

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING 11-07 OF COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF  
CARMACKS HELD AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY,  
April 5, 2011 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Elaine Wyatt  
Councillors K. Gage, S. Wheeler, T. Wheeler, L. Bodie  
Staff: R. Price & K. Skookum  
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**ORDER:** Mayor E. Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

**AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.

**063/11**      **M/S Councillors K. Gage/ L. Bodie motion that the agenda be adopted as amended with the following changes:**

**Under Delegation: RCMP**

**Under Reports: Fire Report**

**Under New and Unfinished: Casino Bi-pass**

**CARRIED**

**064/11**      **M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ S. Wheeler motion to adopt the minutes for the regular meeting of March 15, 2011 as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**Delegation**

1) Constable Tim Lynch and Constable Mitch Rowland were in to meet with council and give a monthly report. Tim started his report by introducing Constable Rowland and letting council know that he was here for a few days filling in for Cpl Venne and JF. He mentioned that there was nothing outstanding on the report but noted that there were a lot of alarms, this was due to the power outage.

Constable Lynch reported that impaired driving is still an issue and they feel that these numbers may increase now that the snow and ice is almost gone. The RCMP try to cut these numbers down by frequenting the bar at closing of off sales time and closing time. He reported that they do get a lot of calls in regards to impaired driving but that many of these calls are anonymous and are hard to follow up on.

Mayor Wyatt asked council if anyone had thought of a list of prerogatives for the RCMP as they had requested from council. Councillor Gage said that she would like to see them working on getting people to slow their speeds down on river drive as this is an area that a lot of people use for walking in the community. Constable Lynch said that they do patrol this area but don't often have their radar on so it is hard to actually catch people for this. Constable Rowland mentioned that he had brought a radar gun with him and he could maybe go out and see if this was a problem, he also said that maybe the community could look at posting one of the signs that informs people of their speed in that area for a period of time to just make people aware that they are speeding.

Mayor Wyatt let the Constables know that council will talk about their list of prerogatives this evening and get back to them with a list.

Constable Mitch Rowland then requested support from the VOC Council in moving the monument down in the old campground. He let council know that the RCMP does have the funding to move it and thought that outside of the RCMP Detachment would be a good place for it but that they were open to community suggestions. Council agreed that the Detachment was the best place for it as it was also along the boardwalk so people would be able to see it, and said that they would draft a letter of support to that affect.

Constable Rowland then said that he has come from outside of the Yukon and that before he came here he had heard about the Boardwalk and that people really enjoy it. Mayor Wyatt commented that this was one of the biggest tourist attractions in the community. Councillor Bodie then mentioned that people often come into the store on the weekends in the summer looking for the certificates for completing the walking tour. Mayor Wyatt said that they could give him some signed copies so that he would be able to give them out when the Village Office was closed.

### **Correspondance**

1) This was a letter informing council that Liz Hanson is planning a community visit as there is an election coming up. The letter stated that someone would be in contact with the VOC to set up a visit with Mayor and Council.

2) This was a letter informing the council that John Streicker would be in the community on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Wyatt mentioned that Ken Putnam had called her as well in regards to the Conservative Parties Ryan Leef. She said that if any of the parties call and ask that the VOC help with a meeting space to offer each party the same help.

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**M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ K. Gage make a motion to file items not acted upon by resolution.**

**CARRIED**

### **REPORTS**

Mayor Wyatt started her report by asking the councillors if they would like to suggest any directives for the RCMP. Council came up with underage drinking, Mayor Wyatt let them know that this was always one of their directives and that part of the issue in dealing with this was that they are not able to go into people's homes even if they suspect there are minors drinking there. She then let council know that an option that people do have the option of the safer communities (scan) in dealing with issues like this and suggested that this get brought back to a joint council meeting in regards to the First Nation signing off on the agreement. Councillor Gage then said that she would like speeding on River Drive added to the RCMP list as well and Councillor Bodie said he would like to see the RCMP being proactive with the youth in the community.

Council then had a conversation in regards to the rotation of the RCMP members in the community and how hard it is for the community to get used to the members when they are here for such a short time, and how we have two members leaving right at the same time and that it is very difficult for everyone to have to get used to all new members once again and it's hard for the member that is left as he is very new

to the community and will now have two new members to work with. Mayor Wyatt said that Peter Clarke would be speaking at the AGM and that this would be a good time to bring this up.

Mayor Wyatt continued on with her report, she had attended the recycling AGM, the Table Top Exercise; Councillor Wheeler commented that it was nice to see representatives from the First Nation at the Table Top. Councillor Bodie commented that he was a little disappointed that it wasn't taken a step further, he added that Leo did a great job at it but thought that it ended too soon. Mayor Wyatt said that in most cases if it had gotten past that point it would no longer be our responsibility.

