

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.

Municipal Sponsors: City of Whitehorse and City of Dawson

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

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 all 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.

Municipal Sponsor Village of Carmacks

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.

Municipal Sponsor Village of Carmacks

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