

**VILLAGE OF MAYO**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**of Wednesday, January 21, 2015**  
**Village of Mayo Council Chambers**

**Present**

**Council:** Mayor Scott Bolton  
Councilor Joann Aird  
Councilor Richard Ewing  
Councilor Trevor Ellis  
Councilor Blair Andre

**CAO:** Margrit Wozniak

**Absent:** Public Works Manager Scott Hamilton  
Clerk/Treasurer Barb Barchen

**Public:** Kirsti Muller, YG Municipal Advisor  
Damien Burns, YG Municipal Advisor  
Michael McIsaac, NND Drug & Alcohol Worker

**1. Call to order**  
Mayor Scott Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION 2015-01-15**

**Moved by:** Joann Aird                      **Seconded by:** Richard Ewing

**THAT:**                The agenda be adopted with the following changes:  
Add item 9b) Letter from J.V. Clark School Grad Class

In Favor: 4                                      Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Public Council Meeting of January 7, 2015**

**MOTION 2015-01-16**

**Moved by:** Blair Andre                      **Seconded by:** Joann Aird

**THAT:**                The minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2015 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4                                      Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

4. **Approval of Accounts Payable**  
Nothing presented.

Councilor Ellis arrived at this time.

5. **Introduction and Consideration of First, Second, and Third Readings of Bylaws**

**a) Third and Final Reading of revised bylaw #300 – Solid Waste Bylaw**

**MOTION      2015-01-17**

**Moved by:** Richard Ewing

**Seconded by:** Blair Andre

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Bylaw # 300 having been read a first and second time and studied clause by clause now be given third and final reading.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

Mayor Bolton read Bylaw 300 a third and final time.

**b) Introduction and possible first and second reading of bylaw #301 – Fire Department Bylaw**

This item was tabled to the next meeting to allow the Mayo Volunteer Fire Department to review the revised bylaw and to provide comments.

6. **Acceptance of Reports from the Village**

**a) Mayor's Report**

Mayor Bolton informed Council of the latest conference call he had with the Mayo River Committee. The current flow rate is 19 cu m/sec. The committee wants to continue increasing the flow rate by 0.5 cu m/day and monitor the situation until it fails. Mayor Bolton wanted Council to be in on this decision. He asked some the committee members to attend a conference call with Council during the meeting (at 8 pm).

Mike O'Connor, YG Infrastructure, Forest Pearson, Engineer with Morrison Hershfield, and Dave Enders, Ice Specialist, will be talking to Council about their plans to have YEC continue with raising the flows in the Mayo River by 0.5 cu m/day until the model fails which will assist the engineers to work out a solution.

Mayor Bolton said this is synonymous with "until flooding occurs". YG has hired a local contractor for daily monitoring and recording of data.

Mayor Bolton is concerned that the Village of Mayo is risking flooding if YEC is allowed to continue raising the flows. The ice cover is different than in previous years due to the warm winter we've had. If big chunks of ice should come loose and create a jam, the town could be in trouble because there may be no access for the equipment to get to the area where a jam could occur.

**b) Administration**

**i) CAO Report of Wednesday January 7, 2015**

**a) YG Municipal Advisor in attendance**

Kirsti Muller will be attending our Council meeting. For Council's information.

Kirsti Muller introduced Damien Burns who will be Mayo's new Municipal Advisor for the upcoming year.

Kirsti commented on staffing changes that have occurred at YG Community Services, and that Currie Dixon has been appointed as the new Minister of Community Services.

There will be a YG Information day in Whitehorse on February 13, 2015 with different speakers (Infrastructure - Solid Waste, Environment, Advanced Ed, Procurement, etc.).

YG has organized a tour for participants to check out the new MRI machine. Elected Officials and Staff are invited to this meeting.

On February 4, 2015 there will be a Community Training Fund Forum in Whitehorse.

Kirsti mentioned the importance of Council compiling their BCF project priority list and to forward it to YG Infrastructure prior to the Infrastructure meeting and tour scheduled for February 23, 2015 at 10 am in Mayo.

**Council went in to the conference call with Mike O'Connor, Forest Pearson and Dave Enders at this time.**

Mike, Forest and Dave mentioned to Council about their plans to continue with different scenarios with the Mayo River flows in order to find a long term solution to the icing/flooding problems. They stated that it is a complex and dynamic issue, and that it will take a series of measures to reduce the flooding issues such as

- 1) managing flows and ice production and formation
- 2) upgrading diversion channels
- 3) removing excess sediment in the river, etc.

The engineers have to look at ice cover management, if flows are cut back it promotes ice cover which has been effective to date. They have data loggers, level and temperature gauges, automatic cameras who take pictures in 15 minute intervals. YG has hired a local contractor who takes daily measurements and photos and uploads the information into a spreadsheet.

