

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING 11-08 OF COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF  
CARMACKS HELD AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY,  
April 19, 2011 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Elaine Wyatt  
Councillors: K. Gage, S. Wheeler, T. Wheeler  
Regrets: L. Bodie  
Staff: R. Price & K. Skookum  
Public: 1

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

**AGENDA:** Council reviewed the agenda.

**072/11** M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ S. Wheeler motion that the agenda be adopted as amended with the following changes:

**Under New and Unfinished: Landfill Committee appointment**

**CARRIED**

**073/11** M/S Councillors S. Wheeler/ T. Wheeler motion to adopt the minutes for the regular meeting of March 15, 2011.

**CARRIED**

**Delegation**

1) Dennis Berry; The Yukon Fire Marshal started out by introducing his Deputy Mike Marcuson. He also mentioned that he does have a second Deputy Kevin Taylor who was not able to attend. He let council know that he was there to do a similar presentation to that which he gave at the last OTOF meeting in regards to how much things have changed regarding the Municipalities and regulations. Before 2007 there were no liabilities aside from the vehicles now this has all changed. He brought a copy of section 11 for council to take a look at which sets out all the requirements. What these changes have done is made it very costly and it now takes a lot of time and management to ensure that everyone meets requirements.

Mayor Wyatt questioned asking who makes sure that regulations are being followed and that people are getting the required training? Mike responded saying that it is WCB that does this.

Mike explained that they have a hand in every department in the Yukon in making sure that the training that is needed is offered.

Dennis Berry informed council that the CAO is directly liable for injuries or anything else that may go wrong in regards to the fire crew if regulations are not met, and that WCB has made it very clear that he will be charged personally if anyone gets hurt in his halls.

Council then talked about the lack of money that goes into fire departments and how they want them to meet all of these regulations yet they are not offering the money needed to meet them. Dennis agreed and said that his advantage in Whitehorse is that he has 17 departments and he can move equipment and men around so that all fire halls meet requirements.

Mike then went on to explain that a lot of these changes came about following the deaths of two fire fighters in 2004, where the Fire Chief and Deputy were both charged personally. He said that eventually the charges were dropped but that they were fined and did lose their jobs along with the CAO, but that it brought everyone to the realisation that things needed to change and that you can't task people to do things they are not trained to do.

Mayor Wyatt then asked how our fire crew stacks up, and whether or not we meet requirements. They responded saying that housekeeping is very good and inspections are being done on a regular basis but there is no documentation of training. Cory then asked how do you balance the fact that they are volunteers, and how do you make them take training? Dennis responded saying that you can't force them to take the training but if they are not willing to then they are a liability.

Dennis explained that they are doing a lot of work in regards to recruitment and retention as this is a problem everywhere. He said that often it is when there is a fire and no one shows up that people then again start to volunteer. Mayor Wyatt asked then where does that leave the Village. Mike responded saying that this leaves the Village in a very bad position as you as the employer are liable.

Mayor Wyatt then questioned how many of our fire crew are level 1 trained? Mike said that 2 are trained for entry level, 6 trained to basic and 4 advanced. He then explained that these levels designate what they can and can't do and that the community needs to know what they can expect from their community fire crew. He then talked about the fact that often you get emergent volunteers and that this is a huge liability as they have no training.

Mayor Wyatt then stated that the Municipalities don't have the money to keep up with the regulations.

Mike said that they will continue to help in whatever way they can. Mayor Wyatt thanked them for their assistance.

Dennis mentioned that this crew could get a soft audit done just to see what they need and where they do and don't meet regulations. Mayor Wyatt stated that she would leave that up to Rob as to whether or not he wanted to get that done.

Dennis then asked what budget the Fire crew operates on. Wyatt let him know that it changes each year as they rely on the Fire Chief to let them know what they need each year.

Dennis finished off by letting council know that they will be at the AYC AGM giving more information as needed.

