

**Village of Haines Junction  
Regular Council Meeting April 14, 2021**

Present: Mayor Eckervogt (via web conferencing) Late (with notice): Councillor Nassiopoulos  
Councillor Charlebois (via web conferencing) (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 7:05 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**

#102-21 It was moved and seconded  
**THAT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion #102-21 was **CARRIED**.

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings**

Regular Council Meeting Minutes March 24, 2021

#103-21 It was moved and seconded  
**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 24, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Motion #103-21 was **CARRIED**.

**Proclamations**

**Delegations**

Village Gallery re Council Interest in and Support for Artists and Writers

Ellen Bielawski summarized the Village Gallery's operations over the past five years and requested that Council: include the Village Gallery and its contributors in their vision and advertising; patronize local artists; and inform other levels of government about them.

#104-21 It was moved and seconded  
**THAT** Council suspend the rules to extend the delegation by two minutes.

Motion #104-21 was **CARRIED**.

Ellen Bielawski advised that the Village Gallery is planning pop-up sales for this summer, as well as possibly at the Village Bakery and at St. Christopher's Church by request. Ellen Bielawski asked Council to consider setting up an umbrella society so that individual not-for-profit organizations no longer need to try to staff boards with limited volunteers. Ellen Bielawski requested that Council reflect on options, such as allowing the Village Gallery to set up free of charge in the St. Elias Convention Centre. Marty Ritchie voiced a desire for a permanent space for artists to share their work in the community.

Salomé Alby re Re-opening of the Free Store

Salomé Alby highlighted the importance of the Free Store on the social, economic and environmental level.

Salomé Alby suggested that reopening the Free Store could be done in diverse ways, over time and with the support of residents, groups and partners.

Salomé Alby noted that she consulted with CAFN, the thrift shop and community members, and that she is also speaking on their behalf.

Council thanked the delegation for her thorough report and noted that this issue was discussed at their last strategic planning session.

Stephanie Twiss re Power of Positive Words Project

The item was tabled due to technical issues.

**Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions**

**Old Business**

RTC re Assets Disposed March 24, 2021

#105-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Haines Junction receive and file the report entitled Assets Disposed March 24, 2021.

Motion #105-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Council Attendance

#106-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council receive and file the April 14, 2021, Report to Council re Council Attendance.

Motion #106-21 was **CARRIED**.

#107-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council adjust the order of the agenda items and allow Stephanie Twiss to attend as a delegation at 7:29 p.m.

Motion #107-21 was **CARRIED**.

**Delegations (continued)**

Stephanie Twiss re Power of Positive Words Project

Stephanie Twiss described her inspiration for the proposed project, which involves posting signs with 52 virtues on them around town to spread the power of positive words.

Stephanie Twiss clarified that she envisions there being one virtue on each sign throughout the community and that these words could be rotated annually. Stephanie Twiss requested information regarding the permitting process and funding. Council advised that they would provide any necessary direction to Administration, and that she should contact Administration directly regarding permits.

**Old Business** *(continued)*

RTC re Strategic Plan Update

Councillor Nassiopoulos joined the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

#108-21        It was moved and seconded  
                  **THAT** "COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Options" be deleted from the strategic planning chart;  
                  **THAT** "COMMUNITY LAND INVENTORY: Assessment" be moved to position 5. under "COUNCIL PRIORITIES NOW"; and,  
                  **THAT** "CAFN PROTOCOL: Draft" be shifted over to "ADVOCACY/PARTNERSHIP".

Motion #108-21 was **CARRIED**.

**New Business**

Accounts Payable to April 14, 2021

#109-21        It was moved and seconded  
                  **THAT** Council receive and file the municipal Accounts Payable to April 14, 2021.

Motion #109-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re Summer Recreation Programming

#110-21        It was moved and seconded  
                  **THAT** the report titled Summer Recreation Programming be received and filed for information purposes.

Motion #110-21 was **CARRIED**.

