

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING 11-04 OF COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF
CARMACKS HELD AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY,
February 15, 2011 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Elaine Wyatt
Councillors K. Gage, T. Wheeler, L. Bodie
Staff: R. Price & K. Skookum
Regrets: Councillor S. Wheeler

ORDER: Mayor E. Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

033/11 M/S Councillors L. Bodie/ T. Wheeler motion that the agenda be adopted as amended with the following additions:
Under New and Unfinished: 4. Cold weather policy

CARRIED

034/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ K. Gage motion to adopt the minutes for the regular meeting of February 1, 2011 as amended.

CARRIED

Delegation

1. Pat McKenny: Mayor Wyatt called her as she was not present and it was decided that her update would be moved to the next regular council meeting on March 1, 2011.

Correspondance

REPORTS

Mayor Wyatt started her report by talking about her trip to Victoria, she let council know that she will do a written report on her trip, but would just like to at this time let them know some of the more interesting bits from the trip.

Mayor Wyatt had asked to be sent some quotes on garbage trucks and bins. She had also asked them to send a quote on a machine that she had seen there that takes the Mercury out of the coil of the energy saver light bulbs. She had thought that if Carmacks got one that everyone North of us could use it as well as there could be a bin put somewhere in the community where people could drop their used light bulbs off. She had also gotten some prices on some nice bike racks for outside of the pool or rec. centre.

She let Councillor Gage know that anything she had seen that was of interest to the landfill committee she had asked them to send to her and she would then pass it on to the landfill committee. She talked about the landfill a bit and how they had security guards on site and that there was a \$100.00 fine for depositing cardboard in the landfill. They also charge \$107.00 a ton to deposit garbage in the landfill. She then said that between the landfill in Victoria and the one in Edmonton she felt that Edmonton had a better system.

She let Council know that she had met with Rose, Anthony and Pat Titus to look over the Economic Development Plan, she mentioned that the First Nation will also be involved but that James was unable to attend the meeting. She told council that Ec. Development will pay up to 75% of the project, she mentioned that the Village had put \$5,000.00 into their budget for the project and that Anthony was going to find out if CDC could pay a third and then possibly the First nation would be able to pay the other third.

Mayor Wyatt ended her report by again saying she would get a written report done on her trip to Victoria.

Councillor K. Gage said that she had not much to report other than, that she had attended the Joint Council meeting, the Valentines dinner and show at the school and that she would be attending a Landfill Committee meeting the following day.

Councillor T. Wheeler started her report by letting council know that she to, had attended the Dinner and Dance off at the school, she had attended the meeting with Wes Wirth and the Landfill Committee and she had participated in and volunteered at the Sweetheart bonspiel at the rec. center over the weekend. She let council know that the event had gone very well and that there had been some complaints of people being over served because they were seen leaving the building very intoxicated but that they were not valid complaints as these people had not been served in the building but had been asked to leave.

Mayor Wyatt then let council know that she had heard back from Air North and they had told her that for every two tickets that were purchased for the Vet Team, they would give them one. Council discussed what would be the best date after July 1st and it was decided that the two weeks right after the holiday would be the best time.

Mayor Wyatt let council know that the school had agreed to do the BCSPCA curriculum in the school, and then they discussed some places that CATTS could have contact with the kids of the community in order to do some teaching on animal care. It was suggested that they could maybe do some stuff at the swimming pool or rec. centre. Mayor Wyatt also said that maybe a community picnic could be planned to give them an opportunity to talk to the kids there.

Mayor Wyatt let council know that a lot of surveys were coming back and that information was going to be compiled and sent to CATTS.

Councillor L. Bodie started by saying that he had attended the same meetings as Councillor T. Wheeler. He then let council know that he had also attended Breakfast with the Premier. The Premier had summarized the budget at this meeting, he had told them that there was going to be 32 million dollars put into savings for emergency use. He said that their government was putting a huge emphasis on mining for this budget, and that they are expecting a boom in the economy. The Premier said that they would be putting 40 million into housing with this budget as well. Councillor Bodie then asked the Premier a question about the money that would be put into mining, he questioned how much of this budget would go to the communities as a lot of the territories mines are in the community areas. The Premier responded to him by saying that they had had this discussion when they were in Carmacks and that not all of the money would be going to Whitehorse.

CAO R. Price started her report by letting council know that both of the courses that she had attended were very good and very informative.

She let council know that she had heard back from Robert Wirth and that she was going to gather all the overtime and other costs that were incurring because of the issues with the treatment plant and they were going to sit down and discuss what could be done about these costs.