2) Cory let council know that she has been working on reviewing the ICSP and was hoping to get most of it done before she returns. She brought with her a copy of the last priorities and wanted to go through it with council to see what they would like to take off what they would like to leave in and what they might like to see added. She said that some projects would be bigger than others but needed to know if they wanted Municipal infrastructure to be a top priority. Mayor Wyatt said yes. They then moved on to what the other priorities would be, they came up with a list of four others Alternative Energies, Solar Panels at the pool, staff training and Fire truck. Mayor Wyatt said that once they sign off the WWTP we might want to look at things that cut down on the costs. Cory suggested that council do a walkthrough of the plant as they have not yet council agreed that this should be scheduled for 6:50 pm before the next council meeting.

Cory asked council to take this information and think about any other priorities they would like to see and that they could email them to her. Cory also let council know that she is going to go through the ICSP and take out the duplications and wordiness of the document. She let them know that the way it is now makes reporting very

cumbersome so she always finds it easier to do the project first and then apply for the money.

### **Correspondance**

1) Mayor Wyatt asked how many people were planning on attending the CIPP workshop on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Councillor T. Wheeler said that she would be there and Mayor Wyatt added that she would try and be there as well.

2) This was a letter approving 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the By-laws 188-10 and 191-10

3) This was a report basically letting council know that it is pointless to try and find money to save the curling rink. CAO Price stated that now you have the report which can be used to access funding. Councillor T. Wheeler voiced that unless council can get funding it's probably best to just keep it going as long as they can as it is really only used once a year.

4)FYI letting council know that the replacement of windows in Village office and shingles in Village Duplex project for gas tax has been approved.

**074/11**

**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 saying that the distribution of the recreation plan had been overlooked but that it would be out the next day. Councillor S. Wheeler asked to get it electronically and everyone else asked to get a hard copy.

Mayor Wyatt let council know that Cindy had started at the rec center, she asked to have a letter drafted thanking Dennis, and asked if Councillor S. Wheeler could check at the next rec. board meeting about a community dinner for Dennis.

Mayor Wyatt had a AYC executive meeting the previous day, they were getting things finalised for the AGM.

Mayor Wyatt, Chief Skookum and Councillor Gage had met with Sue Craig, it had been suggested at the meeting that some signs be posted at the intersection for Mt. Nansen and Freegold to inform drivers of the road what large trucks they may meet on the roads. Mayor Wyatt added that she would like to try and find out what they did with the old bridge that they had removed from the Nordenskiold river. It was a good meeting and now they just all need to stay on the same page.

Mayor Wyatt reminded council that there was a joint council meeting the following night and that the agenda looked very full.

Mayor Wyatt would be attending a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 about the collective sewer laterals, and then another meeting that evening for the Economic Development meeting.

Mayor Wyatt let council know that there would be an open house in regards to the tenders on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and on the 29<sup>th</sup> YTG would be coming out to meet at noon with the council in regard to the liability for the dump.

Mayor Wyatt told council that she had forwarded on the councils objectives to the RCMP and let them know that Peter Clarke would be out to swear Chantelle DesRoches in as the summer student for the RCMP.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> they would be having an OTOF working meeting at 5:00, she let council know that the report would not be out until the 29<sup>th</sup> but that it would be sent out to all as soon as it came out so that they would have some time to go over it.

Mayor Wyatt informed council that Environmental had received a complaint about the scrap metal clean up and that they would most likely be out to look at the sight. Councillor Gage asked if they had heard where the complaint had come from, Mayor Wyatt said that no they hadn't but she had heard that there had been a pretty heated argument at the sight. She concluded by saying that they may never know and she felt that it probably wasn't that serious as she hadn't heard of anyone even being out there as of yet.

Councillor S. Wheeler said that she did not have much to report other than that she was happy with the decision from the hiring for the Recreation Director interviews and that she had attended and RRC meeting about the wolves and that it had been a good meeting with about 40 people attending.

Councillor K. Gage reported that she had attended a College Campus meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 8<sup>th</sup> Pat McKenny and herself had gone to Teslin to look at their transfer station, she reported that it seemed to be going very good and the reason that they both liked the idea is because Teslin is about the same size as Carmacks and the same distance from Whitehorse, so this gives them a pretty accurate idea of how things would be for Carmacks. Mayor Wyatt asked if it is Whitehorse that comes out to get the garbage and how often they come. Councillor Gage said that no they contracted someone for 4 years to take everything into Whitehorse but now looking back they had said that they feel like it would have saved money to get their own truck to do this. Councillor Gage reported that all fees from the dump go back into the dump and recycling center and that this way this burden is not so big on the Municipality. Pat took pictures of everything and they would make them available as soon as they could.

