

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting July 27, 2016**

Present: Mayor Riseborough
Councillor Sundbo
Councillor Koh
Councillor Eckervogt

Absent: Councillor Smith (with notice)

Recorder Istchenko
Foreman Hatherley

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

In Camera

Motion to move into Closed Meeting in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, Section 213 (3) (c) personal information, including personnel information.

The meeting was In Camera from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m.
Council recessed from 6:50 to 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

#235-16 Moved E. Koh Seconded T. Eckervogt
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion #235-16 was **CARRIED**.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 13, 2016

#236-16 Moved T. Eckervogt Seconded B. Sundbo
THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 13, 2016 be approved as amended under Delegations to remove the reference to the apartment building and Seniors' complex.

Motion #236-16 was **CARRIED**.

Delegations

Julie Bauer re: Zero Waste and Nesting Birds

Ms. Bauer noted a concern over the use of styrofoam plates at recent events in the Convention Centre. She suggested that facility users be encouraged to use paper plates and recycle their materials. She further noted the prevalence of black bags in the landfill compost and suggested that the Village provide compostable bags or advise where they can be purchased.

In reference to recent meeting minutes regarding nesting birds on the legacy trail construction, Ms. Bauer noted that nesting is finished by August.

Ms. Bauer noted a need for more nesting platforms for cliff swallows. Many are nesting on the Convention Centre.

Ms. Bauer noted that her concerns are shared by others and that she is available to assist with these issues.

Mayor Riseborough acknowledged Ms. Bauer's concerns and noted that Council does consider zero waste a priority. Council's upcoming strategic planning exercise will include the landfill and composting. There has been preliminary discussion on forming an advisory council to provide advice on compost.

Zero waste will be added to the Committee of the Whole rolling agenda.

Bylaws and Policies

Bylaw #312-16, Conditions of Employment Amendment Bylaw #6

The two amendments being made by this bylaw are to change the Floater Day to Heritage Day as a paid holiday and to change the Treasurer and Public Works Foreman positions' provision for time in lieu of overtime compensation to three weeks additional holiday time per year.

#237-16 Moved E. Koh Seconded B. Sundbo

THAT Bylaw #312-16, Conditions of Employment Bylaw Amendment be accepted as having been read for the first time.

Motion #237-16 was **CARRIED**.

#238-16 Moved T. Eckervogt Seconded E. Koh

THAT Bylaw #312-16, Conditions of Employment Bylaw Amendment be accepted as having been read for the second time.

Motion #238-16 was **CARRIED**.

Municipal Reports

Administration Report

Mayor Riseborough recently met with Vanessa Innes of Regional Economic Development regarding the Economic Development position. The department is developing a new model that will begin this fall.

Members of Council recently attended the Artist in Residence welcome presentation and the Da Ku cultural event for the Premiers' meetings.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are scheduled to visit the Yukon in September.

A \$3.1 million funding agreement for the lift station upgrades has been signed.

Urban Electrification Program Application

An application has been received from the owner of Lot 7 Bear Berry Meadow Subdivision for financial assistance to install electrical service to the property. The Urban Electrification Policy provides for funding by the Village to be administered as a local improvement charge on the benefitting property. The amount requested is below the minimum amount stated in the policy but the policy allows other conditions or variances to be determined by Council in considering any individual application. It was noted that the administrative requirements would be minimal. The local improvement charge must be authorized by bylaw. It was also noted that the expenditure will require a budget amendment.

#239-16 Moved E. Koh Seconded B. Sundbo

THAT the Urban Electrification Program application from the owner of Lot 7 Bear Berry Meadow Subdivision be approved.

Motion #239-16 was **CARRIED**.

Public Works Report

Gravel will be placed at the construction area of the landfill to alleviate the muddy conditions. The lift station infrastructure upgrade will begin in September.

Locations have been marked on roadways for drilling geotechnical boreholes for the water and sewer infrastructure upgrades.

The bioassay results of the pre-discharge lagoon waters failed. Warm temperatures and low water levels created a big algae bloom which increased the PH levels. It is expected this will decrease as it gets colder.

