

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting October 14, 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)

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 7:03 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

#363-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion #363-20 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings

Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 23, 2020

#364-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 23, 2020,
 be adopted as presented.

Motion #364-20 was **CARRIED**.

Proclamations

Delegations

Northwestel re Every Community Project

#365-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council extend the time for the delegation with Northwestel to
 25 minutes.

Motion #365-20 was **CARRIED**.

President Curtis Shaw and Director of Government Relations Kerry Newkirk attended via Zoom web conferencing on behalf of Northwestel.

President Shaw reviewed the Every Community Project funded by the CRTC to bring fibre-optic cable to all Yukon communities except Old Crow with 250 Mbps download and 15 Mbps upload speeds, with no price increases for five years, the removal of the standalone internet line charge and the option of limitless internet.

President Shaw noted that the Dempster Highway fibre line will also create a northern loop which is expected to reduce outages.

President Shaw advised that Northwestel is currently in the consultation process, with virtual open houses next week, followed by engineering in 2021, and installation and service in 2022.

President Shaw noted that they anticipate hiring local individuals for several weeks during the project.

President Shaw also advised that Northwestel has worked with Bell to build two new cell sites at Champagne and Mendenhall which should be operational in approximately a month and will provide improved cell phone coverage along the Alaska Highway.

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

RTC re Assets Disposed September 23, 2020

#366-20 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council receive and file the Report to Council re Assets Disposed September 23, 2020.

Motion #366-20 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Proposed Assets to be Disposed

#367-20 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Haines Junction approve the October 14, 2020, List of Assets for Disposal for disposition through the process identified as the Asset Disposal Plan.

Motion #367-20 was **CARRIED**.

New Business

RTC re 2020 Council Meeting Schedule

#368-20 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council move the November 11 regularly scheduled Council meeting to November 12 and the regularly scheduled Council meeting of December 23 to December 16; and

THAT Council request a Special Council Meeting on December 30 if required.

Motion #368-20 was **CARRIED**.

Accounts Payable to October 14, 2020

Council highlighted the refrigerant recovery charge at Cheque No. 26024.

#369-20 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council receive and file the Accounts Payable to October 14, 2020.

Motion #369-20 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

Urban Electrification Bylaw #374-20 – 3rd Reading and Adoption

#370-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Bylaw #374-20, A Bylaw to Authorize a Work of Local Improvement to Provide for Urban Electrification of Lot 49, Willow Acres Subdivision, be accepted as having been read for the third time and adopted.

Motion #370-20 was **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

RCMP Monthly Mayor's / Chief's Policing Report

YG Executive Council Office re Seasonal Time Change

Council noted that the Yukon now has its own time zone which some electronic scheduling may not yet recognise.

Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival President re Postponement of 2021 KMBF

Tasin Melanson re Thank you for the Awesome New Biking Trail

Council suggested that the Village procure cards designed by young Haines Junction artists which could be used to thank community members for their engagement.

Minister of Community Services John Streicker to MLA Wade Istchenko re Tender 2019/20-3670 Haines Junction Infrastructure Upgrades: Phase 3

Council requested that Mayor Eckervogt seek confirmation from Minister Streicker that Phase 3 is on the YG capital project list and seek clarification from MLA Istchenko regarding the nature of the proposed community engagement session.

Dakwàkàda nda dān kù, Haines Junction Health Centre News October 2020

Council highlighted the upcoming flu clinics being offered.

#371-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council receive and file the block of correspondence as discussed.

Motion #371-20 was **CARRIED**.

Council Reports and Notice of Motions

#372-20 It was moved and seconded
 THAT Council would like to discuss resumption of meeting in person, with discussion of accessibility and current COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, on the next Council agenda.

Motion #372-20 was **CARRIED**.

#373-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council would like to receive by the end of November a Report to
Council on reopening the Free Store.

Motion #373-20 was **CARRIED**.

Questions from the Public


Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

Adjournment


#374-20 It was moved and seconded
THAT there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion #374-20 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Mayor Thomas Eckervogt



CAO Dan Rodin

