

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING 10-02 OF COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF
CARMACKS HELD AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY,
JANUARY 19, 2010 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

PUBLIC: (2)

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

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

243/10 **M/S K. Gage / S. Wheeler make motion that the agenda be adopted as amended.**
Item #2 under Correspondance be moved to Item #4 under New and Unfinished
Business

CARRIED

244/10 **M/S T. Wheeler / K. Gage make motion to adopt the minutes for the regular
meeting of January 5, 2010 as amended.**

CARRIED

Reports

Page 3 – *Mayor Wyatt let the questions come forward at that time.*

New and Unfinished Business

Item 1. Please review the *Code of Conduct Policy* and address any ...

Item 2. Mayor Wyatt *spoke with* Chief Skookum 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 *mandates and* that a joint letter would *not* be
reasonable.

Under **Motion 235/10 after DEFETED**, add

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

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DELEGATION

Cpl. Lockwood and Cst. Cyr

Cpl. Lockwood wished Council Happy New Year since this was his first report of
2010. Gave Council copies of the December 2009 monthly Policing Report and gave
a verbal synopsis of the report. Christmas and New Year season was relatively quiet.
Lodged 8 prisoners and half of them were remanded out to Whitehorse.

Total number of prisoners lodged in 2009 is 97 and is down two from 2008. Cpl. Lockwood is still on office duties for a few more weeks but will be off duty again for February. Cst. Cyr is in charge for that month. Councillor Gage asked the questions that she spoke to Council about last meeting. The questions are about the presences of the RCMP at the bar at closing time and the visibility around the community. Cpl. Lockwood referred to stats that his department has been give that show that their presences at closing time creates more trouble with fighting, verbal abuse, loitering and vandalism. The legal system frowns on them sitting and waiting at that time also.

Mayor Wyatt asked about the occurrence of youth drinking is it lower? Cpl. Lockwood said that it is lower, by that more house parties are where youth are suspected of drinking. The RCMP has been called to these parties but if the door is not open to them they can't enter. Cpl. Lockwood also feels that the Youth Program has been a huge plus to the youth and Chantelle Bode has done a great job and we are sorry to see her live the community. Ragene Blackjack has taken over as Coordinator. Other positives are the principal at the school Mary Tulk, and parents helping out. Cpl. Lockwood again brought up the hours and days the Recreation Centre is open. Mayor Wyatt said that this Council is working on the budget and that she would bring the issue to the next work meet and talk to CAO Bellmore about expanded hours. Mayor Wyatt asked about the house fire that happened in the community, she has heard that there was some confusion that day. Cpl. Lockwood said that he was not aware that Mr. DesRoches was no longer a member of the Fire Department. Members of the Fire Dept. where slow arriving but the house was already lost and no injury or death occurred. The Fire Marshall met the following day with Deputy Fire Chief R. Cochrane and Cpl. Lockwood to inspect the fire. It was a great learning experience for Mr. Cochrane. Cpl. Lockwood will be attending the Inter-agency meeting tomorrow at 1pm and is happy to see the meetings starting again. Cpl. Lockwood and Cst. Cyr left the meeting.

CORRESPONDANCE

1. Min. Lang's letter **RE: Yukon Infrastructure Plan**. Mayor Wyatt went to the website listed and printed off page 5.3 *Carmacks* to present to Council. This page lists the bypass road as a Preferred Project. If Council wisher to see the whole document please go to the website shown in the letter.

245/10 M/S S. Wheeler / T. Wheeler make motion to file items not acted upon by resolution.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Mayor Wyatt
Water testing results are back from EBA on two wells tested at the landfill and they are both good.

I will be meeting Wednesday with Robert Wirth of Community Services, Sanitherm Inc. and Public Works Forman Leo DesRoches to talk about the WWTP to date. Robert has offered to attend one of our Council meetings to talk and possible tour the new plant. Wednesday afternoon will be an Inter-Agency meeting and Wednesday evening is a Library meeting. Thursday evening I will be at a Recycling meeting.

Mayor Wyatt felt that the Western Copper Information Session and Lunch was well attended. Mayor Wyatt asked about an interest in attending *The Northern Energy Solutions Conference* to be held in Whitehorse. Councillors that are interested copies can be made of the poster so you may check your calendars.

Councillor S. Wheeler was asked a week or so ago about when the hiring of the Dog Catcher would be. There are a lot of loose and aggressive dogs around this time of year. Mayor Wyatt stated that the issue will be addressed again at the next Joint Council meeting on the 26th of this month. The First Nation needed to look at their budget before committing to the 'catcher' as we also need to. S. Wheeler also attended some of the Western Copper presentation but had to leave early. S. Wheeler spoke with a member of the community and from this conversation was then unsure about the leaching process. Mayor Wyatt asked Claire Derome (Western Copper) to send a copy of the presentation, once it has been received insure a copy gets to Councillor Wheeler and is available to all of Council.

Councillor Gage wants to add to the Joint Council meeting agenda the use of the Fire Smart Program to do some work in the industrial area and the Casino Way Road. Mayor Wyatt asked that P. McKenny forward this to First Nation office that they are hosting this next meeting. Councillor Gage also heard that the First Nation wishes to hold another meeting with Western Copper during the evening so that more people could attend. Mayor Wyatt will speak to Chief Skookum or LSCFN Council about this meeting. Councillor Gage has also encountered problems with loose dogs coming into her yard and attacking her dog that is tied up. She wished to ensure that the Dog Catcher would be on the agenda for next Joint Council meeting.

Attended the School board meeting on January 12th is very happy with the new principal and has heard good feedback. Councillor Bodie asked where the principal was living. Councillor Gage said on Victoria Street.

