

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting February 10, 2021**

Present: Mayor Eckervogt (via web conferencing)
Councillor Charlebois (via web conferencing)
Councillor Nassiopoulos (via web conferencing)
Councillor Johnston (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 7:06 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

#30-21 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to add under Delegations:
 7a. Rebecca Schatz re Wellness Room Rental.

Motion #30-21 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings

Regular Council Meeting Minutes January 27, 2021

#31-21 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 27, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Motion #31-21 was **CARRIED**.

Proclamations

Delegations

Rebecca Schatz re Wellness Room Rental

Rebecca Schatz, RMT, reviewed her experience and her discussions with other health care professionals regarding the need for a registered massage therapist in Haines Junction. Rebecca Schatz advised that her request has been amended to rent the downstairs room currently used by wellness practitioners for one to two days per week.

Rebecca Schatz noted that she has visited other potential locations but requires more information regarding zoning and health inspection requirements.

Rebecca Schatz advised that she would be interested in a six to twelve month contract.

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

RTC re Quarry Lease Process

#32-21

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Council of the Village of Haines Junction suspend the rules to enable Matt Ball and Susan Antpoehler to address Council on the matter of quarry leases and to enable a discussion between them and Council.

Motion #32-21 was **CARRIED**.

Matt Ball, Director, and Susan Antpoehler, Client Services Manager, attended on behalf of the Yukon Government Energy, Mines and Resources (EMR) Land Management Branch.

Director Ball explained that both the MacIntosh and Pine Lake gravel quarries have public access for limited personal use and that businesses can apply for commercial leases.

Manager Antpoehler explained that there are no legislated timelines, but commercial applications usually take six months to over a year; that applications typically require a YESAB assessment; and, that leases are generally on a first-come, first-served basis.

Manager Antpoehler explained that the MacIntosh Pit is reserved for YG Highways and Public Works (HPW) and that EMR will not accept applications without their support.

Manager Antpoehler stated that there is a current lease in the MacIntosh Pit; that a second application was rejected because it was in a HPW reserve; that this application has been resubmitted for a different area of the quarry; and, that the application status is unknown.

Council questioned EMR as to HPW's justification for their gravel needs and was advised by Manager Antpoehler that HPW could best answer that.

Council expressed concern for community growth without an assured gravel source and asked if there were other options. Manager Antpoehler explained that someone could hire a contractor and/or connect with Geological Survey to look for additional resources.

In response to Council's query, Manager Antpoehler clarified that commercial leases do not automatically transfer, unless the business continues operating under the same name.

RTC re Request for a Council Census Support Resolution

#33-21

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Council of the Village of Haines Junction supports the 2021 Census and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data supports programs and services that benefit our community.

Motion #33-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Arctic Inspiration Prize Ambassador/Nominators

#34-21

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Council of the Village of Haines Junction advise the Arctic Inspiration Prize that the Village of Haines Junction will act in the capacity of an ambassador/nominator.

Motion #34-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Augusto Request for Rental of Council Chambers

#35-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the Council of the Village of Haines Junction allow the Augusto! Children's Festival to use Council Chambers for the 2021 Augusto! Children's Festival.

Motion #35-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Assets Disposed January 13, 2021

#36-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the Council of the Municipality of Haines Junction receive and file the report entitled Assets Disposed January 13, 2021.

Motion #36-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Proposed Assets to be Disposed

#37-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the Council of the Municipality of Haines Junction approve the February 10, 2021, List of Assets for Disposal for disposition through the process identified as the Asset Disposal Plan.

Motion #37-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re St. Elias Convention Centre Wellness Room Rental

Council noted that "Wellness Room" is not an official name for the downstairs office space.

#38-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the Village of Haines Junction may enter into an agreement with Rebecca Schatz for up to two days per week for a six-month period for the rental of the wellness room office.

Motion #38-21 was **CARRIED**.

#39-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the Village of Haines Junction Council directs Administration to prepare a policy for the rental of the downstairs office space.