R. Price let council know that she had submitted one of the Gas Tax applications and that there were two more to go. She had submitted an application in regards to the cabin at Tew Park and having in restored. She let council know that the application that had been submitted in regards to the Museum was looking very positive and that it would most likely be a two phase project as someone would need to be trained on the technology.

R. Price let council know that Kelly had submitted the applications for the student jobs. She asked council if they had looked at the minutes from the Joint Council meeting and said that they would be sent to the First Nation this week.

Council then looked at dates and decided that the next budget meeting would be set for Monday the 28th at 5:30. Kelly to let Councillor S. Wheeler and Cory know about this date. Hopefully this would be the last meeting if they needed one more they would schedule it after the 28th meeting.

Council reviewed the Maintenance report.

Council reviewed Fire report, Councillor Gage pointed out the attendance for the practices is very low. Mayor Wyatt said that this had been talked about before and that there was nothing that could be done about it as they are volunteer. Councillor Gage said that this concerns her as if they are missing practices they might not be ready if there is a fire. Mayor Wyatt said that they are there when they need to be and that's what counts.

Council reviewed Recreation report. R. Price then mentioned that the Walkway at the Arena was now complete and that the only thing that was left to do was the Avalanche Stops but those would not be done until the spring. They would also need to do painting which would also wait until spring.

Councillor T. Wheeler said that she would like to see if it is possible to purchase a set of kids curling rocks as it might bring more interest in curling among the kids in the community. Mayor Wyatt said that she can remember looking into this at one time and that they are about eight thousand dollars a set. R. Price then said that maybe someone could apply to lotteries for some funding for this purchase. Mayor Wyatt suggested that someone talk to Mt. Mac in Whitehorse and see if they have a used set for sale just to see first if they would get used.

Mayor Wyatt noted that it is nice to be getting a rec. report again and she would like to see it continue. Councillor T. Wheeler said that she likes it as well and even if it was just a simple report she too would like to see them. R. Price said that she is aiming to have one put in at least one meeting a month.

035/11 M/S Councillors L. Bodie/ T. Wheeler make motion to accept reports as presented.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLE

036/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ L. Bodie motion to accept the February 9 payroll of \$19,256.93 being direct deposits along with (cheques numbered 20280-20286)

and accounts paid of \$1,292.56 (cheques numbered 20287&20288) along with accounts payable of \$71,628.42 (cheques numbered 20289-20322) be accepted.

CARRIED

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) **Gas Tax Fund Approval Letter-** Mayor Wyatt stated that this item should be under correspondance as it is for information purposes only.

2) **AYC/AGM Auction-** Rose to talk to Kathy Kruse and Dawn Charlie about purchasing some of their jewellery. Councillor T. Wheeler suggested that they purchase some hand made moose skin hats from Grace Wheeler, one Adult and one child. Price limit at around four hundred dollars. Councillor Bodie will talk to Kendall about donations. VOC to send out letters to businesses asking for donations.

3) **EMO Training-** Mayor Wyatt stated that she thinks that this training is important and that she would like to see as many people take it as possible. CAO Price to talk to Mike about the possibility of Councillor Bodie attending for just a few of the days. Councillor T. Wheeler and K. Gage would like to take it. Mayor Wyatt suggested that CAO Price take it as well and to let Cory know about it and see if she would be available to take it as well.

4) **Cold Weather Policy-** Council discussed what this would look like. Councillor T. Wheeler asked if the Village should be expecting their employees to come in when it is very cold out. Mayor Wyatt concerned that if they made this policy it would have to affect the rec. centre as well and she doesn't want to see the rec. centre being closed when it is cold as kids go there even when it is cold and they could run into trouble if a child went there expecting it to be opened and the doors were locked. Mayor Wyatt stated that no one gets upset when someone can't make it in when it is so cold, and that no one is taking advantage of that. She let council know that all employees know that they can call the maintenance guys to pick them up if they don't want to start their own vehicles as they always have one of the Villages vehicles available. Kelly let Mayor Wyatt know that if you make a policy you then have to pay your employees even if they don't come in on those days. Mayor Wyatt said that she would rather leave things the way they are in regards to the cold.

037/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ L. Bodie motion to go In-camera 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED

038/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ L. Bodie to come out of in-camera session

CARRIED

039/11 M/S Councillors L. Bodie/ K. Gage motion to have 1.9% CPI increase retroactive from January 1, 2011.

040/11 M/S Councillor K. Gage to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

Mayor Wyatt adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Mayor Elaine Wyatt

CAO Rose Price