



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON COMMUNITIES

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING -

Date: June 17, 2023 @ 09:00 - 16:00

Location: Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

In Attendance:

EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTORS

Councillor Ted Laking - President
Councillor Lauren Hanchar - 1st Vice President
Councillor Doris Hansen - 2nd Vice President
Mayor Gord Curran - Immediate Past President
Mayor William Kendrick - City of Dawson
Mayor Bruce Tomlin - Village of Haines Junction
Councillor Joann Aird - Village of Mayo
Councillor Denina Paquette - Town of Watson Lake
Councillor Mellisa Murray - City of Whitehorse
Councillor Michelle Friesen - City of Whitehorse
Councillor Luc Johnstone - Village of Teslin

MEMBERS

CAO Chad Thomas - Village of Teslin
CAO David Henderson - City of Dawson
CAO David Fairbank - Village of Haines Junction
CAO Larry Baran - Town of Faro
CAO Matthew Cybulski - Village of Carmacks
CAO Margrit Wozniak - Village of Mayo

STAFF

Shelley Hassard - Executive Director
David Rozsa - Manager of Operations

CANOE PROCUREMENT

Dave Dextraze - Manager of National Partnerships

YUKON GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

Julia Frasher - Policy Analyst

Dana Eisinger - A/Director of Policy and Planning

REGRETS

Mayor Lee Bodie - Village of Carmacks

Councillor Leif Nyland - Town of Faro

Councillor Bonnitta Ritchie - Tagish Advisory Council (LACs)

1. CALL TO ORDER - PRESIDENT TED LAKING

The meeting was formally called to order at **9:01 a.m.**

2. CHANGES TO OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA - PRESIDENT TED LAKING

Motion **BD23-01** It was duly moved by 2st VP Hansen and seconded THAT the Agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAR. 4, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Motion **BD23-02** It was duly moved Councillor Paquette and seconded THAT the Minutes of the Mar. 4, 2022, Board Meeting be adopted as amended to correct typo on "Humane Society."

Carried Unanimously

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRESIDENT TED LAKING

Members were directed to the verbal report; President Laking updated members on:

- Recently attended FCM event in Toronto; key theme of many presentations at FCM was regarding community sustainability, echoing the sentiments being expressed by AYC.
- Northern Cultural reception planned by Nunavut during the FCM conference in Calgary in 2024, working alongside NWT to showcase the individuality of cultures in our Territories. AYC mentioned that they are interested if it is not cost prohibitive.

- Heading to Ottawa for an FCM Executive Meeting. Lot of changeovers at senior level, as a result there is a new Executive. Aiming to discuss resolutions and framework.
- Community Tours are ongoing and continuing into the Fall. Village of Mayo was missed due to necessity, and an apology extended.
- Preliminary planning is ongoing for 49th AGM hosted by City of Dawson, which will be held from April 25th - 28th, 2024.

Motion **BD23-03** It was duly moved by Mayor Kendrick and seconded THAT the President's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - SHELLEY HASSARD

Members were directed to the verbal report; ED Hassard updated members on:

- Working with Community Affairs on a rural land strategy in Yukon; need information from communities for their lot development plans.
- Also working on PSAB 3280 ARO support for communities. YG has committed training, but AYC is seeking financial support as well.
- Office has been busy wrapping up everything from the AGM, and we're hoping to receive responses to the resolutions in the near future.

Motion **BD23-04** It was duly moved by Councillor Murray and seconded THAT the Executive Director's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

6. TECHNICAL PRESENTATION - CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA

Members were directed to the presentation by Dave Dextraze discussing Canoe Procurement's ability of combining the purchasing power of over 5,000 public and not-for-profit organizations throughout Canada to get members access to a wide range of trade-compliant products and services at preferred rates. They do not have fees for membership, minimum purchasing requirements, or the need to purchase, and as well they offer free quotes. Marketing and tender support is also available. Canoe Procurement would offer AYC a commission fee of 10% for the various sales that may take place across the Yukon.

Canoe Procurement's revenue stream is derived from the administrative fee that the manufacturer/supplier would pay to them for their services connecting them with customers.