Mayor Wyatt reported that Pat Winfield would drop off the Rec. Strategic plan the following day and would have an electronic version as well, she encouraged councillors to take a look at it so they could either pass it or make changes at the next meeting.

Mayor Wyatt had also attended an AYC directors meeting. She had also attended the Carpet Bowling at the Rec. centre and that May and Rachel were the only elders that attended but that they had a very good time. Mona and Debbie Sam also attended for a bit. Wyatt had asked them if they would be interested in doing it again maybe as a lunch time activity or during the day some time and they said "yes" that they would come again.

Mayor Wyatt concluded her report by asking Councillor Gage if she would report on the conversation that she had with her a couple of days before, Councillor Gage said that she would.

Councillor S. Wheeler reported that she had attended a recreation board meeting. She had also attended the Strategic plan meeting for the Recreation Policy, she felt that they had run out of time. Mayor Wyatt let her know that they will have copies of it so she will have an opportunity to look over it again. Councillor Wheeler said that she looks forward to it coming into effect.

Mayor Wyatt mentioned that Pat Winfield was requesting to stay in the duplex until the 15<sup>th</sup> and that she would be willing to pay some rent for this time if they would like her to.

Mayor Wyatt also let council know that she had talked to Cory Lynn today and that she was not feeling well and hadn't called references yet in regards to the Recreation Director interviews but that she would the next day.

Councillor K. Gage reported that she had attended the recycling AGM and had sent the financials into corporate affairs and that all was good.

Councillor Gage also attended the Table Top, Rec. Strategic planning, interviews and Lands Planning workshop in Whitehorse which was very interesting. She let council know that she had emailed the CAO from Teslin and that Pat McKenny and herself would be going out to look at their transfer station on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Gage reported that she had a college campus meeting to go to the next night.

Councillor Gage let council know that she and Mayor Wyatt had a conversation the past Friday and she had let Mayor Wyatt know that she was not in favour of the purchase of the sweeper for the Village, as they had too many vehicles and they depreciate in value so quickly. Mayor Wyatt said that this was not all Councillor Gage had said she had also said that she was not in favour of the Strategic plan, and not in favour of the Economic Development Strategy and that we are getting to big for ourselves.

Councillor Gage said that she feels that things are moving too fast and that they need to slow down as the economy is changing and things are getting more expensive.

Mayor Wyatt said that this is why you plan things and don't just go ahead with them so that you can see whether or not it is necessary.

Councillor Gage said that the reason that she had mentioned the Recreation Strategic Plan was because she felt that for a community this size our plan doesn't need to be so complicated and that the plan was made with ideas from bigger places, but it doesn't mean that the same ideas will work here.

Councillor Bodie stated that he feels that it is necessary to plan so that everyone is on the same page.

Mayor Wyatt ended the conversation by saying that the final version of the plan would not be as long.

Councillor T. Wheeler said that she had attended a CTTS meeting and that they had approved about twenty thousand dollars worth of requests. She had also attended the Table Top and enjoyed it more than the past earthquake exercise as she felt that the one on flooding was more realistic and more relevant to us. Councillor T. Wheeler reported that she had missed the Recreation Strategic plan meeting but that she had been at the interviews for the Rec. position. She concluded her report letting council know that she had her next CTTS meeting the end of April.

Councillor L. Bodie reported that he had attended the closing ceremonies for the Junior Rangers and had enjoyed himself. He had also attended the Table Top and mentioned that he did wish that it had gone a step further just so that we would know how it would be handled, but commented that Leo had done an excellent job at facilitating it. Councillor Bodie said that he had gone to the Recreation Strategic planning meeting and he thought the plan was a bit long, but good overall. Councillor Bodie applauded the council for the interviews for the Recreation director position as he thought that they had been done with a lot of professionalism. He went on to mention that the Junior Rangers had conducted a shoot out and that four of the Carmacks JR were chosen to go to Ottawa. Councillor S. Wheeler commented that John does an excellent job with that group of kids.

Councillor Gage let council know that Bev Brown had stepped down from the Landfill Committee and that at their next meeting they would figure out who should be on it. Mayor Wyatt said that she had spoken to Cory about this and that she thought that someone from the VOC staff should be on it whether it be one of the guys from public works or someone else, but they may have information that would benefit the committee.

CAO R. Prices report attached. CAO Price had some considerations for council the first being that she had spoken with Cory about the review of the reception clerk and finance clerk positions being reviewed and Cory thought that it was a good idea to have all the VOC job descriptions and pay scales reviewed, as it had not been done in quite a few years. Council agreed that this was a good idea and asked Price to go ahead with it.