A local contractor has been asked to provide a cost estimate to grade the ruts on the Marshall Creek fire break.

The RV sanitary dump site on the North 60 Petro property is being used by the public. The company will be contacted to advise of this use and note the potential for liability.

Treasurer Report - Unaudited Financial Statements to June 30, 2016

Overall revenues and expenses are on benchmark. It was noted that union negotiation costs were budgeted under legal fees. These costs will be separated out when the budget is amended.

#240-16 Moved E. Koh Seconded T. Eckervogt
THAT the Unaudited Financial Statements to June 30, 2016 be accepted.

Motion #240-16 was **CARRIED**.

Accounts Payable

Municipal Accounts Payable to July 27, 2016

#241-16 Moved B. sundbo Seconded E. Koh
THAT municipal accounts payable, transfers and cheques #23248 to #23282 in the amount of \$128,450.75 be approved for payment.

Motion #241-16 was **CARRIED**.

Discussion regarding reducing streetlight costs will be added to the Committee of the Whole rolling agenda.

Information and Correspondence

#242-16 Moved E. Koh Seconded T. Eckervogt
THAT the Information and Correspondence items as outlined on the agenda be received.

Motion #242-16 was **CARRIED**.

Minister Kent re: Haines Junction Legacy Trail Project

A thank you letter will be written to Minister Kent for the donation of gravel for the trail project.

AYC re: Labour Market Transfer Agreements

It was suggested that this be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce.

John Trotter re: Proposed Trail Development, Green Space Between Alsek and Otter Crescent
Mr. Trotter has long been a proponent for the upgrade of the trail on the greenbelt that runs from the school to the CAFN village. He is concerned that the legacy trail is being built parallel to the existing trail. He states that this would bring the total number of trails in the greenbelt to four and there is no apparent plan to deactivate any of them. He is suggesting that the existing trail be upgraded instead of constructing a new trail. He is also concerned about the proposed trailer lot development on Otter Crescent and is suggesting that Council consider a longer term planning process for the green space.

It was questioned how much of a buffer is needed on either side of the trail. Foreman Hatherley noted that for maintenance purposes there should be a buffer between the vegetation and trail to keep roots from overgrowing the trail. Public Works will be locating property pins and marking the trail next week.

Councillor Sundbo agreed it may be worth revisiting the trailer lot development and noted there may not be much greenspace left after the trail is built. He recently walked the area and noted that there is a lot of debris and makeshift camps. It was suggested that the RCMP be made aware of this activity.

It was noted that greenbelt and trails are important to the community. Lands Branch can be requested to look at other options for lot development.

Council Reports

In response to member concerns, Councillor Koh has been trying to determine whether the CDC Committee can make decisions by email or hold meetings electronically. It was clarified that the CDC is not a Council Committee as defined in the Municipal Act, which refers to committees comprised only of Council members. The CDC is governed only by the committee bylaw and not by the Municipal Act. The bylaw does not address electronic meetings. Mayor Riseborough noted that amendments can be made to the bylaw to enable the committee to move forward more expeditiously. It was suggested that the website section labelled "Council Committees" be rephrased.

Councillor Sundbo attended the Da Ku cultural event in honor of the Premiers' meetings and requested that a letter of thanks for the invitation be sent to Chief Smith.

Councillor Sundbo requested that a letter be written to CAFN regarding the art pieces currently on display in the Convention Centre.

Councillor Sundbo provided a contact at YG who may be able to provide advice on the potential risk of sunlight damage to the Convention Centre artwork.

Adjournment

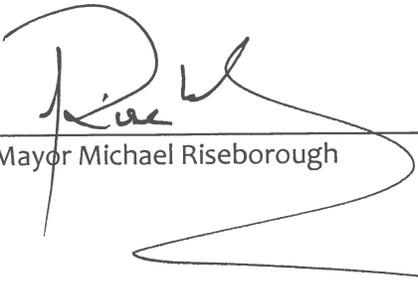
#243-16

Moved B. Sundbo

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

Motion #243-16 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Mayor Michael Riseborough



Recorder Donna Istchenko