Councillor T. Wheeler was unable to attend the Western Copper presentation because she had a CTTS lunch meeting that day. Was happy to report that all funding requests to date at CTTS have been passed. Will be attending the Nordenskiold Bridge meeting at the Rec. Centre on January 28 from 5 – 8pm. Wished to confirm the Joint Council meeting on January 26th. Mayor Wyatt informed all that it will be at the First Nations office at 5pm and a meal will be provided. Councillor T. Wheeler has an interesting situation to report about the fire that occurred the other night. One of the fire department members had his radio with him the night of the fire and the radio did not ring to call him in he found out about the fire from a friend making a personal call to him. Mayor Wyatt was informed of the radio issue and there are still some growing pains occurring with the new radio system. But that the whole incident surrounding the

fire is being looked into, radios, new volunteers, need for a new fire chief, etc., this has been a good learning experience for the department and all of the emergency response teams. Councillor T. Wheeler asked about contacting acting Fire Chief Rob Cochrane being so far out of range. Both his cell phone and radio work from his home. The debriefing held after the fire by the RCMP was greatly appreciated.

Councillor Bodie said that he was also approached by a member of the community regarding loose dogs and he told them that the dog catcher is an important issue to this council. Two other members of the community reported seeing the Public Works staff using municipal equipment to remove snow from their personal driveway. Mayor Wyatt asked that Councillor Bodie ask these individuals for more details of the event so that CAO Bellmore can address it. Without the proper information there is not much she can do. Councillor Bodie was short staffed and was unable to make the Western Copper meeting.

246/10 M/S T. Wheeler / L. Bodie to accept the reports as presented

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLE

Councillor Bodie asked about cheque # 19255 *Canadian Tire – Ice Auger*, what is it used for? Mayor Wyatt will ask PW Foreman about item. Cheque # 19254 was the Rec. Center purchase for a Santa chair.

247/10 M/S L. Bodie/ K. Gage make motion that the January 13th payroll of \$13262.26 being direct deposits along with (cheques numbered 19236-19238) and accounts payable for 2009 of \$ 28783.10 (cheques numbered 19239-19251) and accounts payable for 2010 of \$ 9738.44 (cheques numbered 19252-19264) be accepted.

CARRIED

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #1 *Western Copper support letter – Councillor T. Wheeler make motion to discuss letter.*

Councillor T. Wheeler agrees with letter and wishes to have a good rapport with Western Copper to keep the lines of communication open.

Councillor Gage doesn't agree with this letter that it has an implication that we are still supporting Western Copper in their quest to obtain a water licence. Mayor Wyatt told Claire of Western Copper that the letter would be of a general nature and would not address the Water Board or Water Board Licencing process. Councillor Gage feels that we should wait until after the Water Board meeting to send this letter. Mayor Wyatt answered that the letter is not about the water licence it is about supporting growth for Carmacks. Councillor Gage said that the First Nation council is questioning the water licence and that we should support them on this issue. Mayor Wyatt again stated that there will not be a joint letter

written to the Water Board. The only letter written and supported by both Councils to this point was for the Casino Way Bypass. Councillor Gage says that this issue affects the whole community not just one council or the other. Mayor Wyatt explained that as a member of the Village of Carmacks Council that we are responsible for this Municipalities goals and community plan. Councillor Bodie added that this is why there are two councils. Councillor S. Wheeler said that as far as she had heard the First Nation was not doing any intervention at this time.

248/10 M/S T. Wheeler / L. Bodie make motion to send the letter of support to Western Copper with the changes as indicated.

CARRIED

249/10 M/S K. Gage / S. Wheeler make motion that the vote be counted for the record.

Count for the Affirmative (4) L. Bodie, T. Wheeler, S. Wheeler, E. Wyatt.
Count for the Negative (1) K. Gage.
The affirmatives have it and the motion is adopted.

Councillor K. Gages reasons for not supporting letter.

1. Since this letter is intended to go to the Water Board Hearing; out of respect for the LSCFN Councils formal position regarding Western Coppers water use application.
2. The support letter has to do with Economic Development and has no relevance to the water use application that the letter is inappropriate at this time. It implies support for Water Licence.

Item # 2 Yukon Quest organizers asking to use Recreation Centre for checkpoint and to travel over boardwalk.

250/10 M/S T. Wheeler / K. Gage make motion to allow the use of the Recreation Centre as a checkpoint for the race but for the Quest Organisers' to be aware that the building is open and that other events and users are also in the building. That a crossing of the boardwalk is allowed but any damages must be repaired.

CARRIED

Item #3 Letter to MLA asking for support of CTTS funding.

Councillor T. Wheeler, CTTS member, stated that there is not a lot of money in the CTTS fund right now and that this letter needs to be sent. Mayor Wyatt agreed and believes that the fund is so low right now is because of the training of *Newly Elected Officials* and *Waste Water* training.

251/10 M/S L. Bodie / S. Wheeler make motion that this letter be sent to Mr. Fairclough MLA Mayo-Tatchun so that this issue can be brought to the attention of the Government.

Item #4 Email request from Amin Abdullah Manager, Bridges to use area beside roadhouse for work space.

Councillor Bodie questions the time line that this would be from possibly April to September which is our tourist season. Will people be able to visit the Roadhouse and will there be parking? Mayor Wyatt asked about RV's turning around and traffic flow.

252/10 M/S L. Bodie / T. Wheeler make motion to allow the Yukon Government and the project contractors to use the land as described in the email to allow for working space as the Nordenskiold Bridge is being replaced and that any damages occurring at the site will be repaired to its original or better condition at no cost to the Village of Carmacks.

253/10 M/ K. Gage to adjourn at 9:03 PM.

Mayor Wyatt adjourned meeting at 9:03 PM.

Elaine Wyatt
Mayor

Lee Bodie
Deputy Mayor