

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting March 8, 2017**

Present: Mayor Riseborough
Councillor Smith
Councillor Koh
Councillor Sundbo
Councillor Eckervogt

CAO Clarke, Recorder Istchenko, Foreman Hatherley

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Riseborough acknowledged that we are on the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

Approval of Agenda

- #53-17 Moved E. Koh Seconded T. Eckervogt
THAT the agenda be approved as amended under Business Arising to add
- A Request for Motion regarding Royal Canadian Legion advertising
 - A Request for Motion regarding funding and meeting space support for the St. Elias Chamber of Commerce
 - Draft resolutions for the AYC AGM

Motion #53-17 was **CARRIED**.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 22, 2017

- #54-17 Moved T. Eckervogt Seconded E. Koh
THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 22, 2017 be approved as amended under Council Reports to remove the phrase "The Chamber has deferred doing major changes to the welcome brochure for this year".

Motion #54-17 was **CARRIED**.

The Chamber will be provided with a copy of the signage section of the Zoning Bylaw.

The letter to the Lions Club regarding the curling trophy case has not been sent as the issue has been resolved – staff have cleaned and repaired the trophy case from the Community Hall and will have it moved to the Mezzanine.

Detailed budget discussions will be deferred to the next committee of Whole meeting on March 15, 2017.

Bylaws and Policies

Bylaw #319-17, 2017 Property Taxation Levy Bylaw

#55-17 Moved E. Koh Seconded B. Sundbo

THAT Bylaw #319-17, 2017 Property Taxation Levy Bylaw be accepted as having been read for the first time.

Discussion: Taxation rates remain the same as past years. Councillor Sundbo suggested that consideration be given to increasing the minimum tax rate on vacant properties in order to encourage development. A list of all vacant properties subject to the minimum tax rate will be provided for the budget discussions at the Committee of Whole meeting.

Motion #55-17 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaw #320-17, 2017 Capital Expenditure Budget Bylaw

#56-17 Moved T. Eckervogt Seconded S. Smith

THAT Bylaw #320-17, 2017 Capital Expenditure Budget Bylaw be accepted as having been read for the first time.

Discussion: There is some confusion with the bylaw wording regarding the number of years covered by the capital budget. The wording is taken directly from the Municipal Act. Clarification will be included in the budget narrative document.

Motion #56-17 was **CARRIED**.

Bylaw #321-17, 2017 Annual Operating Budget Bylaw

#57-17 Moved E. Koh Seconded T. Eckervogt

THAT Bylaw #321-17, 2017 Annual Operating Budget Bylaw be accepted as having been read for the first time.

Discussion:

- A copy of the Comprehensive Municipal Grant calculation spreadsheet will be provided to Council.
- A business case will be provided for the dog catcher budget item.
- The municipal office lease fees journal entry has been removed.
- Administration is requested to explore the possibility of using the Y2C2 program this summer.
- Foreman Hathelry noted that hazardous waste removal costs are \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year, some of which is covered by YG. It was suggested that increased advertising be done for the next Household Hazardous Waste Day.
- It was noted that the Art Acquisition Policy is recommended to be reviewed every five years. This has not been done since the policy inception in 2005.
- Community Hall maintenance is increased to cover the cost of the ground penetrating radar. Councillor Sundbo noted that a decision needs to be made on the building. More information is requested.

Motion #57-17 was **CARRIED**.

Municipal Reports

CAO Activity Report

A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with Public Works to provide updates on the strategic plan and budget and to discuss dog catching.

The public meeting regarding infrastructure upgrades will be tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2017 prior to the regular Council meeting.

With the implementation of the union the Foreman has become a managing position and oversight is needed on the ground. It is recommended that this be addressed by the establishment of a Lead Hand position which will be done by internal appointment.

#58-17 Moved E. Koh Seconded S. Smith

THAT a Public Works Lead Hand position be established.

Motion #58-17 was **CARRIED**.

It was requested that organizations receiving free use be listed in the report.

The landfill will be open on Mondays with access to the compactor and outside recycle bins. Recycle Centre staff are working on a public information handout on items that can be recycled.

A family curling funspiel is being organized by staff for the end of spring break. The Lions Club has made a donation to be used towards refreshments.

