

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting August 12, 2020**

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

CAO Rodin (via web conferencing), Recorder Palmer (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 7:01 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

#285-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion #285-20 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings

Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 22, 2020

#286-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 22, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Motion #286-20 was **CARRIED**.

Proclamations

Delegations

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

RTC re Surplus Sale 2020-3

Administration opened and announced the bids received.

#287-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the assets from the tendering process for Surplus Sale 2020-3 be awarded to the highest bidders.

Motion #287-20 was **CARRIED**.

New Business

RTC re Community Foundation

#288-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT the Village of Haines Junction staff be directed to work on the concept of establishing a Community Foundation.

Motion #288-20 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Dog Control

Council expressed interest in developing an off-leash dog park.
Council noted that there are often underlying issues related to dog control.
Council requested further information regarding the mobile vet clinic proposal to support spaying and neutering in the communities which is being drafted by animal advocates.

#289-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Village of Haines Junction Administration be directed to work on the proposed Dog Control Strategy.

Motion #289-20 was **CARRIED**.

Accounts Payable to August 12, 2020

#290-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council receive and file the municipal accounts payable to August 12, 2020.

Motion #290-20 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

Bylaw #372-20, Volunteer Fire Department Bylaw – 3rd Reading and Adoption

Administration thanked community member Laurette Sylvain for providing typographical revisions which have been incorporated into the bylaw for third reading.

Councillor Smith declared a pecuniary conflict of interest and left the room at 7:48 p.m.

#291-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #372-20, Volunteer Fire Department Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the third time and adopted as amended under Members of Department to read “The number of Members will be capped at fifteen (15) members.”

Motion #291-20 was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Smith returned to the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Correspondence

Letter from Minister of Finance Sandy Silver re Upcoming Banking Changes

Letter from CIBC re Rural Community Banking

Email from Saba Javed re Yukon NDP Leader Kate White Visit to Haines Junction

Council determined that they should contact NDP Leader Kate White as individual community members if interested in a discussion.

Letter from Val Drummond re National Pride Week Crosswalk Proposal

Administration noted that the Village does not own highways and permission would need to be sought from Yukon Government Highways and Public Works to paint a crosswalk. Council will discuss alternative methods to publicly demonstrate that the Village embraces diversity with the proponent.

Email from Libby Dulac re Brushing for Invasive Species

#292-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Administration dig into this issue and find out how the Village might address concerns and plan for use of staff resources next year to make a dent into invasive species in the jurisdiction and a policy to support that.

Motion #292-20 was **CARRIED**.

August 2020 Haines Junction Health Centre Newsletter

Council Reports and Notice of Motions

Councillor Johnston and CAO Rodin attended an Association of Yukon Communities debriefing on how municipalities responded to COVID-19. A report will follow.

Questions from the Public

Community Member Laurette Sylvain suggested that the Village look into community foundations in the Yukon during their research.

Community Member Laurette Sylvain noted her approval of a dog park as beneficial for both pets and their owners.

Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

#293-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, Section 213(3).

Motion #293-20 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was closed to the public from 8:13 p.m. to 8:39 p.m.

#294-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the meeting come out of closed meeting.

Motion #294-20 was **CARRIED**.

Adjournment

#295-20

It was moved and seconded

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

Motion #295-20 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



Mayor Thomas Eckervogt



CAO Dan Rodin

