

**Village of Haines Junction  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2025**

Present:

Mayor Strand

Councillor Busche

Councillor Mackinnon

Councillor McPhie (via Zoom)

Councillor Sundbo

Absent:

CAO Fairbank

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

**Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

#131-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as amended with the following additions:

- Added 9c. discussion with Corporal Shannon Stelter
- Added 9f. Banners

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings**

The adoption of minutes from the last Regular Council Meeting on March 26, 2025 is deferred due to staff absence.

**Proclamations**

**Delegations**

**Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions**

Bylaw #426-25 Zoning Bylaw Amendment #1

*CAO Presentation:*

- It is a requirement of the Municipal Act that a public hearing be held for all re-zoning applications.
- A copy of the public notice about this hearing is included in the Council package.

- The public notice explains:
  - An application has been made to rezone Lots 14 and 17 in Block 7 from Tourist Commercial (TC) to Commercial Mixed X (CMx).
  - Written submissions regarding the proposed bylaw amendment were accepted until noon on the date of the public hearing.
  - Verbal submissions may be made at the public hearing.
- No written submissions were received from the public regarding this re-zoning application.
- This bylaw went to Council for first and second reading on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The third reading is set for April 23, 2025.

*Comments from the public:*

- There were no comments from the public.

## **Old Business**

### RTC Fire Chief Staffing Options

*CAO Presentation:*

- This Report to Council summarizes the original report on this topic, submitted to Council several months ago, that presented a range of options for how the vacant Fire Chief position could be staffed.
- John Smith, Director of Protective Services and Fire Chief for the Town of Watson Lake, is in attendance this evening to answer questions about his role and position.

### Q&A with John Smith, Director of Protective Services and Fire Chief, Watson Lake

*Question:* How much time is involved in the different aspects of your work?

- Three full-time positions would be needed to fully meet the requirements of the fire department, bylaw enforcement and emergency management. Must prioritize daily what needs to be done for each role.
- The fire department must maintain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, meet OHS regulations, carry out a training program and maintain equipment at the station. The documentation that is needed to meet regulatory requirements isn't in place in Watson Lake. Town Council has been informed that it will be two years to get things to where they need to be. The work that needs to be done is not difficult, but it is time consuming and tedious.
- Emergency management is in a similar position – the town is not at the level it needs to be at with emergency management planning. A lot of work is needed to get the town ready to effectively manage an emergency should one arise.
- With regards to Bylaw Enforcement – the regulations are not up to date. This requires updating of bylaws and then moving forward with their implementation. The town staffs a bylaw enforcement officer to do this work that is supervised by the Director of Protective Services.

*Question:* Have Council priorities ever become too focused on one aspect or another of your work, impacting your ability to do all aspects of your position?

- Standards and regulations make it impossible to just drop one aspect of the position. There are legal obligations to meet requirements for the fire department, emergency management and bylaw enforcement.
- Worker's Safety and Compensation Board (WSCB) has been to all the fire stations in the territory in recent months and there is a lot of work resulting from this to ensure safety standards are being met.
- Similarly, there are legal obligations to meet the standards for emergency management and keep the Emergency Management Plan up to date. Contacts plan change and this is something that you can't just let go because when you need the information, it needs to be the correct information.
- For Bylaw Enforcement, it is important to make sure the Town is staying compliant with the bylaw regulations.
- For these reasons, it would be very difficult to drop one aspect of the position because they all involve legal obligations.

*Question:* You said that it will take 2 to 2 ½ years to get where you need to be with the fire department. When did you start in the position?

- In June of 2024
- We have a lot of qualified volunteers with the fire department, but not enough to fully staff the department, and there are no training records.
- We have initiated a recruitment and training program. Working on getting Standard Operating Procedures done and getting documentation in place for equipment checks and making sure that is done on a regular basis. Equipment checks is almost a full-time job with the amount of equipment we have. We are also obligated to do fire inspections e.g. checking businesses in town for compliance with the National Fire Code.
- It will take 2 to 2 ½ years to get all the training completed so that volunteers meet minimum requirements.

*Question:* After the 2 to 2 ½ years do you still see the Fire Department needing a full-time Fire Chief? Do you believe the Town of Watson Lake needs to have a Fire Chief plus others doing emergency management and bylaw enforcement?