Mayor Wyatt asked if they had had a landfill meeting since their visit, Councillor Gage replied that yes they had and everyone is thinking that this would be a good option for Carmacks with the number one reason being that they already know that it can work.

Councillor Gage thought the conversation with Sue Craig went well. Much of the proposed bypass is within municipal boundaries and was intended as an access road for those individuals and exploration/ mine companies working in the Nansen and Freegold regions. Both the construction and maintenance of the bypass road should then in my opinion be the responsibility of these users, not YTG or the Municipality. Councillor Gage concluded her report saying that someone from the NDP had contacted her and asked if she would co-ordinate some visits for Kevin Barr in the community when he came up, she had said that yes she could.

Councillor T. Wheeler reported that she too had attended the RRC meeting on the wolves, she said she would also be attending the Joint Council meeting the next night and would be meeting with Mike and Mark at 2:00 the next day about the Economic Development strategy and then attending the meeting that night for that and ICSP review.

T. Wheeler reported that other than this she had CTTS meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> and Landfill Liability on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and an OTOF work meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

CAO R. Prices report attached. CAO Price reported that as this was her last council meeting she would have a full report done for Cory so that she would know exactly what had been done and what still needed to be finished from the time she was away. Price reported that there was 5000.00 in the budget for painting the inside of the Rec. center and that the Rink project was done.

CAO Price said that before she leaves she would like to have a sign ordered for Merv Tew Park but they needed to first give it an official name.

- 075/11 M/S Councillors S. Wheeler/ T. Wheeler make a resolution to name the day park on Park Avenue, Merv Tew Park.**

**CARRIED**

Council reviewed the Maintenance report Mayor Wyatt asked Price if the sign had been ordered for Lot 90 Park, Price responded that yes it had. Mayor Wyatt thanked Price for all the work that she had done for them.

- 076/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ S. Wheeler make motion to accept reports as presented.**

**CARRIED**

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

Council reviewed the report, Councillor S. Wheeler questioned cheque # 20471 made to Rodney John for travel to Whitehorse to pick up \$200.00 worth of additional Easter stuff. CAO Price explained that she had not signed this cheque or authorised the travel and that it was up to council whether or not they would pay him for this. Council agreed that this travel was not justified and asked that the cheque be voided and a letter drafted explaining their reasons to Rodney.

- 077/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ S. Wheeler motion to accept the April 6 payroll of \$22,541.20 being direct deposits along with (cheques numbered 20444, 20447-20451,20453 ) and accounts paid of \$150.00(cheque numbered 20454) along with accounts payable of \$78,044.08 (cheques numbered 20455-20496) be accepted with the exception of cheque #20471.**

**CARRIED**

#### **BY LAWS**

- 078/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ S. Wheeler motion to give third and final reading of by-law #187-10 being a by-law of the Village of Carmacks to amend the zoning by-law 136-05**

**CARRIED**

- 079/11 M/S Councillors S. Wheeler/ T. Wheeler motion to give third and final reading of by-law #188-10 being a by-law of the Village of Carmacks to amend the Official Community Plan by-law 135-05**

**CARRIED**

- 080/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ S. Wheeler motion to give third and final reading of by-law #191-10 being a by-law of the Village of Carmacks to amend the Official Community Plan by-law 135-05**

**CARRIED**

**081/11 M/S Councillors S. Wheeler/ K. Gage motion to give third and final reading of by-law #192-10 being a by-law of the Village of Carmacks to amend the zoning by-law 136-05**

**CARRIED**

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1) Council would like to see quotes from other places, instead of two quotes from the same place.

2) Mayor Wyatt let Councillor Gage know that there has been an official complaint made about her dog barking and snapping at people as they walk past on the road.

3) Mayor Wyatt said that she would need a motion to have Leo sit on the Landfill committee with Bill as the alternate.

**082/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/ S. Wheeler motion to have Leo DesRoches sit on the Landfill committee with Bill Tonnersen as the alternate.**

**CARRIED**

**083/11 Councillor K. Gage to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.**

Mayor Wyatt adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Mayor Elaine Wyatt

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CAO Cory Bellmore