Village of Haines Junction Regular Council Meeting April 26, 2017 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Riseborough

Absent: Councillor Sundbo (with notice)

Councillor Smith
Councillor Eckervogt

Councillor Koh (by telephone)

CAO Clarke, Recorder Istchenko

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

#107-17

Moved S. Smith Seconded T. Eckervogt

THAT the agenda be approved as amended under Business Arising to add a request for a variance of the Animal Control bylaw.

Motion #107-17 was CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes March 22, 2017

#108-17

Moved S. Smith Seconded E. Koh

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 22, 2017 be approved as presented.

Motion #108-17 was CARRIED.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes April 11, 2017

#109-17

Moved E. Koh Seconded T. Eckervogt

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 11, 2017 be approved as presented.

Motion #109-17 was CARRIED.

Councillor Smith will be attending the Local Government Leadership forum in June.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes April 11, 2017

#110-17

Moved T. Eckervogt Seconded S. Smith

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 19, 2017 be approved as amended to add Councillor Koh absent with notice.

Motion #110-17 was CARRIED.

It was suggested that the completed trails inventory maps be made available to the Strategic Planning public meeting.

Municipal Reports

CAO Activity Report

The Public Works report has been revised as a list of projects. Council noted their preference to have the items remain on the list and be identified as being completed. The Strategic Plan public meeting and Asset Management session is scheduled for May 22 – 24, 2017. An invitation has been extended to CAFN to participate as an observer. It was suggested that the sessions be video or audio recorded.

Councillor Eckervogt noted the outstanding issue of non-conforming driveways in Willow Acres and Industrial Subdivision.

A motion from the Art Acquisition Selection Committee minutes of February to defer a decision to Council on whether to continue adding to the local history display was tabled until Councillor Eckervogt's return. The display is falling apart and a contractor has been hired to reinforce the display panels and to block off the sides to restrict access to the back of the display and to allow the space to be used for storage.

#111-17 Moved E. Koh Seconded T. Eckervogt

THAT as the display was a millennium project, there is little interest from the Art Acquisition Selection Committee to continue and there is limited space to add more panels; the project be deemed complete and attention be turned to reinforcing the existing display panels and making efficient use of the space.

Motion #111-17 was CARRIED.

2017 1st Quarter Financial Statements - Unaudited

A balance sheet and income statement for the January 1 to March 31, 2017 period were provided. Revenues are low as expected for the first part of the year. Expenses are in line with the year to date benchmark. Council requested clarification on several items including Mezzanine roof engineering, strategic planning costs eligible to be allocated to Asset Management funding, sander repairs and LED lighting replacement. Councillor Koh noted concerns have been raised by Chamber of Commerce members not being able to access the Tourism Cooperative Marketing Fund for advertising in The Milepost as the businesses' ads are included on the same page as the Village. CAO Clarke advised that the Milepost representative was hosting a luncheon meeting with local businesses next week to discuss the issue. Mayor Riseborough suggested that the Village and Chamber may wish to discuss this directly with the TCMF representative.

THAT the CAO activity report be accepted.

Seconded T. Eckervogt

Motion #112-17 was CARRIED.

Moved S. Smith

#113-17 Moved E. Koh Seconded S. Smith THAT the finance report be accepted.

Motion #113-17 was CARRIED.

#112-17

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Councillor Eckervogt advised that at the recent CPR Committee meeting the issue of a community clean-up day was raised due to remarks being posted on FaceBook. The committee is facilitating a fundraising opportunity through Junction Function Funding Foundation for groups to clean up a community park. They have also asked about having more garbage cans installed around the community. Mayor Riseborough suggested that Public Works be asked to do a comparison on garbage can density in other communities.

It was noted that the community clean-up day and barbeque last year had no attendance which was due to organizational deficiencies.

Accounts Payable

Municipal Accounts Payable to April 26, 2017

#114-17

Moved S. Smith Seconded E. Koh

THAT municipal accounts payable, transfers and cheques #23748 to #23774 in the amount of \$77,966.71 be approved for payment.

Motion #114-17 was CARRIED.

Business Arising

Request for a Variance to the Animal Control Bylaw #83-95

The request is being made by the potential purchasers of Lot 1054 who presently live outside the municipal boundary and own a recreational dog mushing kennel of 15 dogs. The team is aging and the owners have no intention to replace or grow the kennel. The property purchase is contingent on the variance being approved. There are no properties within the radius specified by the bylaw condition which requires that 75% of assessed property owners must be in agreement with the variance. The bylaw also requires that a public hearing must be held prior to Council making a decision whether to approve the application. If approved, a special permit may be issued with conditions as determined by Council.

#115-17

Moved S. Smith Seconded T. Eckervogt

THAT a public hearing to consider the request for a variance to the Animal Control Bylaw be held on May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion #115-17 was CARRIED.

Information and Correspondence

#116-17

Moved E. Koh Seconded T. Eckervogt

THAT the Information and Correspondence items be accepted for information.

Motion #116-17 was CARRIED.

Haines Junction Health Centre Newsletter

Association of Yukon Communities, 2017 Annual General Meeting Resolutions for Debate

Health and Recreation conference, May 5-7, 2017

Kluane Lake Research Station Spring 2017 Newsletter

Historic Sites research on history and use of Kluane Wagon Road

Gord Allison will be asked to work with YG on the production of the information brochure and be part of a presentation back to Council.

Artic Inspiration Prize, Call for Nominations

It was suggested that this information be forwarded to the school and community groups.

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations re Blanket Exercise

The letter is a thank you to Councillors Koh and Sundbo for their participation.

Letter from resident re Willow Acres Road

This issue was discussed at the last meeting.

Council Reports

The St. Elias Community School Grade 3/4 class recently visited the Village office to learn about the workings of a municipal government. Mayor Riseborough has responded to each of the letters written to the Village by the students.

Mayor Riseborough has been appointed by AYC to the Municipal Asset Management Program being administered by FCM.

Adjournment

#117-17

MovedS. Smith

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

Motion #117-17 was CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor Michael Riseborough

CAO Cathy Clarke