- In the development stages, to get the three departments to the level of meeting standards, more resources are needed than what are available right now. Once the departments are compliant, it should be manageable for one Director to oversee the three areas, noting that Watson Lake does staff a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to do the day-to-day enforcement activities.

*Question:* What is the population of Watson Lake?

- Approximately 1500 people.
- It is important to note that when a municipality decides that it wants to have a Fire Department, you have to meet the same standards and regulations as if you had a full-time career department.

*Question:* Are there any other staffing options that you have thought would be a good way to staff the position in Watson Lake that might help or cover off all the jobs that you are doing?

- For the Emergency Management part, the Town has contracted a company in Calgary to help us get our program up and running. Our program was quite old, so we needed something in a hurry.
- For the Fire Department would ideally like to have one full-time member who is responsible for the daily checks on the equipment and trucks as well as doing the building inspections and all the associated paperwork and documentation.

*Question:* What level of service does the Watson Lake fire department provide? Do you go into buildings or are you mainly interior?

- We have some members who are interior. However, we don't have the documentation in place to prove this level of training. As a result it is very difficult to put these members into these situations because if something happens, we don't have the paper trail to prove that they have the training.
- The Town is implementing a full Level One firefighter training program, and everyone will be going through this program so we can maintain documentation and have proof, for liability reasons, that all members are at this level.

*Question:* If your fire department was only exterior, would it make the job any easier?

- There would be a little less training involved.
- However, it is not just the initial training that everyone needs. There is annual training that is required that needs to be documented and approved to ensure standards are being met.

#### Annual Performance Plan for the RCMP

*Presentation: Corporal Shannon Stelter, Haines Junction RCMP Detachment Commander*

- Every year, from April to April, the RCMP assesses performance in three areas.
- The first area involves communicating effectively with the community and building and maintaining positive relationships with partners.
- Preventing youth crime is the second priority area. RCMP members do anything they can to support youth in the community. Haines Junction has a very low youth crime rate, almost at zero.
- The third focus is on enhancing road safety by addressing speeding and impaired driving thorough highway patrols and check stops. The detachment will be adding a couple additional members to assist with patrolling more regularly in the Burwash Landing area.
- The purpose of coming out today is to get Council's input on these three priorities and whether something else needs to be built into these.

*Discussion:*

- How many members are in Haines Junction?
  - Currently there are four.

- The RCMP will be enhancing patrol presence in Burwash Landing.
  - The detachment will be bumped up to a sergeant detachment.
- The positive work that the RCMP is doing with youth in town was acknowledged.
- How did these three objectives come to be? Is there an opportunity to suggest changes?
  - Talked to community leaders in Burwash Landing in Haines Junction
  - The RCMP just signed a letter of expectation with Burwash Landing that sets out specific things that the community would like the RCMP to do.
  - The three priorities also address Yukon and national priorities.
  - If the Village feels that something that the RCMP should really be focusing on, this can be taken into consideration in building the coming year's plan.
- What is the deadline, noting that the annual performance plan wasn't in the meeting package, so Council hasn't had a chance to talk to the community about this plan. Is it ok to share this document with the public (which is what Council would need to do to provide feedback)?
  - Can always add initiatives to the document throughout the year. For example, if something changes within the community that wasn't identified at the start of the fiscal year.
  - This document has been used for a few years, there is no harm in sharing it with the public.
- Council would like this to be on the agenda for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to give Council time to review and get feedback from the public.
- A recommendation was made for the RCMP to do a meet and greet with the whole community, and to introduce new members.

#### RTC Lot 20, Block 7 Rezoning Considerations

##### *CAO Presentation:*

- This relates to the rezoning application discussed earlier this evening.
- The small lot on the end of Auriol Street, Block 7 Lot 20, currently zoned Tourist Commercial, should also be considered for rezoning.
- The lot doesn't meet the minimum lot size requirements for any zone.
- Unless the adjacent property owner purchases it and amalgamates it into a larger property, there is no viable use for the property.
- The lot does provide a green space between the gas station and the largely residential, commercial mixed, subdivision.
- The lot is currently owned by YG and the lot beside it is privately owned.