The second consideration was that Leo had spent \$8,406.00 on the ATV and was requesting to use an additional \$1,600.00 for a trailer. Council asked Price to get them some prices on the kind of trailer that he was looking for, for the next meeting. Price had received a request to have a workshop in the community for Municipalities and First Nations this would be in regards to positive working agreements between the two governments. It was requested that the workshop take place May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Wyatt asked Price to look into how many people they were looking at for the workshop as our community has limited accommodations. Mayor Wyatt also

mentioned that it was her understanding that the same woman that is facilitating the workshop would be in Haines Junction for the AYC AGM putting a tool kit together on how to draw up agreements between governments and that they were also going to be having a discussion panel of Mayors and Chiefs.

CAO Price then addressed the BST application and let council know that it had gone out. Mayor Wyatt said that she would like to see these two tendered separately having Park, Monson, Berdoe and McGundy done on one tender and the industrial Garvice on another.

Council reviewed the Maintenance report Mayor Wyatt said that she would like answers from Robert Wirth as to why they are getting so much infiltration.

Council reviewed Fire Report Councillor Bodie asked Price if they had been made aware of the benefits Price responded saying yes and the papers had gone out for them to get the names of their beneficiaries.

**066/11 M/S Councillors L. Bodie/ S. Wheeler make motion to accept reports as presented.**

**CARRIED**

#### **ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLE**

Council reviewed the report Councillor Bodie questioned why the recreation staff was taking so many trips to town for supplies when they could be purchasing here. CAO Price said that she will keep an eye on that and make sure that if it is things that are available here she will not authorise the travel.

**067/11 M/S Councillors L. Bodie/ T. Wheeler motion to accept the March 23 payroll of \$18,475.73 being direct deposits along with (cheques numbered 20387-20392 ) and accounts paid of \$4,127.50 (cheques numbered 20393-20395) along with accounts payable of \$96,843.38 (cheques numbered 20396-20445) be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

#### **BY LAWS**

**068/11 M/S Councillors S. Wheeler / T. Wheeler make motion to give third reading of bylaw #193-11 being a bylaw of the Village of Carmacks in the Yukon Territory to provide for the adoption of the Annual Capital Expenditure Program for the three year period commencing in the year 2011.**

**CARRIED**

**069/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ L. Bodie make motion to give third reading with the following amendment, changing revenue amount to match actual of bylaw #194-11 being a bylaw of the Village of Carmacks in the Yukon Territory to provide for the adoption of the 2011 Annual Operating Budget.**

**CARRIED**

**070/11 M/S Councillors K. Gage/ S. Wheeler make motion to give third reading of bylaw #195-11 being a bylaw of the Village of Carmacks in the Yukon Territory to authorize the Rates of Taxation imposed for the year 2011.**

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1) Mayor Wyatt asked council if there were any questions in regards to the tender documents. As there were not any questions she suggested that these documents be sent out to all the local contractors in the community for their review and comments and then the VOC could arrange for an open house to give them the opportunity to provide feedback of things that may be added or deleted. Price mentioned on that note that she was wondering what would be done for the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> for the Economic Development meeting and ICSP meeting. She said that there was money in the budget for the ICSP for food for meetings and that she would use this money for this evening. Mayor Wyatt mentioned that James Baker still needed to sign off as a partner on this Plan. Mayor Wyatt also mentioned that there would be a Joint Council meeting the night of the 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m. at the First Nation Office.

2) Councillor Gage started by saying that it is obvious that the Municipality has no money for the Bi-pass project and it is obvious that the Yukon Government has no money for it either so she said that she would like to be able to approach the user group to put in for completing the project. She stated that Alexco had made a Bi-pass in Keno with their own money and time and that this was based on 20 people living there. Mayor Wyatt stated that this could be the issue in that no one group is going to want to cover this cost so you have to get them to work together.

Councillor Gage went on to say that two years ago Claire Durome and Sue Craig were going to lobby the government to have the far end of the Freegold road worked on and then they were going to lobby for the bi-pass the next year, she continued on saying that the far side had been completed and that now someone needed to lobby for this end. Mayor Wyatt said that she felt that it was up to the Government to go to the user group and figure this out. Mayor Wyatt then handed Councillor Gage a copy of a news article from 2008 where Wyatt had stated that Council did not want Mine Traffic through the community, and then continued on to say that Councillor Gage makes it sound like no one else is in favour of the bi-pass when everyone is but that there is a right way and a wrong way of doing these kind of things. Mayor Wyatt then said that at the AYC in Haines Junction Jeff O'Farrell would be there and that they could see where things are at and then maybe draft a letter to the User Group to see if they would be willing to come and meet with the community.

Mayor Wyatt then asked Councillor Gage if they offer their support in this process could she not go off on her own approaching the user group as an individual. Councillor Gage said that she is an individual and is entitled to her opinion. Mayor Wyatt said that when you are sitting on Council you look like your speaking for a council no matter how you word it people associate you with that council. All of council has stated how they feel and you choose to disregard it. Councillor Gage replied saying she doesn't disregard it.

Mayor Wyatt adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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Mayor Elaine Wyatt

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CAO Rose Price