Action Item: **Canoe Procurement Group of Canada:** Virtual meeting to be organized by staff for CAOs to discuss whether their municipalities are interested in utilizing Canoe Procurement's services, for the purpose of establishing a recommendation to provide at the September 9th, 2023, Board Meeting.

7. TECHNICAL PRESENTATION – YG ENVIRONMENT

7.1 Animal Control Act Regulation

Members were directed to the presentation by Yukon Government Department of Environment:

- On November 14, 2022 the new Act had been passed.
- Its larger scope requires the involvement of multiple departments who will handle the portions overseen through their services.
- Intended to be a comprehensive modern framework addressing many areas including animals (*wild, exotic, domestic*) along with tools for enforcement and animal related businesses/organizations.
- Enforcement tools are to encourage compliance, not to punish; however, ticketable offences exist for various situations (*such as an animals-at-large, causing damage, etc.*).
- Agreements will be flexible, and on a case-by-case basis. Evaluation of need and time required will be required.
- Apparent concerns exist regarding existing bylaws in Municipalities and how they may be affected or interfered with by this new legislation.

Action Item: **Animal Control Act Regulation:** ED Hassard to follow up with Department of Environment to coordinate a meeting with CAOs, as well as their technical staff, for discussing the impacts that the new regulations will have on their communities and their bylaws.

8. Ongoing Business

8.1 Award Policy

Motion **BD23-05** It was duly moved by Councillor Aird and seconded THAT the Award Policy be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

8.2 Comprehensive Municipal Grant Committee Update

The Board was directed to the provided report created by hired consultant Cory Bellmore on the Comprehensive Municipal Grant (CMG); the CMG Working Committee has finalized their work with respect to this report. Comprehensive details contained within the report, with some highlights below:

- The concept outline was to discuss, at a higher level, financial sustainability in municipal government; attempted not to be too focused on tweaking the formula.
- Looked at core program services as per legislation, impact of additional items that municipalities are undertaking, and impacts of climate change.
- Summary inserted at the end to connect the information in an abridged way.
- Three differently sized municipalities were used to draw comparisons for the research.
- Some adjustments to the report were requested by the Board; ED Hassard will supply an amended report to the Board as well as an update on the Committee work during the upcoming September 9th Board of Directors Meeting.

Motion **BD23-05** It was duly moved by Past President Curran and seconded THAT the Board approves the CMG report in principle and appoints:

Cam Lockwood - CAO - Town of Watson Lake

Val Braga - Director of Corporate Services - City of Whitehorse

Shelley Hassard - Executive Direction - Association of Yukon Communities

as AYC Reps on CMG implementation Committee.

Carried Unanimously

14. Other

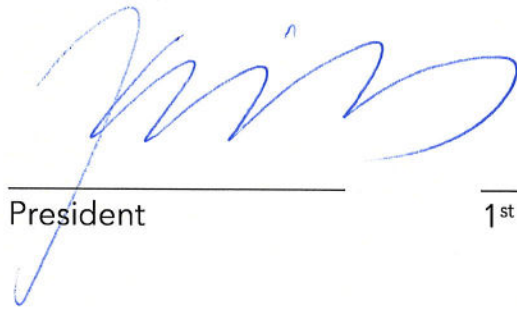
14.1 Next board of directors meeting, in **Carmacks**, on **September 9, 2023**.

15. Business Meeting Adjourned

15.1 Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm

Moved and duly seconded to adjourn the business meeting.

As witness to the approval of these minutes.



President



1st Vice President

List of Action Items

- 6.0 **Canoe Procurement Group of Canada:** Virtual meeting to be organized by AYC for CAOs to discuss whether their municipalities are interested in utilizing Canoe Procurement's services, and for the purpose of establishing a recommendation to provide at the September 9th, 2023, Board Meeting based on that discussion.
- 7.1 **Animal Control Act Regulation:** ED Hassard to follow up with Department of Environment to coordinate a meeting with CAOs, as well as their technical staff, for discussing the impacts that the new regulations will have on their communities and their bylaws.