##### *Discussion:*

- If the lot is not viable for development under the current bylaw, should we solidify this as green space?
  - It could only be developed if it were amalgamated with the adjacent lot.
  - Currently it is held in reserve by YG and is not available for sale.
  - It can only be developed if Council approves YG transferring it onto the market for sale

- So, it is effectively green space even though it is zoned Tourist Commercial.
- It would make sense to consider asking the Land Development Branch to put this lot up for sale if and when a proposal comes to develop the lot.
- It is nice to have green space, but this is not critical green space. If it is designated as green space it might restrict future development potential, and there are already a lot of restrictions on the future development potential of this lot.
- Council reached consensus to leave the lot zoned as it is for now.

#132-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Report to Council on rezoning considerations for Lot 20, Block 7 be received and filed.

Motion #132-25 was **CARRIED**.

#### Local Community Group and Individual User Support Policy – Annual Report

##### *CAO Presentation:*

- This policy, also known as the Free Use policy, was instituted in 2021 under COVID as a way of encouraging community use of the facilities.
- The policy was implemented with the understanding that it would be temporary and that user fees would be charged again after COVID was done.
- It has been quite successful in getting the public to make use of the Grand Hall and the Mezzanine in particular. The calendar indicates that these facilities are completely booked for the next 45 to 60 days and most bookings are from local community groups that fall under the free use policy.
- The policy includes waiving fees for use of facilities as well as the insurance cost.
- This annual review is mandated in the policy.
- A total of \$45,000 in fees were waived last year, and approximately \$4,200 in insurance costs were borne by the Municipality. The benefits to user groups are substantial.

##### *Discussion:*

- Is the Village incurring any custodial costs to clean up after user groups?
  - The rental fees are largely based on the custodial work that is required to clean up after a user comes in. So, the majority of the \$45,000 in deferred rental fees is going towards custodial services (as well as a modest cost for electricity and heat).
  - The custodial crew doesn't necessarily clean up after every event, particularly the regularly occurring events. Users set up and take down their own tables and chairs and tidy up after themselves to an extent, but they aren't expected to clean the floors for example.
- Are any of the user groups acting in a commercial nature and producing items while they are using the facility that could be offered for sale?
  - The community market does, and fitness classes and yoga are by donation.

- If it is a not-for profit and there is a event that charges fees to cover costs, staff are now interpreting the bylaw to be supportive of waiving fees for this type of event. For example, the Canoe and Kayak Club is hosting a film fest and have applied for free use of the Grand Hall. They will be charging a fee, but these fees will only cover the costs of hosting the event, so in effect they are providing a service to the community.
- Councillor Sundbo wanted to go on the record that he supports charging a nominal fee -- doesn't want fees to be onerous but thinks people may appreciate the space a bit more if they have to pay a bit and the fees would help offset custodial costs.
- It seems like the building is always busy – is there a way to compare usage now to pre-COVID? Is there more use now because of the free use policy? Community engagement is something we are striving for; don't want to deter something positive that is happening.
  - It may be difficult to get historical data, but we can speak to user groups to see whether they think they could continue or if charging fees would impact their service.
- Are all of the groups in this report local to the community?
  - Yes for the most part. Some are affiliated with larger organizations but have local branches.
  - There are two quilting groups – the local Threadbearers group which falls under the free use policy (and who sew donation quilts for cancer patients), and the Whitehorse quilters that pay for the use of the space when they come out twice/year.
- Do user groups have to pay a damage deposit? In the past some groups would tape balloons to the wall that would rip paint off the wall so we were not just paying for custodial fees, we were also paying for repainting and wear and tear on the building.
  - Staff will follow up on this question. Believe the rental policy addresses this.

#133-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Annual Report on the Local Community Group and Individual User Support Policy be received and filed.

Motion #133-25 was **CARRIED**.

#### Banners

##### *Mayor Presentation:*

- This agenda item is to follow up on a discussion that took place at the last Council meeting when a delegation asked Council to consider hanging banners along the Alaska Highway that reflect national pride.
- Council directed staff to order banners for the highway with a Canadian flag with a heart on it. The decision was time-sensitive so the banners could be hung in advance of the upcoming Association of Yukon Communities meeting.

- Council approved this purchase outside of a Regular Council meeting and wanted to acknowledge publicly that that this decision had been made to ensure transparency.
- A motion is needed today to approve the budget for the banners.

#134-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Council approves a budget of \$4,600 for the purchase of banners.  
Councillor Sundbo voted against this motion.

Motion #134-25 was **CARRIED**

## New Business

### Accounts Payable to April 9, 2025

#135-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Municipal Accounts Payable to April 9, 2025 be approved as presented.

