

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING 12-08 OF COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF
CARMACKS HELD AT 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY,
April 17 2012 IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor: E. Wyatt
Councillors: K. Gage, T. Wheeler, S. Wheeler, L. Bodie
Staff: C. Bellmore, A. Faughnan

ORDER: Mayor E. Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

72/12 **M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/S. Wheeler motion that the agenda be adopted as presented.**

CARRIED

73/12 **M/S Councillors L. Bodie/T. Wheeler motion to adopt the minutes as amended for the regular meeting of April 3 2012.**

CARRIED

Delegation

Alan Sexton- *GeoVector Management*

James Mooney- *ECOFOR*

Chris Guppy- *ECOFOR*

Connie Norman- *Northern Freegold Resources*

Mr. Sexton started off by introducing himself and his colleagues. Sexton presented council with a power point presentation which broke down their progress from 2006-2011 as well as let council know what is up and coming for 2012. Sexton let council know that there is ongoing water quality, fish, vegetation, wildlife and heritage impact assessment of the exploration target areas. He went on to say that in regards to respecting the land they have ongoing reclamation of drill hole sites.

Mr. Mooney and Mr. Guppy broke down the environmental updates from the power point presentation.

Power point presentation attached.

E. Wyatt asked delegates when they will go to YESAB. Sexton replied 2-3 years. Wyatt then asked how many people they will have working this year. Sexton replied 40 approximately. Bodie asked about the proposed 7 million dollars they would be spending on this project. Sexton let council know that yes 7million is a correct number as long as they can raise that much. Council thanked the group for coming in.

Correspondance

1. YTG Building Canada Fund Projects- Carmacks

Bellmore let council know the letter was just making aware that all the Roads in Carmacks will be done along with sewer work. Bellmore also told council her

and Wyatt will be meeting with Laura Prentice to discuss the sewer lines that aren't being worked on.

74/11 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/L. Bodie to file correspondence not acted upon by resolution

CARRIED

REPORTS

Mayor Wyatt started her report off by saying that not too much has been going on and she will attend the joint council meeting tomorrow night. Wyatt went on to say that she will be running for AYC President. She explained to council that for the AYC AGM she might fly up to Dawson due to an appointment on May 3rd in the morning in Whitehorse. Wyatt explained that flights had been checked and it turns out flying would actually be cheaper in the end. Wyatt finished saying that there is nothing else to report.

Councillor S. Wheeler started her report off by letting council know she cannot attend the joint council meeting tomorrow night. She then asked council if there was a way to get a second treadmill in the weight room at the recreation centre. Bellmore said she will ask Cindy about it.

Councillor Gage let council know she attended the Pelly Carmacks Training Fund meeting a lunch today and other than that nothing else to report.

Councillor T. Wheeler let council know she has nothing to report.

Councillor Bodie reported that he is unable to attend the AYC AGM in Dawson this year as he cannot get the time off. He then asked if he could vote by proxy. Wyatt told him she will find out. Bodie went on to say F. Mullet had asked about having a ditch put in by the road in front of his property as it is flooding. Bellmore let Bodie know she will ask Laura Prentice when she comes up.

CAO Bellmore presented council with a written report. She then broke down the report verbally.

75/12 M/S Councillors S. Wheeler/L. Bodie motion to accept reports as presented.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLE

76/12 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler/K. Gage motion that the April 04 2012 payroll of \$18220.25 being direct deposits including \$800.00 Fire Chief pay and cheques numbered (21406-21410) and voided cheque number 21405 as well as accounts paid of \$15165.08 (cheques numbered 21403,21404,21411 and 21412) along with accounts payable of \$11910.52 (cheques numbered 21413-21425) be accepted.

CARRIED

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Church lease urban residential planning

Mayor Wyatt explained to council that Gage had come to the office on the 18th asking questions about the NCEM lot and when she inquired as to “why do you want all this information about this lot Karen?” Wyatt told council Karen let her know she wanted to phone NCEM and tell them their lease is going to expire and maybe they should keep it for future use for a church or perhaps allow the other churches to use it.

Wyatt let council know it was explained to Gage that the council and municipality has been working with Community Services on land planning and Gage was already aware that it has been identified as one of the only infill areas that could be used for urban residential. Wyatt told council that it was explained to Gage that the lease was between YTG and NCEM and that she needed to stay out of it as it was not the municipalities business. Wyatt told council that it was also stated to Gage that it was in the community’s best interest if they did not renew their lease and she really needed to stay out of it. Wyatt let council know that she also pointed out to Gage that she would be acting against what her own council was trying to achieve because of her own personal interest.

