

**Village of Haines Junction
Regular Council Meeting September 13, 2017**

Present: Mayor Riseborough Absent (with notice): Councillor Smith
 Councillor Koh
 Councillor Sundbo
 Councillor Eckervogt

Acting CAO Istchenko

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Acknowledgement of CAFN Traditional Territory

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

Adoption of Agenda

#227-17 Moved E. Koh Seconded T. Eckervogt
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to include request for approval of proposed FireSmart treatment area for 2017/2018 and CDC Committee recommendation regarding Trails Consultation RFP award.

Motion #227-17 was **CARRIED**.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes August 23, 2017

Councillor Eckervogt assumed the Chair position.

#228-17 Moved E. Koh Seconded M. Riseborough
THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 23, 2017 be approved as amended on page 4 to add the word 'potential' before 'pilot programme'.

Motion #228-17 was **CARRIED**.

Mayor Riseborough resumed the Chair position.

Municipal Reports

CAO Activity Report

The infrastructure project contracts have been awarded, lagoon upgrades to Norcope Enterprises and water and sewer upgrades to P.S. Sidhu Trucking Ltd. The Block 9 water and Sewer is to be completed this fall. CAO Clarke will be requested to ascertain the start date of the lagoon project.

#229-17 Moved E. Koh Seconded B. Sundbo
THAT the CAO activity report be accepted.

Motion #229-17 was **CARRIED**.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Councillor Sundbo explained that one bid was received in response to the Trails Consultation RFP which was discussed at the CDC Committee meeting on September 12, 2017. It is a strong proposal by an experienced consultant team but is significantly over the allotted budget. The committee is recommending that budget funds for the trail map kiosk and small projects be reallocated to cover the difference.

Mayor Riseborough requested that Council be provided with a copy of the proposal to peruse before making a decision. This item will be brought back to the September 27, 2017 regular meeting agenda for a decision.

Mayor Riseborough reiterated his appreciation to the 75th Commemoration Committee and also to the Art Acquisition Selection Committee for acquiring the A.Y. Jackson prints.

Accounts Payable

Municipal Accounts Payable to September 13, 2017

#230-17 Moved T. Eckervogt Seconded E. Koh
 THAT municipal accounts payable, transfers and cheques #24004 to #24035 in the amount of \$157,660.59 be approved for payment.

Councillor Sundbo noted a concern with the telephone expense showing for the Community Hall as it is closed to the public. It was noted that the phone system is a flat rate amount which is divided among each phone extension.

Councillor Sundbo questioned why the decision was made to grind the brush pile at the landfill. Councillor Eckervogt noted the intention was to use it for cover material but questioned if the expenditure was worthwhile.

The monthly electricity charge for streetlights is averaged over the entire year's usage. The first aid kits in the facilities should be well visible.

Councillor Sundbo noted the increasing cost of elevator maintenance. Mayor Riseborough noted that while they are not used much the handicap access is required. Mayor Riseborough noted that six committee members have signed up to take the FN101 course.

Motion #230-17 was **CARRIED**.

Business Arising

Request for Decision: Disposal of Surplus Goods – Caterpillar 426 backhoe loader

The expected sale value of the backhoe would not be enough to cover the cost of consignment fees if it were to be sold through Finning. There has been local interest in purchasing it. The possibility of having a reserve bid amount was noted. The policy states that the posting will include that the highest or any bid may not necessarily be accepted and that the tender will be accepted at the discretion of Council.

#231-17 Moved T Eckervogt Seconded E. Koh
 THAT the Caterpillar 426 backhoe loader be publicly tendered for sale in the community as per Disposal of Surplus Goods Policy 005-93.

Motion #231-17 was **CARRIED**.

There is a large number of items which need to be disposed of, many of which are small and have little value. The policy requires a motion of approval from Council for the disposal of all surplus items. It was noted that the policy needs to be updated but in the interim it was suggested that smaller items could be sold in 'lots' and one list be provided to Council.

Request for Decision: REM Request for reduction in facility rental

The Rural Experiential Model is a program for rural students. This is the first time it has been hosted in Haines Junction and will bring 150 students and educators to take part in various workshops around the community. The convention centre, arena and mezzanine will be used. The event is proving to be more costly to host here and are requesting Council's consideration for a reduction in rental fees.

