

Association of Yukon Communities

2022 Annual General Meeting

May 14, 2022

Mount McIntyre, Whitehorse

Minutes

In Attendance

MEMBERS:

Gord Curran – President; Mayor, Village of Teslin
Lee Bodie – 2nd Vice President; Mayor, Village of Carmacks
Laura Cabott - 1st Vice President; Mayor, City of Whitehorse
Angie Charlebois – VP-at-Large; Councillor, Village of Haines Junction

Barbara Barchen – Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Mayo	Blair Andre – Councillor, Village of Mayo
Brennan Lister – Councillor, City of Dawson	Bruce Tomlin – Mayor, Village of Haines Junction
Cam Lockwood – CAO, Town of Watson Lake	Christopher Irvin – Mayor, Town of Watson Lake
Cory Bellmore – CAO, City of Dawson	Dale Burdes – Councillor, Town of Watson Lake
Dan Boyd – Councillor, City of Whitehorse	Denina Paquette – Councillor, Town of Watson Lake
Diane Strand – Councillor, Village of Haines Junction	Doris Hansen – Councillor, Village of Carmacks
Helena Belanger - Councillor, Village of Carmacks	Jack Bowers – Mayor, Town of Faro
Jeff Myke – Councillor, Village of Teslin	Joann Aird - Councillor, Village of Mayo
Joanne Johnson – Councillor, Marsh Lake LAC	Jocelyn Curteanu – Councillor, City of Whitehorse
Juanita Kremer – Councillor, Village of Teslin	Justin La Chance – Councillor, Village of Carmacks
Kevin Unterschute – Councillor, Village of Carmacks	Kirk Cameron – Councillor, City of Whitehorse
Larry Baran – CAO, Town of Faro	Lauren Hanchar – Councillor, Town of Watson Lake
Leif Nyland – Councillor, Town of Faro	Marg Blewett – South Klondike LAC
Mark Nassiopoulos – Councillor, Village of Haines Junction	Margit Wozniak – CAO, Village of Mayo
Mellisa Murray – Councillor, City of Whitehorse	Patrik Pikálek – Councillor, City of Dawson
Patty McLeod – MLA, Town of Watson Lake	Paul Medvid – Councillor, Town of Faro
Sarah McHugh – Councillor, Town of Faro	Shelley Hassard – CAO, Village of Teslin
Simeon Paschuk – Councillor, Village of Mayo	Taylor Fetterly – Councillor, Town of Faro
Ted Laking - Councillor, City of Whitehorse	Thomas Slager – Councillor, Town of Watson Lake
Tracy Thomas - Village of Carmacks	William “Bill” Kendrick – Mayor, City of Dawson

AYC STAFF:

Laura Eby, Assoc. of Yukon Communities	Crystal Sawatsky, Assoc. of Yukon Communities
David Rozsa, Assoc. of Yukon Communities	

GUESTS:

Sissi De Flaviis, CBC Reporter	Joanne Vanderheyden – President FCM
Jim Wren – Manager, Outreach FCM Programs	Ben Yu Schott – Director YG Comm. Affairs
Michael Prowse - Community Advisor, YG Comm. Affairs	
Carolyn Moore - Community Advisor, YG Comm. Affairs	
Amanda Taylor - Community Advisor YG Comm. Affairs	
Kirsti deVries - Community Advisor, YG Comm. Affairs	

1. Call to Order

President Curran called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 Motion AGM22-001 It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted as presented, with the addition of 8.1 RENAMING OF ASSOCIATION OF YUKON COMMUNITIES MUNICIPAL AWARDS

Carried Unanimously

3. Adoption of Minutes from the 2022 AGM

No concerns or changes were noted.

Motion AGM22-002 It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the 2022 AGM be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

4. President's Report

Members were directed to the President's report included in the meeting package; after a short discussion the President's report was accepted as presented.

Motion AGM22-003 It was duly moved and seconded that the President's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

5. Executive Director's Report

Members were directed to the Executive Director's report included in the meeting package; after a short discussion, the Executive Director's report was accepted as presented.

Motion AGM22-004 It was duly moved and seconded that the Executive Director's report be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

6. 2022 Draft Financial Statements

Members were directed to the Draft Audited Financial Statements included in the meeting package. Recommendation made to audit for 2022 due to staff changeover.

6.1 Motion AGM22-005 It was duly moved and seconded that the Draft Financial Statements be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

6.1.2 Motion AGM22-006 It was duly moved and seconded to transfer \$34,119 to the Contingency Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

7. New Resolutions

7.1 Resolutions Committee and 2022 Resolutions – Laura Cabott

22-AT-01 Demand Utility Charges

WHEREAS Yukon Municipalities are very concerned with the ever-rising costs of operating a municipality in the Yukon, and especially the increasing cost of utilities, and

WHEREAS All municipal buildings including seasonally used buildings are on demand meters, and if the electrical use is higher for one day of the month, the utility charges for the entire month will be calculated at the peak rate, and

WHEREAS Yukon municipalities are service delivery organizations who maintain a balanced budget and do not exist to make a profit like a business, and

WHEREAS Government of Yukon promotes the use of electricity for heating buildings, and is affiliated with the Yukon Energy Corporation, and

WHEREAS Yukon municipalities are dependent on Government of Yukon and the Comprehensive Municipal Grant for their ongoing operational expenses.