The winter is quite different this year and the river operates differently.

The engineers are hoping to finish the preliminary design in February and then work on a more detailed design. They have created an ice model, but they want to gather actual data.

Dave Enders mentioned that the objective for this year is to allow them to calibrate a model, to understand major issues in the river, to monitor in order to quantify ice production/accumulation throughout cold winter temperatures, air temperatures, snow fall, water temperature, and ice production to develop their model. They also try to determine how the river levels will affect groundwater levels which will cause issues in the community.

This winter there is a lot of shore ice and only a small open channel in the middle of the river.

Not much slush this year as in previous years.

There is still some freeboard to deal with. They are trying to determine how much more water YEC can release while minimizing the risk to the community and optimizing the outflow from Mayo B.

Mike O'Connor stated that the Mayo River Sub-Committee meets weekly. The committee has representatives from YG, the engineers, the ice expert, the Mayor and a representative from NND. They will discuss the flows, make a decision on increasing the flows (0.5 cu m/day) and then monitor for a week and record any observations made. The flows have been increased gradually and are at 19 cu m/sec. currently. Dave and Forest mentioned that the Mayo River has the possibility to accept more water. It is critical to raise the flows and to monitor closely. They need the committee's (and Council's) stamp of approval to support the teams efforts which will assist in a better design for long term solutions. There is still a lot of freeboard in the Mayo River and the team wants to see what the hydraulic capacity of the Mayo River is if there are no signs of overflow.

Mayor Bolton stated that he has concerns with flows above 19 cu m/sec. In the past few winters keeping the flows between 15 and 17 cu m/sec seemed to be best.

Mike stated that YG supports going forward with 19.5 cu m/sec but they want Village of Mayo Council's approval.

Forest stated that the team is doing an adaptive management approach. They raise the level gradually (0.5 cu m over the course of one day) and then keep it there for a week and monitor the effects. The ice is approx. 0.6 to 0.7 meters thick.

Mayor Bolton stated that the Village of Mayo has concerns because the ice cover has already failed downstream by the force main crossing. What if it fails further up stream? If the ice fails and jams, water levels could rise quickly.

Forest stated that based on the model they don't think that the ice will destabilize. They expect some overflow to occur.

Mayor Bolton stated if the overflow is high enough it could affect properties in the community. Village of Mayo Council members stated that if something does happen with the ice and there is flooding in the community what would YG do?

Mike O'Connor stated that YG has done preliminary work, there are ice crossings across the salmon rearing channels, a local contractor that is experienced in ice removal from the Mayo River is ready to go to work if need be.

Mayor Bolton thanked Mike, Forest and Dave for attending the conference call.

He stated that Council will discuss the issue and he would let the committee know the following day what Council's decision is regarding raising the flows above 19 cu m/sec.

The conference call ended at 8:43 pm.

The Council for the Village of Mayo discussed the request from the Mayo River Sub-Committee to continue to increase the Mayo River flows past the current 19 cu m. Council is concerned about safeguarding the community of Mayo from flooding. Council stated that they would consider to increasing the Mayo River flows past 19 cu m/sec, increases in 0.5 cu m intervals until the system fails, if YG would put it in writing that they are prepared to pay for any damages resulting to properties in Mayo if any increases in flow rate past 19 cu m/sec would cause flooding or groundwater seepage that could cause damage to properties.

Mayor Bolton will inform the Mayo River Sub-committee on January 22nd of Council's decision.

#### **b) Changes to Cabinet**

Premier Pasloski announced changes to Cabinet on January 16, 2015 as per the attached news release. Minister Currie Dixon is now the Minister of Community Services. Letters will be sent on behalf of Village of Mayo Council congratulating the new Ministers.

**c) AYC Health Benefit Plan**

We've informed AYC of Council's comments and they are discussing having the same coverage with Great West as the current plan with AMSC and still see some cost savings.

We'll bring any new information to Council for discussion, and comments.

Council reviewed the proposed Great West Health Plan #2 which provides 100% coverage for Medical and Dental, the same as the current plan with AMSC. There is a cap of \$10,000 for Medical Expenses in this plan. Any medical expenses above \$10,000 per employee will be spread over all the people insured with Great West. Vision Care will be \$250/24 month, dental recall will be every 9 months, and there will be semi-private rooms for hospital stays.

In addition there is a \$25,000 critical illness coverage added to the plan that is mandatory for all employees. The overall costs are approx. 8% lower than the current costs with AMSC.

Council discussed this plan and stated that they are happy with this plan if the employees are happy with it. They are prepared to change to this new proposed plan #2 with Great West which would provide savings to the employees as well as the Municipality.

