

**Association of Yukon Communities
2017 Annual General Meeting
Approved Resolutions**

17-AT-01 Support Owner-built Homes

WHEREAS Yukoners are very independent and there is a lack of stable, full-time jobs in many small Yukon communities and mortgages are difficult to obtain under alternative or self-employed work arrangements - many homes in the Yukon are Owner-built; and

WHEREAS many owner-built homes are often constructed over a significant period of time; and

WHEREAS affordable housing is a significant issue in many jurisdictions in Canada, including the Yukon; and

WHEREAS the current construction permitting process for home construction is focused on contractor-built homes, and

WHEREAS National Building Code and best practices for construction need to be followed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yukon Government develop a new approach to assist Yukoner residents who choose to build their own homes, including a specific owner-built home permitting process, which acknowledges the unique circumstances associated with owner-built homes, including the extended time to complete them

17-AT-02 Increase Municipal Council Terms

WHEREAS newly elected mayors and councilors of Yukon municipalities routinely take up to one year to become familiar with their role and community expectations, leaving only two years for productive engagement; and

WHEREAS conducting municipal elections, by nature minimizes policy development and implementation within communities; and

WHEREAS election activities represent a cost to taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yukon Government support four-year terms for municipal elected officials by amending the Municipal Act accordingly.

17-AT-03 Implement Solid Waste User Fees

WHEREAS solid waste facilities throughout the Yukon are operated independently of each other with no coordination, consistent implementation or use of solid waste user fees; and

WHEREAS solid waste user fees are shown to increase recycling and diversion of solid waste from landfills; and

WHEREAS solid waste management is becoming an increasingly costly program for municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Yukon Government is uniquely positioned to develop and coordinate a Yukon-wide solid waste user fee program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yukon Government take the lead to develop a coordinated solid waste user fee program for implementation Yukon-wide.

17-AT-04 Initiate a Water Conservation Strategy

WHEREAS water supply, treatment, infrastructure and management is increasingly a significant expense for all Yukon municipalities and water conservation strategies are desirable; and

WHEREAS Yukoners use consistently more water per person than the average Canadian does for residential use; and

WHEREAS water bleeders consistently use excessive amounts of treated water, and

WHEREAS the Yukon Government is a member of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Water Agenda Development Committee (WADC);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yukon Government take the lead with Yukon municipalities in developing water conservation strategies and programs that may include subsidies or other incentives to individuals and homeowners.

17-AT-05 Removal of Daylight Saving Time

Whereas daylight savings time has little effect on the overall amount of daylight the Yukon receives; and

Whereas studies in other jurisdictions show that daylight savings time can be detrimental to health, vehicular safety, energy consumption and productivity; and

Whereas metabolisms and sleep cycles of our own human bodies, as well as those of children, livestock and pets still do not “know” the hands on the clock have moved forward;

Therefore be it resolved that the Association of Yukon Communities engage with the Yukon Government to determine if there is a case for removing daylight savings time in the Yukon.

17-AT-06 Territory-Wide Waste Management Programs

WHEREAS the Association of Yukon Communities has petitioned the Yukon Government to review Beverage Container Regulations and Designated Materials Regulations with the intent to expand the range of materials designated under the regulations; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that a territory-wide solution is required to address issues of waste management, recycling and other diversion programs that reduce waste and illegal dumping;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities strongly encourage the Yukon Government to continue to collaborate with municipal governments, businesses and stakeholders to expeditiously develop comprehensive waste management programs.

17-AT-07 Municipal Funding

WHEREAS the Yukon Government has pledged to work in partnership with communities, including municipal governments, to build sustainable and diverse economies and support local solutions to local problems; and

WHEREAS the Yukon Government has also pledged to enable local interests and make investments to realize economic and community development; and

WHEREAS the regular five-year review of the Comprehensive Municipal Grant is approaching;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities encourage the Yukon Government to work with municipalities to provide all municipalities with an increased and predictable level of funding through a new five-year funding plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities encourage the Yukon Government to develop a longer-term plan to support investments in community infrastructure.

17-ATF-01 Economic Development in Rural Yukon

WHEREAS local community economic development and the small business support is essential for rural Yukon communities; and

WHEREAS the Yukon Government's current economic development efforts are project-based using staff located only in Whitehorse; and

WHEREAS the previous government launched a pilot project called the North Yukon READI (Regional Economic Action Development Initiative) to provide business advising services in the North Yukon and to identify and develop targeted strategies and initiatives to promote local economic development; and

WHEREAS there is currently little support for local community economic development and small businesses services in rural Yukon beyond READI; and

WHEREAS the Yukon remains the only province or territory without a federally-funded Community Futures Program (CFP), which provides long-term funding to Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AYC lobbies the Yukon Government to develop a flexible rural economic development policy and provide ongoing funding for local non-profits that will assist with the planning and implementation of community development plans and coordination of business support services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AYC recommends that the Yukon Government lobby the federal government for CFP funding for non-profit local economic development corporations.

17-AT-08 Decentralization of Government Services

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AYC seriously encourages Yukon Government to decentralize government services to rural communities.

17-AT-09 Emergency Measures Exercises

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AYC encourages Yukon Government to conduct territory-wide table top emergency measures planning exercises.