THEREFORE Be it resolved that the Association of Yukon Communities urge the Government of Yukon to mandate that Yukon Energy Corporation changes their rate policy to only charge municipalities an actual utility rate, and to discontinue demand charges.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Demand Utility Charges resolution be accepted as presented.

Carried unanimously

22-AT-02 Increase Council Term to Four Years

WHEREAS population growth has led to increasing demands on Yukon municipal councils to plan and set direction to address the needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS the implementation of First Nation Land Claims and Self-government Agreements and the transfer of administration and control of land and resources from Canada to Yukon have placed increasing demands and planning requirements on municipal councils; and

WHEREAS the planning horizons commonly addressed by municipal councils look well beyond the 3-year term of today's councils;

WHEREAS a 4-year term would ensure that municipal councils have *adequate* time to enact strategic priorities; and

- **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:** revise the wording from “...*adequate* time to enact...” to “...*additional* time to enact...”;

WHEREAS the responsibility for setting the term of office for municipal councils in organized communities in Yukon resides with the Government of Yukon under the *Municipal Act*;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Yukon Communities call upon the Government of Yukon to increase the term of office for municipal councils in organized communities to 4 years prior to the next general election for municipalities in October 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Association of Yukon Communities work with the Government of Yukon on an engagement process with Yukon citizens to seek their input on this change in length of term, with the engagement process taking place alongside, but separate from, the continued exploratory work by the Yukon Legislative Assembly on electoral reform at the territorial level.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Increase Council Term to Four Years be accepted as presented with the friendly amendment to change the word adequate to additional.

Carried unanimously

22-AT-03 Emergency Relief for Municipalities

WHEREAS Yukon municipalities have been impacted by unanticipated additional operating expenses in order to enforce and support the public health restrictions imposed by the Government of Yukon in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS Yukon municipalities have also experienced significant revenue loss as a result of the public health restrictions, and

WHEREAS Yukon municipalities are not eligible for existing financial relief programs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Yukon Communities call upon the Government of Yukon to consult with municipalities on an appropriate financial relief program to offset increased costs and lost revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Emergency Relief for Municipalities resolution be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

8. New Business

In Camera – 10:50 a.m.

8.1 RENAMING OF ASSOCIATION OF YUKON COMMUNITIES MUNICIPAL AWARDS

Motion AGM22-010 It was duly moved and seconded that the Association of Yukon Communities executive come up with procedural policy to rename awards under Association of Yukon Communities.

Carried unanimously

Motion AGM22-011 It was duly moved and seconded that Association of Yukon Communities executive, and members, look at ways that they can recognize employees of municipalities (both for Association of Yukon Communities and for elected officials).

Carried unanimously

Out of Camera – 11:10 a.m.

8.2

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE– Lee Bodie

Called thrice; No nomination from the floor for President of Association of Yukon Communities were made.

President Election Candidates:

1. Ted Laking - Councillor, City of Whitehorse - **ELECTED**
2. Angie Charlebois – VP-at-Large, Councillor for Village of Haines Junction

Called thrice; no nomination from the floor for 1st Vice President of Association of Yukon Communities made.

1st Vice President Election Candidates:

1. Lauren Hanchar – Councillor, Town of Watson Lake - **ELECTED**
2. Angie Charlebois – VP-at-Large, Councillor, Village of Haines Junction

Called thrice; nomination from the floor for Doris Hanson as 2nd Vice President of Association of Yukon Communities.

2nd Vice President Election Candidates:

1. Joann Aird – Councillor, Village of Mayo
2. Doris Hanson – Councillor, Village of Carmacks - **ELECTED**

Motion AGM22-009 It was duly moved and seconded to accept all officers elected for the Association of Yukon Communities executive as follows:

**Councillor Ted Laking – President
Councillor Lauren Hanchar – 1st Vice President
Councillor Doris Hansen – 2nd Vice President
Mayor Gord Curran – Past President**

Carried Unanimously

8.3 ASSOCIATION OF YUKON COMMUNITIES BOARD RESOLUTION – 2022 FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES – ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities endorses President **Ted Laking** to be appointed to the FCM's Board of Directors (as per 3.04 (l) of Bylaw No. 1) for the period starting in May 2022 and ending May 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities assumes all costs associated with President **Ted Laking** attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.

No discussion held.

Carried unanimously

9. Meeting Adjourned.

It was duly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Carried Unanimously