**d) Build Canada Funds**

We received a letter from Minister Cathers about the new Build Canada Funding and one from Jennifer McGillivray asking Council to submit their official list of projects to YG so they can prepare their capital plan for the upcoming years. For Council's information.

Council discussed their priority projects for the new Build Canada Funding.

Water/Sewer Main Line replacement and associated road work and ditching; an additional water reservoir;

Council also discussed the Firehall that needs to be replaced with a new one (Phase 1) and the old building that has asbestos and an underground fuel tank needing to be removed (Phase 2).

The Firehall project may be more suited for Gas Tax Funding.

**e) Municipal Act Proposed Amendments**

AYC received a reply to their letter regarding the Municipal Act Proposed Amendments from Minister Cathers. For Council's information.

**f) Restorative Justice meeting**

The Restorative Justice meeting is now scheduled for February 2, 2015 at 4 pm in Village of Mayo Council Chambers. For Council's information.

**g) AYC Board meeting feedback**

We received a reply from AYC stating that the info obtained at the AYC Board meeting break-out sessions will help form the basis of drafting the briefing notes for the AYC positions as they pertain to the four topic areas so that we formulate our election readiness strategy in approaching YG. For Council's information.

**h) Rental for Ambulance Space**

We received a reply from YG Property Management that they are waiting for direction if they are to renew the rental agreement. Property Management is hoping to be able to contact us end of February/beginning of March to discuss this issue. For Council's information.

**i) YG Procurement Training**

This training has been postponed to March or April so Barb Barchen and Scott Hamilton are able to attend as well. For Council's information.

**j) Community Training Trust Fund**

Laura from AYC sent us a document titled "history of CTTS". For Council's information. Councilor Aird who is on the Community Training Trust Fund Committee stated that with the new Genie System, AYC now receives \$10,000 per quarter. They still want municipalities to apply for funding for staff training to show the need for additional training funds. The committee decided to give out only 75% of the funding applied for and to the highest priority training (water/sewer) to ensure more communities get some of the funding. If more funding is received then CTTS would re-assess if they could top up the funding they paid out to the originally requested 100%.

**k) Landfill Discussions**

Mayor Bolton and I will be meeting with Rick Kent from YG Infrastructure on Monday, January 19, 2015. For Council's information.

Mayor Bolton and the CAO met with Rick Kent and discussed the issue with the 880 cu m of soil from the LTF and the previous 1,600 cu m soil from the Stewart River Dike. A letter was given to Mr. Kent stating that if YG would assume responsibility for all the soil, Mayo would be willing to accept it.

**l) Silver Trail Training Trust Fund**

There is a new Minister for Education now, Minister Doug Graham. Would Council be interested in sending a letter regarding the remaining funds in the Silver Trail Training Trust Fund to Minister Graham to get the issue of continuing with the fund until is depleted or to return the funds clarified?

We had heard that other Yukon Training Trust Funds are not happy with the changes to the system and the reporting either.

Mayor Bolton mentioned to Council that the letter should be written from the Village and not from the Training Trust Fund Committee. We will be asking what YG Advanced Education is planning to do to ensure that the training funds are distributed fairly to the Silver Trail area residents if the Silver Trail Training Trust Fund committee members resign.

**MOTION            2015-01-18**

**Moved by:** Joann Aird

**Seconded by:** Blair Andre

**THAT:**            The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of January 21, 2015 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

- ii) **Clerk Treasurer Report**
  - a) **Comparative Income Statement for December, 2014**

**MOTION      2015-01-19**

**Moved by:** Trevor Ellis

**Seconded by:** Richard Ewing

**THAT:**            The Comparative Income Statement for December, 2014 be approved.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

- iii) **Monthly Recreation Coordinator's Report**  
Nothing presented.
- iv) **Manager's Report for Environmental Health/Public Works and Protective Services**  
Nothing presented.
- v) **Protective Services**  
Nothing presented.
- 7. **Acceptance of Reports from Village boards and committees established by Council and consideration of any recommendations there from.**  
Nothing presented.
- 8. **Notices of Motions be considered**  
Nothing presented.
- 9. **General Correspondence**
  - a) **Letter from NND regarding donation of Hall for youth conference/career fair**  
Council discussed the request and agreed to donate the Village facilities for these events. However Council expects that NND does the cleanup after the events as per the rental agreement.
  - b) **Letter from JVC grad class – donation of facility for grad dinner - Donated**  
Council discussed the request and agreed to donate the Village facilities for this event. However, Council expects that the Grad Class completes the cleanup after the event, as per the rental agreement.
- 10. **Hearings of Delegations and Individuals**  
Nothing presented.
- 11. **Question Period**  
Nothing presented.

**12. New and Unfinished Business**

Nothing presented.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

  
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Mayor  
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Chief Administrative Officer