of W.C.C. asked for a letter of support not a letter to support the Water Licence application.

- 235/10 M/S L. Bodie / T. Wheeler make motion that the address is changed on the letter to read Western Copper Corporation and not the Water Board and that the letter is sent with this change and the grammar changes.**

DEFETED

To be tabled at the next Council Meeting on January 19th after Western Coppers presentation on January 14th.

3. Budget Meetings confirmed for Jan. 6th, Jan. 27th and Feb. 8th. First meeting will be to get a list of items and a plan put together.
4. CAO Bellmore presented to council the outstanding property tax list as required before the Jan. 15th deadline.
5. CAO Bellmore informed Council that under the municipal act,
council shall give notice of the proposed official community plan or amendments by advertising in a local newspaper, or by any other method approved by the council.
Is this council interested in using local posters to communicate the above advertising/notice?

- 236/10 M/S K. Gage / T. Wheeler make motion that local Posting and Advertising can be used when a Public Hearing is required for changes to the OCP or Amendments.**

CARRIED

Mayor Wyatt asked to move to Question Period to allow the public to ask questions and then move to item #6 of New and Unfinished Business which is 'In Camera'.

- 237/10 M/S K. Gage / L. Bodie make motion to move to Question Period and then return to Item #6 'In Camera' – Staffing, under New and Unfinished Business.**

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Legault asked about youth drinking in or around the school. The general response was yes that some youth do drink but didn't know about on the school property. Mr. Legault asked if there a lot of drugs in the community he noticed the road sign coming into the village that says *no drugs in our community*. Councillor T. Wheeler said that there are drugs but feels that there use is on a decline. Mr. Legault asks if there are hard drugs being used? Councillor Bodie thought that there are some. Mayor Wyatt suggested that Mr. Legault speak to Corporal Lockwood of the RCMP that he would be able to speak more to these questions then this council would. Mr. Legault thanked council for their time and left the meeting at 8:40 pm.

238/10 M/S K. Gage / T. Wheeler make motion to leave Question Period and to return to Item # 6 of New and Unfinished Business.

CARRIED

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Cont'd

6. 'In Camera' - Staffing

239/10 M/S T. Wheeler / K. Gage make motion to go 'In Camera' at 8:41pm.

CARRIED

240/10 M/S L. Bodie / T. Wheeler make motion to go 'Out of Camera' at 8:47 pm.

CARRIED

241/10 M/S L. Bodie / T. Wheeler make motion to post an expression of interest in a term position for the CAO of the Village of Carmacks.

CARRIED

242/10 M/ K. Gage to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Mayor Wyatt adjourned meeting at 8:50 PM.

Elaine Wyatt
Mayor

Cory Bellmore
C.A.O