RTC re CAFN & Village of Haines Junction Joint Covid-19 Safety Message

Administration advised that the message has been approved for signature by Chief Smith.

#111-21        It was moved and seconded  
                  **THAT** the Council of the Village of Haines Junction approves the Mayor to sign the Joint Covid-19 Safety Message on behalf of the Village of Haines Junction provided that the intent of the Joint Covid-19 Safety Message remains the same as the draft message which has been presented to Council.

Motion #111-21 was **CARRIED**.

## **Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption**

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

#112-21 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 third time and adopted.

Motion #112-21 was **CARRIED**.

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

#113-21 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 third time and adopted.

Motion #113-21 was **CARRIED**.

## **Correspondence**

### RCMP re Monthly Mayor's / Chief's Policing Report March 2021

#### Haines Junction RCMP Cpl. Stelter re Annual Performance Planning

Council noted the importance of educating youth regarding safety on off-road vehicles. Council voiced concern for excess speeding within the village limits.

#114-21 It was moved and seconded  
**THAT** the Village of Haines Junction write a letter to the local RCMP detachment thanking them for their good service and their continued community engagement and positive relationships, asking that they feel supported in their enforcement of traffic regulations, and stating Council's appreciation for the community safety that their enforcement provides.

Motion #114-21 was **CARRIED**.

### YG Community Affairs re Proposed New Official Community Plan, Bylaw 382-21

#### Canadian Union of Postal Workers re Request for Support for Delivering Community Power

Council noted that the scope of this request is very broad and not all within their mandate.

#### Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse re Re-Zoning Application

Administration advised that four property owners have requested amendments to their current or proposed zoning, noting that a rezoning application would be unnecessary if the forthcoming OCP and zoning bylaw already reflected any Council-approved changes.

#115-21 It was moved and seconded  
**THAT** Council direct Administration to write a Report to Council in regard to rezoning possibilities.

Motion #115-21 was **CARRIED**.

Alessandra Barone re Food Expenditures for Events

Council acknowledged the concerns expressed and the value of buying local when possible.

Michael Schmidt re Letter of Support for Village Bakery Owner and Family to Enter Canada

#116-21 It was moved and seconded  
**THAT** the Village of Haines Junction confirm by letter that Rhonda Peak owns a business in the Village of Haines Junction and that the Village of Haines Junction supports the return of seasonal business owners this summer following appropriate Covid-19 guidelines and self-isolation requirements.

Motion #116-21 was **CARRIED**.

Heiko Haehnsen re Re-opening of the Free Store

#117-21 It was moved and seconded  
**THAT** Council request that a Report to Council on reopening the free store which addresses and responds to the information received at tonight's meeting be presented at the next Council meeting.

Motion #117-21 was **CARRIED**.

**Council Reports and Notice of Motions**

Councillor Charlebois thanked the Village Public Works staff for their work on the ditches and for their care for the roads and ditches, highlighting the heavy snowfall this year and requesting that community members recognise this challenge.

Councillor Johnston thanked the community for coming out to the third Covid-19 vaccine clinic, highlighting the exceptional vaccine uptake in Haines junction and the need to continue to follow Covid-19 restrictions.

**Questions from the Public**

Community Member Salomé Alby asked what the next steps will be regarding the free store. Council explained that a report will be coming forward for discussion at the April 28, 2021, Council Meeting.

**Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**

#118-21 It was moved and seconded  
**THAT** Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, Section 213(3).

Motion #118-21 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was closed to the public from 8:25 p.m. to 8:47 p.m.

#119-21 It was moved and seconded  
**THAT** the meeting come out of closed meeting.

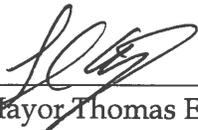
Motion #119-21 was **CARRIED**.

**Adjournment**

#120-21 It was moved and seconded  
**THAT** there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion #120-21 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

  
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Mayor Thomas Eckervogt

  
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CAO Dan Rodin

