Village of Haines Junction Regular Council Meeting September 8, 2021

Present: Mayor Eckervogt Absent (with notice):

Councillor Charlebois Councillor Smith

Councillor Johnston

Councillor Nassiopoulos (via web conferencing)

CAO Rodin, Recorder Izigzon, Recorder Palmer

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

#290-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to add:

9c. RTC re Restart Grant Bylaw - Commercial Property Defined;

9d Board of Variance Appointments and Recession of Appointments; and

10d. Electric Vehicle Grant Opportunity.

Motion #290-21 was CARRIED.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings

Regular Council Meeting Minutes August 25, 2021

#291-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 25, 2021, be

adopted as presented.

Motion #291-21 was CARRIED.

Special Council Meeting Minutes August 30, 2021

#292-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of August 30, 2021, be

adopted as presented.

Motion #292-21 was CARRIED.

Proclamations
Delegations
Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions
Old Business

RTC re Traffic Light Update

#293-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT the report titled Traffic Light Update be received and filed for information purposes.

Motion #293-21 was CARRIED.

RTC re Policy - Community Group Support

Council highlighted the importance of ensuring community groups will be aware of whether or not their event would be covered by the proposed insurance policy and directed Administration to draft a community group support policy.

#294-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council receive and file this report on Community Group Support.

Motion #294-21 was CARRIED.

RTC re Restart Grant Bylaw - Commercial Property Defined

Council noted that not all businesses were equally affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and directed that the grant be limited to businesses with municipal business licences in the tourism sector.

#295-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council receive and file the Report to Council re Restart Grant Bylaw – Commercial Property Defined.

Motion #295-21 was CARRIED.

Board of Variance Appointments and Recession of Appointments

Administration advised that David Blakeburn has withdrawn from the Board of Variance due to a potential conflict of interest.

#296-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT that Council rescind the appointment of David Blakeburn to the Board of Variance.

Motion #296-21 was CARRIED.

#297-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT that Council appoint Elodie Dulac to the Board of Variance.

Motion #297-21 was CARRIED.

#298-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT that Council appoint as an alternative James Bucknell to the Board of Variance, pending legal review.

Motion #298-21 was CARRIED.

New Business

Accounts Payable to September 8, 2021

#299-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council receive and file the municipal Accounts Payable report to September 8, 2021.

Motion #299-21 was CARRIED.

RTC re 2020 Annual Report

#300-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council receive the 2020 Annual Report as amended to be brought forward for the next Council meeting.

Motion #300-21 was CARRIED.

RTC re Proposed Animal Control Bylaw Amendment

#301-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council direct staff to prepare an amending bylaw to the Animal Control Bylaw that would provide for a lifetime dog licence to be available for the 2022 year and that a suitable fee would be charged.

Motion #301-21 was CARRIED.

Electric Vehicle Grant Opportunity

Administration provided a proposal to acquire an electric skid steer through the Yukon Government's Medium and heavy-duty electric vehicle pilot project.

#302-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council directs Administration to pursue the application for this electrical vehicle pilot project and develop a proposal to acquire the vehicle for municipal use and allocate funds up to \$40,000.

Motion #302-21 was CARRIED.

Bylaws - Reports, Readings and Adoption

Bylaw #389-21, Enforcement Officer Bylaw - Third Reading and Adoption

#303-21 It was moved and seconded

THAT Bylaw #389-21, Enforcement Officer Bylaw, be accepted as having been read for the third time and adopted.

Motion #303-21 was CARRIED.

Correspondence

Dakwakadanda dan ku Haines Junction Health Centre News September 2021

RCMP Monthly Mayor's / Chief's Policing Report August 2021

Yukon Housing Corporation re Housing Summit

Village of Teslin Mayor Gord Curran to Yukon Housing Corporation Minister Ranj Pillai re Changes in Housing Policy for Government Employees in Yukon Communities Council noted that this letter only represents the views of the Village of Teslin.

Defence Construction Canada re Canadian Ranger Training Exercise

Sally Hogan re Haines Junction Cemetery

#304-21

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Village of Haines Junction contact Sally Hogan and request clarification on some of the items she has brought forward in her correspondence of September 2, 2021.

Motion #304-21 was CARRIED.

Council Reports and Notice of Motions

Council discussed plans for an official Council photo on September 22, 2021.

Councillor Johnston encouraged Haines Junction and Yukon residents to get vaccinated, highlighting the high local vaccination rate and that vaccination credentials are now available. Councillor Johnston reminded community members to get tested for symptoms as the flu and cold season begins, and to plan ahead for the timing of Covid-19 and flu vaccinations. Councillor Johnston noted that guidance regarding a third dose of the vaccine for the immunocompromised population is expected shortly.

Councillor Charlebois advised that YG Director of Tourism Tracey McBride will be visiting Haines Junction on September 9, 2021.

Questions from the Public Motion to Close Meeting to the Public

Adjournment

#305-21

It was moved and seconded

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

Motion #305-21 was CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Mayor Thomas Eckervogt

CAO Dan Rodin