

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting March 25, 2020**

Present: Mayor Eckervogt
Councillor Johnston (via web conferencing)
Councillor Nassiopoulos (via web conferencing)
Councillor Smith

CAO Rodin (via web conferencing), Recorder Palmer
Community Advisor Sarah Russo (via web conferencing)

In order to comply with territorial regulations to reduce the risk of COVID-19 virus transmission, Council Chambers was closed to the public, who were invited to attend through web or teleconferencing.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory

Mayor Eckervogt acknowledged that we are on the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

Adoption of Agenda

#102-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion #102-20 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings

Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 26, 2020

#103-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Motion #103-20 was **CARRIED**.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes March 11, 2020

#104-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 11, 2020, be adopted as amended to read that Mayor Eckervogt acknowledged that we are on the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

Motion #104-20 was **CARRIED**.

Special Council Meeting Minutes March 13, 2020

#105-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 13, 2020, be adopted as amended to include the Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory.

Motion #105-20 was **CARRIED**.

Proclamations

Delegations

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

New Business

RTC re Rental Housing Incentive

#106-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council direct the Administration to

- Draft a Municipal Matching Rental Construction Program Incentive for Council approval; and,
- Work with Yukon Housing to develop fair property tax values for the Village to waive so that developers can obtain the maximum amounts; and,
- Draft a resolution for the Association of Yukon Communities that requests that the matching requirement for the Tier Two and Tier Three grants be relaxed for smaller municipalities whose total revenues are significantly lower than the revenue of Whitehorse.

Motion #106-20 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Postponement of By-Election

Council expressed the importance of public safety and noted that the Selkirk First Nation Election has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#107-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Administration send a letter to the Yukon Government requesting that we postpone the election and that this item remain a standing item monthly on our agenda as it stands.

Motion #107-20 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Procedural Bylaw Amendment Notification

The proposed amendment would allow the Presiding Officer to attend a Council Meeting electronically in extraordinary circumstances.

#108-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council receive and file the Report to Council re Procedural Bylaw Amendment Notification.

Motion #108-20 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re December 2019 Financial Report

The Village is under-budget in expenses and slightly over-budget in revenue.

#109-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file the Report to Council re December 2019
 Financial Report.

Motion #109-20 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Rezoning Application – Raven Hotel Ltd, Blocks 7 Lots 1 and 2

Council noted that the size of the amalgamated lots may not meet the requirements of the Multiple Family Residential Zoning specifications for a six-plex apartment building.

#110-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT staff initiate the rezoning process for this application; and,
 THAT the Zoning Amendment Bylaw be presented to Council on
 April 8, 2020, for First Reading; and,
 THAT a Public Hearing be scheduled for April 22, 2020, and take place
 during the Council Meeting on that date; and,
 THAT the Zoning Amendment Bylaw be presented to Council for Second
 and Third reading on April 22, 2020.

Motion #110-20 was **CARRIED**.

Accounts Payable to March 25, 2020

#111-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file the Accounts Payable to March 25, 2020.

Motion #111-20 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

Bylaw #361-20, Zoning Bylaw #104-96 Amendment #38 Bylaw – 1st Reading

The bylaw was amended to update the names of the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer.

#112-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Bylaw #361-20, Zoning Bylaw #104-96 Amendment #38 Bylaw, be
 accepted as having been read for the first time.

Motion #112-20 was **CARRIED**.

A Public Hearing will be held on April 8, 2020.

Bylaw #362-20, 2020 Operating and Capital/Projects Bylaw – 1st and 2nd Reading

#113-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #362-20, 2020 Operating and Capital/Projects Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the first time.

Motion #113-20 was **CARRIED**.

#114-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #362-20, 2020 Operating and Capital/Projects Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the second time.

Motion #114-20 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaw #363-20, 2020 Property Taxation Levy Bylaw – 1st and 2nd Reading

Council noted that they had heard about the possibility of suspending property taxes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Administration advised that the Village is subject to the Municipal Act and that this would be a Yukon Government decision.

#115-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #363-20, 2020 Property Taxation Levy Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the first time.

Motion #115-20 was **CARRIED**.

#116-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #363-20, 2020 Property Taxation Levy Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the second time.

Motion #116-20 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaw #364-20, Bylaw to establish a Emergency Measures Commission – 1st and 2nd Reading
Upon Council's inquiry, Administration advised that having a two-person Emergency Measures Commission would minimize organisational difficulties during an emergency.

#117-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #364-20, Village of Haines Junction Emergency Measures Commission Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the first time.

Motion #117-20 was **CARRIED**.

#118-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #364-20, Village of Haines Junction Emergency Measures Commission Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the second time.

Motion #118-20 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaw #365-20, Municipal Civil Emergency Plan Bylaw – 1st and 2nd Reading

The bylaw was amended to remove the word “suitable” from s. 4.2.

#119-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #365-20, Village of Haines Junction Civil Emergency Plan, be accepted as having been read for the first time.

Motion #119-20 was **CARRIED**.

#120-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #365-20, Village of Haines Junction Civil Emergency Plan, be accepted as having been read for the second time.

Motion #120-20 was **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

March 2020 Haines Junction Health Centre Newsletter
Lotteries Yukon re 2020/21 Community Lottery Program

#121-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council receive and file the Correspondence items.

Motion #121-20 was **CARRIED**.

Council Reports and Notice of Motions

Councillors Nassiopoulos and Smith stated that they have heard concerns from community members about the streets being icy.

Administration noted that sand is being put down and the loader is clearing the streets. A grader will be contracted if deemed appropriate for the conditions.

Councillors Nassiopoulos and Johnston requested that Administration contact the Yukon Government regarding whether they are considering deferring the property tax deadline. Councillor Johnston invited the public to contact her regarding the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillor Johnston reminded the public to stay home as much as possible.

Questions from the Public

Community Member John Carney asked if anything was missing from the application for the Block 7, Lots 1 and 2, rezoning application.

Administration stated that there was not and that the letters received after the agenda was published would be submitted at the public hearing with their authors' approval.

Community Member John Carney asked if the Official Community Plan is still in effect.

Administration confirmed that the Official Community Plan is in effect.

Community Member John Carney noted that the amalgamated lot size would be below the minimum requirement for an apartment building in Multiple Family Residential zoning and asked why this application is still being considered.

Administration replied that it was decided to put the application through the zoning amendment process.

Community Member Laurette Sylvain asked if it was possible to review the lot size and revisit this decision.

Administration responded that this concern would be looked at.

Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

#122-20 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, Section 213(3).

Motion #122-20 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was closed to the public from 8:11 p.m. to 8:33 p.m.

#123-20 It was moved and seconded

THAT the meeting come out of closed meeting.

Motion #123-20 was **CARRIED**.

Adjournment

#124-20 It was moved and seconded

THAT there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion #124-20 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Mayor Thomas Eckervogt



CAO Dan Rodin

