

Association of Yukon Communities

2021 Annual General Meeting

May 8, 2021

Via Zoom

Minutes

In Attendance

Members

Gord Curran, Village of Teslin
Clara Jules, Village of Teslin
Kari Johnston, Village of Haines Junction
Steve Roddick, City of Whitehorse
Peter Carr, Hamlet of Mt. Lorne
Blair Andre, Village of Mayo
John Devries -Town of Watson Lake
Jocelyn Curteanu, City of Whitehorse
Erin Labonte, Town of Watson Lake
Cory Bellmore, City of Dawson
Christopher Irvin, Town of Watson Lake
Thomas Slager, Town of Watson Lake
John Thomas, Town of Faro
Susan Smith, Village of Haines Junction

Tara Wheeler, Village of Carmacks
Wayne Potoroka, City of Dawson
Lorraine Graham, Village of Carmacks
Jan Stick, City of Whitehorse
Margrit Wozniak, Village of Mayo
Joanne Aird, Village of Mayo
Dan Rodin, Village of Haines Junction
Molly Shore, City of Dawson
William Kendrick, City of Dawson
Cam Lockwood, Town of Watson Lake
Lauren Hanchar, Town of Watson Lake
Helena Belanger, Village of Carmacks
Tracy Thomas, Village of Carmacks
Carol Knight, Village of Mayo

AYC STAFF:

Laura Eby, Association of Yukon Communities

Crystal Sawatsky, Assoc. of Yukon Communities

Guests:

Garth Frizzell FCM President
Ben Yu Schott Yukon Government
Jarrah Hodge FCM A/Outreach Engagement Manager
Christopher MacIntyre CBC
Richard Mostyn Minister Community Services
Peter Johnson Grand Chief CYFN

1. Call to Order

President Curran called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion AGM21-001 It was duly moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

3. Adoption of Minutes from the 2020 AGM

No concerns or changes were noted.

Motion AGM21-002 It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the 2020 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 AGM21-003 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 AGM21-004 It was duly moved and seconded that the Executive Director's report be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

6. 2020 Draft Financial Statements

Members were directed to the Draft Audited Financial Statements included in the meeting package.

6.1.1 Motion AGM21-005 It was duly moved and seconded that the Draft Financial Statements be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

6.1.2 Motion AGM21-006 It was duly moved and seconded to transfer \$31,750.00 to the Contingency Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

6.1.3 Motion AGM21-007 It was duly moved and seconded to request the registrar to waive the audit for 2021.

Carried Unanimously

7. New Resolutions

7.1 Resolutions Committee and 2021 Resolutions – Jan Stick

21-AT-01 Inclusive Leadership in Yukon Communities

WHEREAS the Yukon’s history has been profoundly shaped by colonial occupations of Indigenous lands and the intense disruptions to Indigenous cultures and ways of life that followed; and

WHEREAS black, Indigenous, and people of colour have experienced racism and discrimination throughout the Yukon’s history, and continue to experience it today; and

WHEREAS the strength and beauty of Yukon communities lies in diversity, inclusivity, and generosity of spirit; and

WHEREAS the Yukon’s elected municipal officials are lawmakers and civic leaders whose responsibilities include fostering equity and respect for all citizens; and

WHEREAS the first step toward municipal action on reconciliation and racism requires that municipalities acknowledge and seek to better understand these issues; and

WHEREAS the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) provides training funds for members in its annual operating budget, and may seek additional funds from external sources, such as the Community Training Trust Society.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AYC will coordinate, on an annual basis beginning in 2022, member education and training in anti-racism, inter-cultural competence, human rights, and/or other topics that enable us to better promote equitable and inclusive communities; and

THAT AYC will budget for such education and training, and seek supplementary external funds where appropriate; and

BE IT RESOLVED that AYC strongly encourages its members to:

- Provide such education and training for the elected officials, staff, and volunteers that represent their respective communities; and
- Conduct a review of their existing and proposed bylaws and policies with an anti-racism and inclusivity lens; and
- Explore and advocate for other actions to build equitable and inclusive communities, and share the results of these efforts with community members; and
- Explore participation in the Canadian Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Inclusive Leadership in Yukon Communities resolution be accepted as amended to read “all people of colour”.

Defeated

It was duly moved and seconded that the Inclusive Leadership in Yukon Communities resolution be accepted as presented.

Approved and carried – Clara Jules, Joanne Aird and Carole Knight opposed.

21-AT-02 Providing Better Support for Rural Volunteer Emergency Responders

WHEREAS Volunteer rural emergency responders provide emergency services to rural Yukon communities; and

WHEREAS Volunteer rural emergency responders give their time including statutory holidays to keep our communities safe.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that hands-on training and skill review activities be held in person, and be scheduled to accommodate the availability of the responder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that volunteer rural emergency responders be compensated accordingly.

Resolution withdrawn by the Village of Carmacks. After discussion, members agreed to discuss this resolution further at board meetings which may generate multiple resolutions at the 2022 AGM.

21-AT-03 Rural Community Housing Issues

WHEREAS every Yukon Community struggles with housing issues; and

WHEREAS Yukon rural communities struggle increasingly in recruitment of new residents and businesses;

AND WHEREAS Yukon communities all need tax dollars to satisfy their financial commitments and infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS there is a reluctance of Yukon financial institutions to consider builder's mortgages to construct new home or businesses because of the geographical location of the Yukon rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the public at large cannot afford to finance the build of a new home or business on their own.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities work with other orders of Government, Yukon Housing, FCM, and major financial institutions servicing the Yukon to better support rural property owners in accessing mortgages and address the barriers that lead

financial institutions to unfairly reject mortgage applications for property in rural Yukon communities.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Rural Community Housing Issues resolution be accepted as amended to read, “That the Association of Yukon Communities work with other orders of Government, Yukon Housing, FCM, and major financial institutions servicing the Yukon to better support rural property owners in accessing mortgages and address the barriers that lead financial institutions to unfairly reject mortgage applications for property in rural Yukon communities.”

Approved and Carried Unanimously

8. New Business

8.1 Municipal Election General Discussion

Work going on to try to increase diverse representation on councils.
AYC has been developing items for their website.
Joy of Governing will be handed out to municipalities.
Ben and Laura working on advertisements.
YG providing support to encourage people to run.

8.2 AYC Strategic Directions

Motion AGM21-008 It was duly moved and seconded to approve the Strategic Directions document as presented.

Work is underway to build the parameters to hire a policy analyst.

9. Meeting Adjourned.

It was duly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Carried Unanimously