Wyatt told council she also pointed out to Gage that the NCEM had attended this office some years ago and indicated they recognized that we were short of lots for development and perhaps the village would like to buy part of it from them. Wyatt explained that was when the village pointed out that NCEM doesn’t even own the property it is a leased property and could therefore not sell it.

Elaine explained to council that she let Karen know that we have told Lands Branch on numerous occasions that the municipality would be interested in the property for infill when the lease expires and Gage really needed to stay out of this. Gage’s comment was “Well if you have spoken to everyone, then it won’t matter that I do”. Wyatt told council she tried to reason with Gage that she was directly undermining what her council was doing and she should not go there. Elaine let council know Gage indicated that she felt she should have her own opinion and she was able to do what she wanted as a private citizen. Elaine explained to council she tried again to explain to Gage that she was an elected councillor who is supposed to be representing the community members and she lost her right to act on her own opinion when it is not in the best interest of the community. Wyatt told council she explained to Gage again that she was interfering with something that council had been working towards. Wyatt continued that at the end of it all the situation became very heated and she asked Gage if she still planned to contact the NCEM to what she answered “yes”.

Elaine told council Karen returned to the office on the 19th and once again tried to say she should be able to contact NCEM. Elaine told council again a heated conversation took place and she ended up asking Gage to wait before contacting NCEM until after our Tuesday night council meeting where she could hear how the rest of the council felt. Wyatt says Gage indicated she would wait.

Councillor Gage asked that this letter she read to council be noted in the minutes.

“As a member of the public I feel a responsibility to contact Northern Canada Evangelical Mission regarding the value of their leased property in Carmacks for the following reasons.

My family grew up while there was a manned church and residence here, and it really is a nice location for a building in the residential core. It lends itself to a relaxed small town atmosphere, which, I think, a lot of us appreciate.

The old Catholic Church has a service once a month. There is no Anglican Church building or service. The remaining fellowships in town meet either in a residence or at the Heritage Hall if available.

If NCEM is unable to use this property perhaps they could arrange for one of the other groups, who meet regularly, to use it.

Currently, the municipality has developed 3 new lots along Rowlinson Drive. As well, Yukon Housing identified 3 lots at the end of Rowlinson and River Drive and provided 3 trailer fir them. There are at least 2 lots for sale on Guder Drive, and 1 small private lot for sale near the Nordenskoild Bridges and 2 residential properties for sale in the Garvice Road industrial area. There are also 2 lots on McDade Road that are being held for land speculation purposes. That's 13 empty lots available in Carmacks, pretty good for a community of less than 500 people. All of these lots are not urban residential, but diversity is a good thing. Plus 1 lot on Klaza Rd.

There are places within municipal boundaries that can be used in the future as the need arises, like the Casino way and out toward the airport, subject to rezoning. In the meantime there doesn't seem to be anyone beating down doors to get to the lots already available.

Maybe it won't work out for the mission to keep their lot at the end of the lease term, but for now it seems totally unnecessary to be dividing it up now.

I'd like this statement recorded before the vote, in the minutes. Karen Gage"

Wyatt responded to Gage's letter, which Gage stated we have all of these lots available. Wyatt indicated none are urban residential, and Garvis Rd. is industrial. Wyatt explained that the 2 infill lots being developed in the industrial area are already being sought after by serious buyers. Wyatt also stated that the community is growing and last Vital Statistics report we are over 500 people.

T. Wheeler replied that she respects Gage's opinion but you're supposed to leave your agenda at the door when you are sitting on council. T. Wheeler continued that going behind councils back and using information received as a councillor for your own agenda isn't right. Bodie let Gage know he also respects her opinion however using knowledge gained from council to use for a personal agenda is wrong. Bodie went on to say that having 9 lots developed would mean 9 families could have homes built in Carmacks. Gage replied that she thinks we are trying to force development. Bodie replied that we need the development. Wyatt responded that we have not had urban residential lots for the past 6 years. Wyatt continued that we have been pushing for lot development for the past 8 years and now this is going against what we have been working towards. Wyatt then told Gage that she took an oath saying she wouldn't use councillor knowledge for your own agenda.

2. Gas tax solar panels for pool

Bellmore informed council that solar panels have been installed in Haines Junction, Dawson and Mayo. She reported that Haines Junction's panels have been maintenance free in the 10 years they have been installed there. Bellmore let council know Bill said the panels have a 25-50% recovery and that is a conservative number. Wyatt suggested that some numbers be put together on how much it costs to heat and power the pool year round. Bellmore asked council for questions to forward to Bill

about the solar panels and the installation. Council would like to have the following questions asked. What is the installation time, if we install can the pool be open for a longer period, if we choose to build another building can it be transferred.

77/12

T. Wheeler motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm.

Mayor Elaine Wyatt

CAO Cory Bellmore