#232-17 Moved B. Sundbo Seconded E Koh

THAT Council support the request for a reduction in facility rental fees for the REM event.

It was noted that waiving of facility rental costs are done by way of a grant from Council, for which they also have a limited budget and these types of requests have been steadily increasing. Events also incur direct costs such as custodial, staff time and increased utilities.

Motion #232-17 was **DEFEATED**.

Request for support letter for crosswalk installation at Da Ku Cultural Centre

With the recent relocation of the community market to the Da Ku Cultural Centre, the organizers have identified the need for a crosswalk on the highway to make it safer for foot traffic attending the market. They have requested a letter of support from the Village to provide with their request to YG. It was agreed that Council is supportive and willing to provide the letter but it was noted that this request has been verbal and in keeping with proper process would like a written request from the proponents.

Proposed FireSmart treatment area for 2017 / 2018

Wildland Fire Management has provided a map of the recommended area for FireSmart treatment for the 2017 / 2018 project year.

#233-17 Moved B. Sundbo Seconded E. Koh

THAT Council approves of the proposed area for FireSmart treatment and that staff proceed with posting the contract.

Motion #233-17 was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Sundbo noted that the single tree spacing treatment technique being used opens up the forest to winds and in subsequent years after the treatment there is a lot of wind thrown fuelwood on the ground; he also noted that the area looks contrived and is not as aesthetically pleasing as other techniques such as 'glading' or leaving variable sized clumps of trees which would look more natural.

#234-17 Moved B. Sundbo Seconded E Koh
THAT Wildland Fire Management be requested to provide a report on past areas treated and their current status and that Council would like to discuss consideration of a different treatment technique.

Motion #234-17 was **CARRIED**.

It was noted that the contract posting contains details of required treatment technique and this could delay posting of the contract. Wildland Fire Management will be invited to the next meeting. It was suggested that the contract posting contain a caveat that the treatment technique may change subject to these discussions.

Information and Correspondence

#235-17 Moved T. Eckervogt Seconded E. Koh
THAT the Information and Correspondence item be accepted.

Motion #235-17 was **CARRIED**.

Letter from AYC to Government of Yukon re: Cannabis Survey

Council is requested to review this and forward any comments to Mayor Riseborough for consideration at the next AYC Board meeting.

Minister Streicker is unavailable to meet with Council on September 21, 2017. The meeting will be rescheduled for October.

Letter from Minister Streicker to AYC re: Response to AYC Resolutions

The owner built homes resolution brought forward by Councillor Sundbo will not be pursued by YG. It was noted that the concerns with inability to extend permits and poor service level from the Public Safety Branch staff should be discussed further. It was suggested that a future resolution could be to have building inspectors located in more communities.

Letter from YG Community Services to AYC re: CMG Review Working Group recommendations

Mayor Riseborough noted that we could receive a slight increase and overall is pleased with the way the formula is working but would like to see more detail in the calculations.

Yukon Financial Advisory Panel Community Meetings

It was noted that only four residents and two Council members were in attendance at the public meeting in Haines Junction on September 12, 2017.

Mayor Riseborough and Councillor Koh attended the meeting for Council with the panel the following day.

Economic Development Forum Steering Committee

A representative is requested to attend the initial meeting in Destruction Bay / Burwash on September 19, 2017. No one will be available to attend but the organizer will be requested to provide information on the results of the meeting.

Yukon Sport and Recreation Community Recreation Leadership Award

The call for nominations will be forwarded to the CPR Committee.

Council Reports

Councillor Sundbo attended the bike trails meeting. CDC Chair Mike Evans provided details of the committee’s inventory project. Also in attendance were representatives from Parks, CAFN, CDF and mountain bike club.

Councillor Sundbo will provide a written summary of Council’s discussions on committee restructuring.

Councillor Eckervogt advised that the Art Acquisition Selection Committee’s stained glass is complete.

Councillor Koh advised that the Chamber of Commerce is set to resume meetings in October.

Mayor Riseborough noted that Council had a good discussion with Jeff Simons of EMS at last week’s Committee of the Whole meeting. It was noted that issues with coverage remain but no calls have been missed. EMS is prepared to offer support to the local group with recruitment.

The public engagement session is scheduled for October 4, 2017.

Adjournment

#236-17 Moved T. Eckervogt
THAT there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion #236-17 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



Mayor Michael Riseborough



CAO Cathy Clarke