Motion #135-25 was **CARRIED**.

### RTC – Oil Spill and Remediation at Solid Waste Facility

#### *Public Works Manager Presentation:*

- There was a spill at the landfill of approximately 150 liters. A barrel was the pallet with oil or unknown liquids that barrel fell over with the snow melt. In an attempt to set the barrel upright, staff used mistakenly poked a hole in the barrel. We don't know for sure what spilled, but it looks like oil.
- Immediately after the spill staff used sand and some absorbent material to contain and soak up the spill.
- At the recommendation of Arctic Backhoe, who operates a Land Treatment Facility (LTF) in Whitehorse, Core Geosciences was hired to sample the material that spilled. This testing will provide information that is needed to be able to determine whether the material can be taken to the LTF.
- Approximately 25-30 m<sup>3</sup> of soil was contaminated. Core Geosciences tested in situ soils around the spill to verify the extent of the contamination.
- The fee to hire Core Geosciences is approximately \$5,600. Test results will indicate what the additional costs will be to dispose of the contaminated soil.

#### *Discussion:*

- What is the timeline on the results?
  - Approximately 5 to 7 business days.
- How much oil/unknown liquids are stored at the landfill right now?



- There is anywhere from 1000-3000 liters at any one time, but this can change. There is one local business that uses the waste oil, and we try to dispose of the oil by giving it to this business. Otherwise, we must pay KBL to haul it away.
- Before the gatehouse was installed, barrels with unknown contents would just show up at the landfill. These would be placed on pallets. There are still some of these legacy barrels on site.
- It is very expensive to dispose of barrels with unknown contents. If we ship it with KBL they have to test it and if it something other than used oil it can be very expensive to dispose of. This is a big risk to the Municipality.
- Now any containers of oil or glycol larger than 25 liters are not accepted. These small quantities are transferred to a tote and when the tote is full it is sent away for disposal.
- The lack of proper storage facilities and equipment to move barrels contributed to this problem. Currently barrels sit out in the elements on pallets where they can be bumped by a piece of equipment. If the elements cause the containers to leak, the leaks go right into the soil because they are not stored on a proper pad. It is difficult to move a pallet of barrels with the equipment we have – a unit can be purchased that can grab a single barrel and move it safely.
- Long term we need to look at constructing a proper storage area for used oil products (e.g. containers, totes, and filters) and purchasing the equipment to move containers safely.
- There can be issues between the landfill and public works around sharing equipment when the equipment is needed both at the landfill and by the public works crew.
- Is there a spill plan for the landfill? Is this still adequate, or does it need to be updated because of this event?
  - The spill plan was updated in the last year and it worked well when put to the test. Staff did what they needed to do, the spill was reported to the Spill Line and Environment approved of our plan to deal with the spill when we explained to them what the plan was.
- What is the cost of getting the equipment needed?
  - We were quoted approximately \$130,000 for a new one, for a used one that is 6 years old (approximately 5000 hours) the cost is approximately \$95,000.
  - A 2021 warehouse forklift was purchased for ~\$30,000 for the recycle centre that will not work outside. This is sitting in a sea can in the public works yard because there is currently no use for it. Asked about the possibility of trading this in and were told that this would have a value of \$20,000 on a trade-in.
- Do we have a date on equipment? What is considered old?
  - In the past the Village has typically aimed for a lifespan of 15 years
  - In this case it would make more sense for the Village to purchase new than a used equipment when we consider how it would be used.
- Are there any areas currently in the landfill where it would be appropriate to store this type of material? Berms or metal sheds with a street floor?
  - Three are no liner berms.

