

**Association of Yukon Communities  
2018 Annual General Meeting  
Resolutions**

**18-AT-01 Peripheral Mill Rate**

**WHEREAS:** The Yukon peripheral property tax mill rate has remained unchanged for some time at .08% and Yukon municipal mill rates vary between communities from 1.2%-1.6%; and

**WHEREAS:** Significant disparity between property mill rates discouraged development within Yukon communities;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That AYC lobby the Yukon Government to review current mill rates used to assess property taxes in areas peripheral to Yukon municipalities, and increase those mill rates appropriately.

*Village of Haines Junction*

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**18-AT-02 Carbon Tax Rebate for Municipalities**

**WHEREAS** the Yukon Government has indicated that it intends to use the federal backstop option to apply a carbon tax in the territory; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Yukon has committed to returning money collected from the federal carbon tax to Yukoners and Yukon businesses, but has not extended this rebate to municipal governments; and

**WHEREAS** the municipalities will see a direct and indirect increases in costs as a result of the carbon tax; and

**WHEREAS** the carbon tax will place an undue financial burden on municipalities that is counter-productive to investing in energy efficiencies and strategies that would reduce their carbon footprints; and

**WHEREAS** the municipalities have just renewed the Comprehensive Municipal Grant without including this additional cost as part of the calculation;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yukon Government clarify how much of a portion of the tax revenues be extended as a rebate to municipalities in consultation with AYC as soon as practicable so that municipalities can budget for the 2019 budgetary cycle.

*Town of Faro and Village of Teslin*

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### **18-AT-03 Cannabis Revenue Sharing with Municipalities**

**WHEREAS:** The 2018 Federal Budget affirms that it is the federal government’s expectation that a substantial portion of the revenues from cannabis excise taxes provided to provinces and territories will be transferred to municipalities and local communities, who are on the front lines of legalization.

**WHEREAS:** Municipalities must bring forward and enforce their own zoning legislation and policies to ensure desirable development within their boundaries, safe and secure workplaces, and uphold community wellbeing.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That 25% of the excise tax on cannabis that is shared with Yukon by the federal government, and the same share of any additional tax that Yukon imposes on the sale of cannabis, be shared with municipalities.

*Town of Faro*

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### **18-AT-04 Land Development in Yukon Communities**

**WHEREAS:** The Municipal Act states that an Official Community Plan must address the future development and use of land in the municipality and;

**WHEREAS:** The majority of Yukon Communities have declared Land Development as a high priority in their respective OCP's and;

**WHEREAS:** Most communities have a significant amount of undeveloped land within the community and;

**WHEREAS:** Most communities have little to no lots available for short term sales and;

**WHEREAS:** Most communities have a great need for building lots in the Long-term plan as their populations continue to grow and;

**WHEREAS:** Most communities would like to keep their citizens in their community rather than having them move to larger cities with their children and their tax dollars;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Yukon Government make land development in all communities in need, a high priority to satisfy the needs of the respective communities for both the short term and the long-term needs.

*Village of Carmacks*

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### **18-AT-05 Municipal Funding**

**WHEREAS:** The Yukon Government pledged to work in partnership with communities and municipal governments to build sustainable and diverse economies and support local solutions to local problems; and

**WHEREAS:** Yukon Municipalities were disappointed by the government's delay in responding to the efforts of the working group formed to address these issues; and

**WHEREAS:** The Minister has advised that the issue of the comprehensive municipal grants is concluded for the next four years;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Association of Yukon Communities urges the Yukon Government to begin a review of the next comprehensive municipal grant system with a view to a five-year funding plan no later than the end of the 2018 fall sitting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Association of Yukon Communities strongly urges the Yukon Government to develop a longer-term plan to support investments in community infrastructure.

*City of Whitehorse*

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### **18-AT-06 Territory-wide Waste Management Programs**

**WHEREAS:** The Association of Yukon Communities recognizes that the Yukon Government has made some progress with respect to revising Beverage Container Regulations and Designated Materials Regulations; and

**WHEREAS:** There is still a strong need for an implementation plan with respect to these new regulations as well as a need for action regarding electronic waste, hazardous waste, and special waste; and

**WHEREAS:** Yukon communities are frustrated by the lack of progress on the development of a territory-wide solution to address the broad issues of waste management, recycling and other diversion programs;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Association of Yukon Communities strongly urges the Yukon Government to proceed expeditiously to develop comprehensive waste management programs as outlined in the recent recommendations from the Ministerial Committee on Solid Waste, in collaboration with municipal governments, businesses and stakeholders.

*City of Whitehorse*

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### **18-AT-07 Review of Motor Vehicles Act and Summary Convictions Act**

**WHEREAS:** The health and safety of both residents and visitors are a primary concern of all Yukon communities; and

**WHEREAS:** Speeding and other moving violations are a threat to health and safety in many communities; and

**WHEREAS:** Some Yukon municipalities are concerned that potential changes to the *Motor Vehicles Act* may not be enforceable without concurrent changes to the *Summary Convictions Act*;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Association of Yukon Communities encourages the Yukon Government to open the *Motor Vehicles Act* and *Summary Convictions Act* for immediate review; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Association of Yukon Communities encourages the Yukon Government to amend these Acts to, among other things, enable the use of technology in Yukon communities to support the enforcement of moving violations and related offenses; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Association of Yukon Communities encourages the Yukon Government to rename to the *Motor Vehicles Act* as the *Road Safety Act* to reflect the need to consider the safety of all road users.

*City of Whitehorse*

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### **18-AT-08 Property Assessment Metrics**

**WHEREAS:** The Yukon Government administers the property assessment scheme in many communities of the Territory; and

**WHEREAS:** There appears to be a lack of consistency in how properties are assessed the Yukon and within Yukon communities principally because it would seem there are no consistent or universally applied methods or metrics applied to property assessment in Yukon;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Association of Yukon Communities urges the Yukon Government to investigate options and move to a more consistent, transparent and defensible property assessment system predicated upon metrics which more closely parallels the objective methods which are in use in other jurisdictions.

*Village of Haines Junction*

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