#59-17 Moved S. Smith Seconded E. Koh

THAT the CAO Activity Report be accepted.

Motion #59-17 was **CARRIED**.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Culture, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes November 28, 2016

#60-17 Moved T. Eckervogt Seconded E. Koh

THAT the minutes of the Culture, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of November 28, 2016 be accepted for information.

Motion #60-17 was **CARRIED**.

Art Acquisition Selection Committee Meeting Minutes January 16, 2017

#61-17 Moved S. Smith Seconded B. Sundbo

THAT the minutes of the Art Acquisition Selection Committee meeting of January 16, 2017 be accepted for information.

Motion #61-17 was **CARRIED**.

Accounts Payable

Municipal Accounts Payable to March 8, 2017

#62-17 Moved S. Smith Seconded E. Koh

THAT municipal accounts payable, transfers and cheques #23665 to #23692 in the amount of \$101,119.96 be approved for payment.

Discussion: A payment has been issued for travel expenses for a committee chairperson to attend a workshop in Whitehorse. It was noted that there is currently no allowance for this type of expense.

Motion #62-17 was **CARRIED**.

Business Arising

St. Elias Chamber of Commerce request for meeting space, photocopying and funding assistance

#63-17

Moved E. Koh Seconded B. Sundbo

THAT Council approves the request from the Chamber to renew the agreement to provide meeting space and photocopying services for the period of March 2017 to March 2018 and to provide funding equivalent to 50% of business license fees paid by Chamber members in 2017.

Motion #63-17 was **CARRIED**.

Royal Canadian Legion's 13th Annual Military Service Recognition Book

#64-17

Moved S. Smith Seconded E. Koh

THAT Council show its support and appreciation for the Veterans in BC and Yukon by way of purchasing an advertisement with a thank you message in the Royal Canadian Legion's 13th Annual Military Service Recognition Book, to a total of \$310.00 for a full color business card listing.

Motion #64-17 was **CARRIED**.

Information and Correspondence

AYC re: Forum on Local Government Leadership

Council members interested in attending will advise Administration. It was noted that CTTS funding is available for this training.

Ground Penetrating Radar Assessment Letter Report

#65-17

Moved B. Sundbo Seconded T. Eckervogt

THAT the Ground Penetrating Radar Assessment Report be accepted for information.

Discussion: The report does not provide the clarification that was expected regarding the structural integrity of the community hall foundation. Administration will clarify with the company whether it was a misunderstanding that this information would be provided. The costs for the wellhead site may be recoverable from YG as part of the wellhead protection plan.

Motion #65-17 was **CARRIED**.

RCMP Monthly Policing Report

#66-17

Moved B. Sundbo

Seconded E. Koh

THAT the RCMP Monthly Policing Report be accepted for information.

Motion #66-17 was **CARRIED**.

The report notes that the arena remains the center of activity for local youth and commends the work of the arena staff.

AYC Draft Resolutions

Councillor Sundbo has prepared four draft resolutions on the following topics:

- Initiate water conservation strategies including a subsidy to help reduce water bleeder use
- Yukon wide solid waste user fee implementation by YG Yukon wide
- Increase municipal council terms to 4 years
- Support owner built homes

Council Reports

Councillor Sundbo noted that the CDC Committee is developing a brochure to solicit new members. Mayor Riseborough noted that committee recruitment should be orchestrated by Council. Councillor Koh noted hesitancy in recruiting new committee members before having the discussion on committees.

Establishment of a landfill committee will be added to the Committee of Whole rolling agenda.

Adjournment

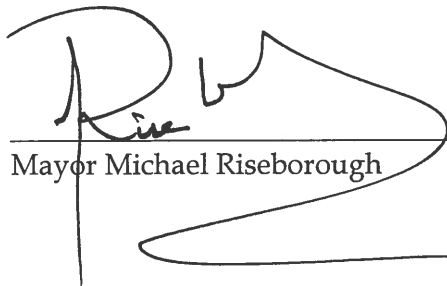
#67-17

Moved B. Sundbo

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

Motion #67-17 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



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Mayor Michael Riseborough



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CAO Cathy Clarke

