

ATTENDANCE

Thomas Slager – Deputy Mayor
Lauren Hanchar – Mayor *
Denina Paquette – Councillor
Norma Puckett – Councillor

Administration

Shannon Bergeron – A/CAO
Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk

Absent

William Whimp – Councillor

Public

P. McLeod * J. Carlson * P. Agana
C. Ellis C. Craft *

Delegation

Jordan Stackhouse – Elevator Yukon *

*Electronic attendance **

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Deputy Mayor Slager.

AGENDA

MOTION 026-05-037

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The draft agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 026-05-038

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The draft minutes from the Council Meeting of February 17, 2026, be amended to better capture Councillor Slager’s comments regarding snow removal during Councillor Open Forum and be adopted.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 026-05-039

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$242,856.55 be approved.

- CARRIED -

Council sought clarification on payables to BDO Canada LLP, Nu Maintenance, and E. Lees and Associates Consulting Ltd.

DELEGATION

Elevator Yukon – Housing Accelerator Fund Initiative

Jordan Stackhouse of Elevator Yukon presented Council with amended policies for existing HAF Development Grant programs and provided additional information regarding a new proposed program to allow grants for illegal suite renovations. Council expressed support for the two Development Grant policy amendments but asked that a section be added that requires owners to put the dwelling for rent within a specific period from the development completion and a requirement that these units are for long term rental only. Council expressed support for the new program to provide grant for illegal suite renovations in theory but asked that Stackhouse investigate ways that the Town can safeguard against tenant evictions. Draft policies will be back before Council at the Council meeting of March 24th.

BYLAWS

Business Licence Bylaw 2025-06

Business Licence Bylaw 2025-06 was before Council for review prior to Third and Final Reading. The bylaw had gone through several reviews, including a legal review. Council sought clarification on sections pertaining to “Minor Business Activities” and “Home-based Businesses” and discussed the added requirement that Taxi businesses must provide proof of vehicle insurance and registration, and a vulnerable sector check for business owner. The bylaw will be brought forward for Third and Final Reading at the Council meeting of March 24th but will not take effect until January 1, 2027. Administration will provide information to the community about new regulations.

Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw 2025-08

Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw 2025-08 was before Council for review prior to Second Reading. Council express concern that enforcement measures, such as the ability to pull over a motor vehicle, was too over-reaching for a Bylaw Enforcement Officer. Administration explained that all enforcement measures listed in the bylaw are existing powers of an Enforcement Officer as legislated under the *Municipal Act*. Councillor Paquette asked if extra protection was being considered to ensure safety of Town Officers. The bylaw will be back before Council for Second Reading at the Council meeting of March 24th.

NEW & UNFINISHED

Donation Policy 2026-01

The draft Donation Policy 2026-01 was before Council with amendments as per direction provided at the Council meeting of February 17th. Overall, Council expressed satisfaction with the draft policy but asked for a few minor amendments before formal policy adoption. Some of the main amendments being made to the policy include scheduled donation request intake dates, a clear outline of the types of donations available and who donations can be made to. The policy will be accompanied by a donation request form that must be completed by all applicants, to help guide Council decisions.

COUNCILLOR OPEN FORUM

Deputy Mayor Slager:

- Commended Public Works staff for a great job with snow removal efforts this winter.

GALLERY OPEN FORUM

C. Ellis:

- Asked if Council would consider allowing Gallery Open Forum at all meetings. Council explained the difference between Committee of the Whole and Regular meetings and explained that this would not be changed at this time.
- Suggested that the Town consider using HAF funding to turn the vacant building at A Nicer Motel into long-term housing units. Council explained that the building was privately owned and that the Town had no interest in competing with the private housing rental sector or managing rental units.
- Asked what the ramifications are for Councillors who do not attend meetings. It was explained that the *Municipal Act* governs how this is handled.

C. Craft:

- Believed that HAF funding should not be used for short-term accommodations such as B&Bs as these initiatives are funded through public funds. Craft believes that this could be easily enforced as the Town knows who receives funding and issues business licences within the municipality.
- Agreed with Councillor Slager's previous recommendation that the graduation bursary that the Town awards to the Valedictorian instead be presented as a Citizenship bursary for graduates who are actively involved in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 026-05-040

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

There being no further business to discuss that the meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED -



Lauren Hanchar – Mayor



Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk

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