- What is needed is storage for five totes or 20 barrels, with plastic containment and walls and a roof with a pull down, roller door. This would provide both containment and cover from the outdoors. This would cost approximately \$20-25,000 at our discounted CANOE rate with shipping.
  - There is a sea can storage container that is full with what is received from the public. What we need is where these items would be transferred to for storage once this container is full and while it is awaiting being picked up by KBL.
- Is there still the ability to treat contaminated soil at the landfill? As was done in the past?
  - The land treatment facility at the landfill is no longer permitted. The Village did not apply to renew the permit because we don't have any of the equipment needed to maintain a LTF.
  - When it was operational, this facility was licensed only for public works use. We weren't allowed to let any residents use it. Only material produced from public works could be treated. It only ever had 15 m<sup>3</sup> put into it and this was in the 2000s.
- We would want to be 100% sure that if we purchase a new piece of equipment it is exactly what we would need. We don't want to repeat what has been done in the past with purchasing equipment that isn't used because it isn't quite right for the job.
  - The preferred method is not to use the giant caterpillar on site which is meant for crushing and moving massive loads at the back of house and is not well suited to careful handling and moving of materials in the front of house.
  - Staff need a to get the truck and trailer at the public works yard and then to load and unload the skid steer. If the skid steer is being used they take the loader, which is also a very large machine to use in front when the public is coming and going.
- Would there be funding available to purchase this equipment?
  - It is tough to find funding to purchase rolling stock. For example, this isn't eligible under the gas tax funds. This is an issue is regularly raised by municipalities around the territory.
  - The newer CAT was \$370,000 and was entirely funded several years ago by YG as a preamble to the landfill regionalization agreement.
- A budget line item for environmental clean-up is recommended by staff to be included in the O&M budget on an ongoing basis so staff can respond immediately if there is an environmental concern.
  - If we had a budget line item like this and it was not used in a particular year or number of years, then this could be put towards capital equipment expenditures that come up periodically.
  - There is a public works equipment reserve where funding for this equipment could be sourced from.

#136-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the creation of a budget line item for environmental restoration with the value of \$20,000 within the 2025 operational and capital budget, currently in third reading, is approved.

Motion #136-25 was **CARRIED**.

## **Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption**

### Bylaw #424-24 2025 Property Taxation Levy – For Third Reading

#### *CAO Presentation:*

- This Bylaw was read for the first and second time on March 26, 2025.
- No changes have been proposed to the tax levy from prior years, or between the second reading and the version that is included in today's package.

#137-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** Bylaw #424-25, the 2025 Property Taxation Levy Bylaw, is read for the third time and adopted on April 9, 2025.

Motion #137-25 was **CARRIED**.

### Bylaw #423-24 2025 Operating and Capital/Projects Budget – For Third Reading

#### *CAO Presentation:*

- Highlighted in red are items that were added to the capital budget that haven't been discussed yet, including:
  - \$150,000 for landfill front area modernization
  - \$120,000 (initial estimate) to install a fire alarm system in the arena (payable through gas tax funds)
  - \$15,000 flail mower
  - \$6,050 to replace a failed flow meter
  - \$45,000 wet well wizard, to aerate the system, help break up particulate matter and speed up microbial processes – to reduce cleaning and extend the lifespan of the lift station pumps
- Recommend removing the allocation for the summer recreation program because this is still being discussed.

#### *Discussion:*

- What are the steps to move from this version of the budget to the council-directed budget (e.g. a budget that reflects Council's strategic planning exercise)?
  - Suggest the budget be a standing item on the Council agenda for as long as is required to reach a thorough understanding of every item that is on the budget and to reach agreement

- Staff have a lot of work to do with what is identified in the budget to date.
  - The budget does not make any promises on funding for items that are still up for discussion.
- Council would rather finish setting their priorities first and schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss budget implications, before adding the budget as a standing item on the agenda.
- Section 2 in the Bylaw explains when an expenditure can be made that is not provided for in the 2025 annual operating or capital/projects budget. It refers to the need to make a report in a public meeting to explain the process of approving an expenditure. What does this mean and who is the report from?
  - For example, if there were an emergency that required Council to spend \$500,000 or higher, Council would need to pass a bylaw to authorize this expense – a budget amendment bylaw.
  - If the expense was less than \$500,000, Council can approve the expense by motion provided they direct staff to prepare Report to Council, for the public record, that explains the rationale for approving the expense. At the end of the year, the budget bylaw needs to be amended ensure all changes/approvals made throughout the year are captured by a bylaw.
- Is the Bylaw consistent with the requirements of the Municipal Act? Are all municipal budget bylaws written this way?
  - Amanda (YG Community Liaison) confirmed that budget bylaws are not all the same across the Yukon. All budget bylaws must comply with the act, which this bylaw does. If changes made throughout the year increase the total budget beyond what was originally put into the budget bylaw then an amended bylaw needs to be passed at the end of the year. It is ok to spend less.
  - This relates to transparency with the public and accountability ensured through the process of passing a bylaw. You don't have to hold to this standard if you are spending less.
- Council requested that the budget documents be created so they print in a larger font size so they are easier to read.
- Would we not want to include items -- such as the items discussed earlier for the landfill and the summer recreation programming -- in case Council decides to approve these expenses? And if Council decides not to go ahead, we come in under budget? Or if it is put in the budget does this mean we are committed to providing this funding?
  - Council could decide to put something in the budget with the caveat that this work not proceed without Council approval/.
  - There are items in the budget that do not have this flag, but for which staff would not go ahead without running a procurement process and having Council's approval on the result of that process.
- Is programming typically included within O&M, and not within capital, budgets?
  - Capital projects often span several fiscal years while O&M budgets are typically for a calendar year and refresh every year. How bet to capture events or projects that don't repeat ever year, like the summer camp program? For this reason a

