

VILLAGE OF MAYO
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
of Wednesday April 15, 2020
Village of Mayo Council Chambers

Present

Council:

Mayor Scott Bolton
Councilor Carol Knight
Councilor Joann Aird
Councilor Trevor Ellis
Councilor Blair Andre (by phone)

CAO:

Margrit Wozniak

Public Works Manager:

Scott Hamilton

Clerk Treasurer:

Jennifer Brooker

Public:

YG Community Advisor Andrea Wilson (by phone)
Victoria Gold President John McConnell (by phone)

1. Call to order

Mayor Scott Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Moved to 10. Hearing of Delegations

a) John McConnell, President of Victoria Gold Corporation

John McConnell gave an up-date on the new policies and procedures at the mine in regards to the COVID Pandemic. Council thanked John for calling into the meeting. Council does not have any questions or concerns at this time.

John McConnell left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 2020-04-07

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT:

The agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the March 27, 2020 and March 30, 2020 Special meeting minutes and the April 1, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION **2020-04-08**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The minutes of the meetings of March 27, 2020, March 30, 2020 and April 1, 2020 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

4. Approval of Accounts Payable to March 31, 2020

MOTION **2020-04-09**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The Accounts Payable to March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$122,830.95 be approved for payment in total.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

5. Introduction and Consideration of First, Second, and Third Readings of Bylaws
Nothing Presented.

6) a) Mayor's Report

Mayor Bolton talked to Council about the many conference calls about COVID-19 that he and some Council members have been participating in recently.

Mayor Bolton participated in a conference call with Yukon Energy regarding the Mayo River Levels. YEC will be increasing the Mayo River levels to 9 cu m/sec. over the next few days. YEC staff will monitor the river daily to ensure that the river ice opens up without causing flooding.

A conference call is planned for April 16th with the local Emergency Measures Control Group to discuss covid-19, potential flooding and potential forest fires.

Due to covid-19, fire practices in Mayo have been suspended. Mayor Bolton suggested that the monthly fire draw continue and that all Mayo Volunteer Fire Department members (including the Chief, Deputy Chief, and Training Officer) be included in the draw. The Clerk/Treasurer prepare the draw for March and April for the next meeting.

b) Administration

i) CAO Report of Wednesday April 15, 2020

a) 2020 Property Tax

YG had a conference call with CAO's regarding the possible deferral of the property tax due date by 60 days.

It was also discussed that Governments (Federal, Territorial, First Nations, and Crown Corporations-YEC, YHC) should still pay property taxes at the usual time. Citizens who did not lose their jobs due to COVID-19 are also encouraged to pay by July 2nd, rather than later. There is still an organizational issue on how to deal with the paperwork surrounding the YG Home Owner's Grant. For Council's discussion and comments.

Council discussed the possibility of reducing, or forgiving property taxes for some individuals/businesses. The CAO and YG Community Advisor will check into this further.

b) Water/Sewer Billings

April is when we send out water/sewer billings for April, May, and June.

Does Council want to allow a grace period when no interest will be charged if someone is not able to pay due to the effects of Covid-19 on their income, etc.?

Mayo citizens can pay by sending a cheque in the mail or by calling with their Visa Number. For Council's discussion.

Council would like to postpone this discussion until they find out about the possibility of reducing the property taxes.

c) Motion to appoint Deputy Mayor

As per Councilor Knight's request, we have drafted a new motion to appoint Councilors to the Deputy Mayor position for the various 6 months terms until the next municipal election.

MOTION 2020-04-10

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

Whereas Section 182 of the Municipal Act states:

The Council may appoint from among members a Deputy Mayor who shall:

- a) In absence of the Mayor, have all the powers and duties of the Mayor, and
- b) When the Mayor is not absent or incapacitated, and subject to the Mayor taking precedence, have those powers and duties as the Council may direct, and

Whereas Council Joann Aird has expressed interest in being appointed as the Deputy Mayor from May 9, 2020 to November 10, 2020, and

Whereas Councilor Blair Andre has expressed interest in being appointed as the Deputy Mayor from November 11, 2020 to May 10, 2021, and

Whereas Carol Knight has expressed interest in being appointed as the Deputy Mayor from May 11, 2021 to November 1, 2021,

Now therefore

Be it resolved that the Councilors listed above be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipality of the Village of Mayo for the period specified.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

d) Snow and Ice Control Policy

The Public Works Manager has been too busy to work on this policy. We will bring the policy to a future meeting for Council's consideration. Council agreed that with the nice weather coming there is little need for finalizing this policy now.

e) Pandemic/Epidemic Policy

I have made revisions to the draft policy as per Council's suggestions. For Council's consideration. I have requested information from NND about their covid-19 checkpoint since we had several inquiries at the Village Office about this check stop.

MOTION **2020-04-11**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

Whereas the Village of Mayo desires to establish a written policy that applies during pandemic/epidemic, and

Whereas Council reviewed the draft Pandemic/Epidemic Policy, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Village of Mayo Council adopts the Pandemic Epidemic Policy, number 2020-01.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

f) Request for donation from Cancer Society

April is Daffodil month to raise funds for Cancer Research. Due to covid-19 this face-to-face Daffodil campaign is not happening this year. This is believed to result in a significant drop of donations. Is Council interested in sending a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society? Council would like to send a donation of \$250 to the Canadian Cancer Society. Council would like to check into a Yukon specific cancer organization so future donations can be provided for Yukon specific needs.

g) Ranger's assistance with covid-19

We received a letter from J.B.P. Carpentier, Brigadier-General, Commander, Joint Task Force (North) for the Canadian Armed Forces, informing us how the Canadian Rangers can provide support to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. For Council's information.

h) Project Update

We received an update from Mike Ukrainetz about the Village of Mayo projects that he is managing on our behalf (new Fire Hall, Public Works Building Upgrades, Pool/Boiler Upgrades, Arena). For Council's review and discussion.

Fire Hall: Mike Ukrainetz will be having a meeting with NND to go over the plan for self-isolation when the contractors for various projects arrive from outside Yukon. Council would like to sit in on that meeting since it is a Village of Mayo project. Andrea will contact Mike and let him know that council would like to be involved in that meeting.

Public Works Building: Update provided for information. Continue moving project forward.

Pool Boiler and EHS Repairs: Update provided for information. Continue moving project forward.

Arena: The engineer report determined that the building will not support the weight of the insulation. Mike is suggesting a cost comparison to determine if it would be beneficial to build a new building. Council would like to arrange for a conference call with the Project Manager to discuss options prior to YG spending money on another study. Council will provide a date when they are available.

MOTION 2019-04-12

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of April 15, 2020 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

ii) Clerk Treasurer Report

a) Comparative Income Statement as at March 31, 2020

MOTION 2020-04-13

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The Comparative Income Statement for the month of March, 2020 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**
Council had a brief discussion with the Public Works Manager about the possibility of flooding and mosquitoes control. Council would like to get bird houses to attract more birds as natural mosquito control.

- 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**
Nothing presented.

- 10. **Hearings of Delegations and Individuals**
a) John McConnell, Victoria Gold President
Previously Dealt With.

- 11. **Question Period**
Nothing presented.

- 12. **New and Unfinished Business**
Nothing presented.

- 13. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer