

Association of Yukon Communities
2019 Annual General Meeting
Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed on May 12th 2019.

19-AT-01 Respectful Engagement

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

WHEREAS the Yukon Government is undertaking or has recently undertaken policy development and implementation on matters that significantly affect Yukon communities such as carbon tax reimbursement, Community Development Fund eligibility, Motor Vehicles Act revisions, Public Airports Act, Yukon Tourism Strategy, single use plastics, and waste management; and

WHEREAS communities did not feel, in some instances, that meaningful or sufficient consultation occurred prior to the Yukon Government's decisions being made;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities urges the Yukon Government to ensure consistent, respectful and meaningful consultation with Yukon municipalities, LACs and Yukon First Nations prior to establishing and implementing new or revised policies on matters that will affect their communities.

19-AT-02 Infrastructure Funding

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

WHEREAS Yukon municipalities are extremely pleased to see the importance the federal government is placing on funding community infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS Yukon municipalities rely on Yukon Government's administration of federal government infrastructure funding, including fair distribution amongst communities, timely roll-out of decisions, and predictability of funding; and

WHEREAS the Association of Yukon Communities believes that Yukon Government administration of federal government infrastructure funding to date is not meeting the priorities or needs of Yukon communities;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities urges the Yukon Government to streamline its processing of applications for federal infrastructure funding to enable timely responses to municipalities and increased predictability of funding levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities urges the Yukon Government to ensure equitable distribution of federal infrastructure funds amongst Yukon communities, considering needs and priorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities urges the Yukon Government work more closely with communities in determining the priority

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for projects within their communities that will receive federal infrastructure funding;
and

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

19-AT-03 Associate Members Fee

WHEREAS the AYC Constitution states, "*Fees for Associate Members shall be determined by the Members at the Annual General Meeting of the AYC*"; and

WHEREAS the annual fee of \$500 for each of the 5 Associate Members (also known as Local Advisory Councils or LACs), generates revenue totaling \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS the operating grant for LACs has gradually increased and, at present, the annual increase is equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and

WHEREAS the AYC constitution was amended to give one LAC representative a vote at regular Board meetings; and

WHEREAS each LAC can attend and vote at the AGM of the AYC; and

WHEREAS the AYC Constitution reads, "*Members Fee shall be set at one percent (1%) of the Comprehensive Municipal Grant received by each Member annually.*", thus generating annual revenue totaling \$189,000.00 in 2019; and

WHEREAS calculating LAC AYC fees at 1% would bring in considerably less than the current flat rate of \$500 per annum.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the annual fees for LACs be changed to the greater of \$500 per annum or 1% of their annual operating grant received from the Yukon Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new fee structure for LACs becomes effective in the AYC 2020 fiscal year.

19-AT-04 Transition planning for Yukon Government personnel dealing with municipalities

WHEREAS in rural communities the administration staff has finite time and resources to deal with an ever-increasing regulatory framework, in addition to increasing demands from the citizens; and

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WHEREAS having to restart projects that were well underway and having to educate new Yukon Government staff on projects in process, agreements in place and background information is a huge drain on municipal resources;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AYC urges the Yukon Government to initiate a transition package that is used every time a Yukon Government senior staff or any staff dealing with communities is transferred in or out of a community portfolio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this transition planning be included in job descriptions, work plans and any Yukon Government business dealing with communities, and ideally become part of doing business in all Yukon Government departments and human resources.

19-AT-05 Petroleum Hydrocarbon Containers

WHEREAS Yukon Municipalities must reduce the types and volume of waste entering the municipal landfill to ensure longevity; and

WHEREAS the Yukon Government is able to amend the Designated Materials Regulations and expand the list of designated materials; and

WHEREAS the Yukon Government is considering an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program to deal with waste oil and its recycling; however, this program may or may not address all petroleum hydrocarbon products and their containers; and

WHEREAS petroleum hydrocarbon containers, including oil and grease containers, are both important and necessary for the Yukon economy but are also significant waste items that continue to show up in Yukon's landfills; and

WHEREAS many Yukon municipalities are neither equipped nor permitted to accept these items;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AYC urges the Yukon Government include petroleum hydrocarbon containers in the Designated Materials Regulations as well as continue to seek the addition of petroleum products as an item for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is urgency in having Yukon Government add petroleum hydrocarbon products to the Designated Materials Regulations list in order to promote the reuse and recycling of these containers and contents and/or create a spill contingency fund.

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19-AT-06 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CDF) CHANGE TO ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS CRITERIA RESOLUTION

WHEREAS in June 2018, the Government of the Yukon (GY) changed the eligibility criteria for organizations to access the Community Development Fund (CDF) to allow for-profit First Nation development corporations to apply to the fund; and

WHEREAS the CDF is a popular and oversubscribed funding source; and

WHEREAS GY has not increased the annual budget for CDF to correspond with the increased pool of eligible organizations that can access the fund;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities encourages the Yukon Government to revert to the organizational CDF criteria used before June 2018 pending meaningful discussions with affected parties.

19-AT-07 Support for Regional Solid Waste Agreement Implementation Costs

WHEREAS: The Yukon Government has committed to the regionalization of solid waste across the Territory and will be entering into agreements with affected municipalities; and

WHEREAS: The implementation of these agreements will require training, increased staff, incur capital costs for infrastructure improvements, and project management costs to transition to regional facilities; and

WHEREAS: Yukon municipalities are already operating at full capacity with their existing staff and budgets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Yukon Government provide financial support for municipalities for training and project management costs for the implementation of the solid waste agreements.
