

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting March 24, 2021**

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)

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

#80-21 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion #80-21 was **CARRIED**.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings

Special Council Meeting Minutes March 9, 2021

#81-21 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 9, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Motion #81-21 was **CARRIED**.

Proclamations

Delegations

Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions

Old Business

RTC re Lions Club Request that Liability Insurance be \$1,000,000

#82-21 It was moved and seconded
 THAT the liability insurance requirement in the sub-lease agreement between the Village of Haines Junction and the St. Elias Lions Club be reduced to \$1,000,000.

Motion #82-21 was **CARRIED**.

#83-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the scope of the usage in the sub-lease agreement between the Village of Haines Junction and the St. Elias Lions Club be well-defined; and **THAT** if there is a change in the scope requested by the Lions Club, that Village staff will review the Village's insurance with our insurance agency to make sure that the coverage we are requesting of the Lions Club is still adequate for the purpose.

Motion #83-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Surplus Sale 2021-1

#84-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the assets from the tendering process for Surplus Sale 2021-1 be awarded to the highest bidders.

Motion #84-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Small Room Policy

#85-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Village of Haines Junction Council adopt Policy #34-21, the Small Room Policy.

Motion #85-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Pelly Crossing Pool Information

Council expressed appreciation for the pool design, noting that this information is helpful.

#86-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the report titled Pelly Crossing Pool Information be received and filed for information purposes.

Motion #86-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Anti-Racism Resolution – Association of Yukon Communities Annual General Meeting

#87-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT that the Village supports the Appendix "A" Anti-racism Resolution as currently presented; and
THAT staff be directed to inform the Resolution initiators of same.

Motion #87-21 was **CARRIED**.

New Business

Accounts Payable to March 24, 2021

#88-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council receive and file the municipal Accounts Payable to March 24, 2021.

Motion #88-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Tax Lien Summary

#89-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council receive and file the tax lien summary for 2020.

Motion #89-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Community Services Wildland Fire Support Letter

#90-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT a letter of support for Yukon Community Services Wildland Fire Management's application for funding from the National Resource Canada's Forest program be written.

Motion #90-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Yukon Election All-Candidate Forum

Councillor Charlebois and Councillor Johnston declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

#91-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT staff be directed to organize an All-Candidate Forum / Zoom Meeting for the upcoming Yukon Territorial Election; and
THAT the candidate forum only go ahead if all three candidates agree to show up and participate.

Motion #91-21 was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Charlebois and Councillor Johnston returned to the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption

Bylaw #378-21, Consolidated Fees Amendment Bylaw No. Three (3) Schedule 14 Equipment Rental and Sanding Fees – Second Reading

#92-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #378-21, Consolidated Municipal Fees Bylaw Amendment No. Three (3) Administrative Fee and Equipment Rental and Sanding Fees, be accepted as having been read for the second time.

Motion #92-21 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaw #379-21, 2021 Property Taxation Levy Bylaw – Third Reading and Adoption

#93-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #379-21, 2021 Property Taxation Levy Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the third time and adopted.

Motion #93-21 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaw #380-21, 2021 Operating and Capital/Projects Budgets Bylaw – Third Reading and Adoption

#94-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #380-21, 2021 Operating and Capital/Projects Budgets Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the third time and adopted.

Motion #94-21 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaw #381-21, Consolidated Municipal Fees Bylaw Amendment No. Four (4) Schedule 11 St. Elias Convention Centre Fees – RTC and First and Second Reading

#95-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #381-21, Consolidated Municipal Fees Bylaw Amendment No. Four (4) Schedule 11 St. Elias Convention Centre Fees, be accepted as having been read for the first time.

Motion #95-21 was **CARRIED**.

#96-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #381-21, Consolidated Municipal Fees Bylaw Amendment No. Four (4) Schedule 11 St. Elias Convention Centre Fees, be accepted as having been read for the second time.

Motion #96-21 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaw #382-21, Official Community Plan Bylaw – RTC and First Reading

#97-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw #382-21, Official Community Plan Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the first time.

Motion #97-21 was **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

Dave Weir re New Pool in Haines Junction

Administration advised that Dave Weir has verbally received the following responses:

- 1) Council is moving forward with building a new pool.
- 2) No particular plan has been chosen by Council.
- 3) Council is looking into funding options with the Yukon Government.
- 4) Council has been in contact with Champagne and Aishihik First Nations about the pool.
- 5) The Village has recently received information regarding the new Pelly Crossing Pool.
- 6) Council is hereby providing a public update regarding the new pool project.

National Resources Canada re 2019 Polar Continental Shelf Program Science Report

YG Forest Management Branch re Notification, Fuelwood Permit Authorization

Julie Bauer re Composting in the Community of Haines Junction, March 2021

Council noted that they share the concerns expressed and that the Village has been investigating options, highlighting the difficulty of creating a bear-safe compost program

at this time, given the high costs of creating quality compost and the uncertainty arising from the landfill regionalization process currently occurring elsewhere in the Yukon.

Councillor Johnston excused herself from the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

#98-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT the Council of the Village of Haines Junction direct Administration to draft a letter of response to the letter provided in March 2021 by Julie Bauer.

Motion #98-21 was **CARRIED**.

Yukon Liberal Party Candidate Luke Campbell re Territorial Election Discussion Request
Councillor Charlebois declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Council expressed their preference for hosting a non-partisan all-candidate forum.

#99-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Council direct Administration to respond to Yukon Territorial Election candidate meeting requests by thanking them for the offer and indicating that Council is unable to do so at this point in time.

Motion #99-21 was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Charlebois and Councillor Johnston returned to the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Ben Campbell, YG Community Services Senior Project Manager, re Future Haines Junction Development Areas – Funding Contribution

Associate Professor Douglas A. Clark, University of Saskatchewan, re Wastewater Sampling Request for COVID-19 Research

Council expressed appreciation for this work and asked if it would require staff time. Administration advised that staff time would be minimal.

Council Reports and Notice of Motions

Councillor Charlebois re Request to Waive Remuneration Deduction

Councillor Charlebois declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

#100-21 It was moved and seconded
THAT Councillor Charlebois' pay not be docked 25% for her absence from the March 9, 2021, Special Council Meeting in recognition of the fact that the meeting date was set with short notice and that Councillor Charlebois had a prior commitment that could not be changed.

Motion #100-21 was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Charlebois returned to the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Councillor Nassiopoulos expressed pleasure with receiving the Pelly Crossing Pool information for discussion.

Mayor Eckervogt observed that Public Works has been preparing the ditches for spring.

Councillor Smith suggested requesting an update on opening up additional land for sale. Administration advised that the Association of Yukon Communities has hired a student to do an inventory of land requirements for Yukon municipalities and that the Haines Junction portion of the study is slated to be completed first, as per the Village's request. Administration noted that a Request for Proposals for land analyses is being prepared.

Questions from the Public

Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

Adjournment

#101-21 It was moved and seconded
 THAT there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion #101-21 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Mayor Thomas Eckervogt



CAO Dan Rodin