previous CAO created the capital and projects budget which includes any non-recurring expense or anything with a finite lifespan.

- Regarding Section 6 -- Was Bylaw #410-24 -- the 2024 Operating and Capital/Projects Budget -- repealed with the passing of the provisional 2025 budget?
  - Yes, this is correct. This should be changed to repeal the 2025 provisional budget that was passed by motion in December 2024.

#138-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** #423-25 2025 Operating and Capital/Projects Budget be deemed read, as amended, for a third time and adopted on April 9, 2025

Motion #138-25 was **CARRIED**.

### **Correspondence**

Haines Junction Health Centre Newsletter April 2025

#139-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Haines Junction Health Centre Newsletter be received and filed.

Motion #139-25 was **CARRIED**.

### **Council Reports and Notice of Motions**

Councillor McPhie

- What is the status of the staff reports that were requested at the last meeting.  
Requested our Public Works manager come this evening to discuss reporting.
  - From a process perspective, a notice of motion is requested. This would provide an opportunity for council, individually or collectively, to meet with staff to provide direction on what is wanted in the report. It is difficult for staff to write a report without specific direction on what is being requested.
  - A notice of motion was put forward at the previous Council meeting. This provides two weeks to figure out what the motion is going to be and to ensure there is further discussion.
  - Notices of motions are not something that has been used typically, may need more direction on what the process should be.
- Would like to put forward a motion that from staff – specifically Public Works – to provide written, monthly reports to Council on what is going on. Employees are investments. Want to know what they are up to. A brief description of what everybody is doing – one pager.

#140-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the Public Works provide monthly reports on what is going on work-wise.  
Councillor Mackinnon voted against this motion.

Motion #140-25 was **CARRIED**

#141-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be extended past 9:00 pm.

Motion #141-25 was **CARRIED**

#### Councillor Busche

- Went to the landfill on Monday night with the Free Store and Landfill Community Concerns Advisory Group.
- Really enjoyed and appreciated training that Council participated in with Christina Benty on strategic planning, as well as the training that Council participated in with the Tosh and Davida from Inspire Reconciliation Potential (IRP).

#### Councillor Mackinnon

- Was out winter camping for the past two weeks.

#### Councillor Sundbo

- Also really enjoying training with Christina on strategic and non-tactical training. Training with IRP was excellent as well.
- Attended forestry/fire-smart public open house. Attended as a private citizen, had the opportunity to ask questions about harvest roads and blocks and found it quite useful.

#### Deputy Mayor Strand

- IRP training and training with Christina Benty was fantastic.
- Had a phone call with Premier Pillai on Monday who is having discussions with the three northern premiers and will be bringing them to Haines Junction and asked us to co-host, along with CAFN. More information to come.
- Was not able to attend the Border Mayor roundtable because of issues with laptop, unable to join to MS Teams.

#### **Questions from the Public**

Comment: On the subject of purchasing a compact loader for the dump for \$130,000, would hope that the village could look into what local contractors might already have for equipment if the equipment is just needed to occasionally move barrels.

### **Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**

#142-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be closed to the public at 9:12.

Motion #142-25 was **CARRIED**.

### **Motion to Reopen Meeting to the Public**

#143-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be reopened to the public at 9:50.

Motion #143-25 was **CARRIED**.

Councillor McPhie had to leave the meeting at about 9:40pm

#144-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the RCMP March 2025 Mayor/Chief's report be received and filed.

Motion #144-25 was **CARRIED**.

### **Adjournment**

#145-25 It was moved and seconded

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

Motion #145-25 was **CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.



Mayor Diane Strand



CAO David Fairbank