Motion #39-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re 2020 Capital Works & Purchases Budget Year-End Update

Council applauded the Public Works Department for the significant amount of work completed in 2020.

#40-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the report entitled 2020 Capital Works & Purchases Budget Year-End Update be received and filed for information purposes.

Motion #40-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re December 2020 Financial Report

#41-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council receive and file the December 2020 Financial Report.

Motion #41-21 was **CARRIED**.

New Business

Accounts Payable to February 10, 2021

#42-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council receive and file the municipal Accounts Payable to February 10, 2021.

Motion #42-21 was **CARRIED**.

Council recessed at 8:32 p.m. and reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

RTC re Haines Junction Infrastructure Priorities

Administration corrected that the Estimated Cost for Phase V Water and Sewer should read \$5,000,000 on Schedule A.

Council requested that the Comments section be removed from Schedule A.

Council noted that in Schedule A the term "General Industrial" should be used instead of "Medium Industrial" in order to be consistent with the draft Official Community Plan.

#43-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the Council of the Village of Haines Junction approved Schedule A, Haines Junction Infrastructure Priorities, as amended.

Motion #43-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Off-Leash Dog Park

Administration clarified that this project was instigated by a community member, but that the municipality might be better-equipped to execute it, should Council wish to do so.

Administration suggested that reserve land could be sought from the Yukon Government.

#44-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the Village of Haines Junction Council direct Administration to add a Report to Council on an off-leash dog park option for the Village of Haines Junction to the strategic priorities chart.

Motion #44-21 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaws - Reports, Readings and Adoption

Correspondence

YG HPW Transportation Aviation re Public Airports Regulation review

RCMP Monthly Mayor's Chief's Policing Report

YG EMR Forest Management Branch re Anticipatory Notice of Fuel Abatement Harvesting Application – Alaska Highway KM 1583.2

YG EMR Forest Management Branch re Notice of Fire Smart Harvesting Application – Bear Berry Subdivision

Council of Yukon First Nations re CCCPN and CCHAP Statistics Canada re 2021 Census of Population

Council Reports and Notice of Motions

Councillor Charlebois asked Administration about management of the heavy snowfall melt this spring.

Administration expressed confidence in the Public Works team, noting that discussions regarding snow relocation are underway.

In light of a recent carbon monoxide (CO) issue in the community, Councillor Charlebois proposed that the Village could assist in organizing regular chimney sweep visits.

Council determined that more public education on CO would be beneficial.

With regard to the vaccine clinic, Councillor Charlebois thanked the Rangers for erecting the tent and community members for making ice candles and welcoming the team.

Councillor Johnston thanked everyone for coming out to the vaccine clinic, noting that the second dose will be available the week of March 8, and that those who did not yet receive their initial dose can at that time, with their second dose to follow at an additional clinic.

Councillor Johnston reminded everyone to practise the Safe 6, wear a mask and get vaccinated. Councillor Johnston advised that there were over 650 inoculations in Haines Junction.

Council directed that Administration put out a notice regarding the upcoming second dose and the second chance for residents to begin the Covid-19 vaccination process.

Councillor Charlebois asked Council if they would be interested in discussing the possibility of the Village funding a geological survey to identify local gravel sources.

#45-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council direct Administration to pursue an Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act request related to the information contributing to the decision to deny any application for the MacIntosh Pit in the last two to three years, and to view the documentation provided from YG Highways and Public Works to YG Energy, Mines and Resources.

Motion #45-21 was **CARRIED**.

#46-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council rescind the previous Motion #43-21 receiving and filing Schedule A, Haines Junction Infrastructure Priorities.

Motion #46-21 was **CARRIED**.

#47-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council add to Schedule A, Haines Junction Infrastructure
Priorities, the development of a high-quality gravel pit for the purposes of
infrastructure development and growth specific to construction needs, as
priority #4 on the list.

Motion #47-21 was **CARRIED**.

Questions from the Public
Motion to Close Meeting to the Public
Adjournment

#48-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion #48-21 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



Mayor Thomas Eckervogt



CAO Dan Rodin

