

VILLAGE OF MAYO
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
of Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Village of Mayo Council Chambers

Present

Council: Deputy Mayor Blair Andre
Councilor Joann Aird
Councilor Brent Chapman
Councilor Simeon Paschuk

CAO: Margrit Wozniak

Public Works Manager: Scott Hamilton

Clerk Treasurer: Barbara Barchen

Public: YG Community Advisor, Carolyn Moore
RCMP Corporal, Alison Cychmistruk

Absent: Mayor Trevor Ellis

1. Call to order
Deputy Mayor Blair Andre called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-04-01

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk **Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

THAT: The agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the March 16, 2022 Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION 2022-04-02

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk **Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

THAT: The minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2022 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

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

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

a) Third and Final reading of bylaw # 348, 2022 Property Tax Rate and Minimum Tax

MOTION 2022-04-03

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

Be it resolved that: Bylaw #348 having been read a first and second time and studied clause by clause now be given third and final reading.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

b) Third and final reading of bylaw #349, 2022 Annual Operating Budget

MOTION 2022-04-04

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

Be it resolved that: Bylaw #349 having been read a first and second time and studied clause by clause now be given third and final reading.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

c) Third and final reading of bylaw #350, 2022 Capital Budget and Expenditure program for the next three years

MOTION 2022-04-05

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

Be it resolved that: Bylaw #350 having been read a first and second time and studied clause by clause now be given third and final reading.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

- a) **Mayor's Report**
Nothing presented.

b) Administration

i) **CAO Report of Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

a) **Canadian Permafrost Association Meeting in Dawson**

Following Chris Burns discussion with Council at the March 16th Council meeting, I've drafted a motion for the Village of Mayo sponsoring two coffee breaks during the Canadian Permafrost Association Meeting in August 2022. A member of the Village of Mayo Council is invited to participate in the panel discussion about municipal infrastructure which is scheduled for the afternoon of August 23, 2022. Who from Council is willing and able to do this? Chris Burn is hoping to receive our confirmation in April. For Council's consideration. Council discussed that Mayor Ellis would be the best choice for joining the panel discussion.

MOTION _____ **2022-04-06**

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

Whereas the Village of Mayo Council was approached by Professor Chris Burn from Carleton University who requested representation from Village of Mayo Council on the panel concerning infrastructure and permafrost in Yukon communities that will take place during the Canadian Permafrost Association Conference in Dawson August 21-26, 2022, and

Whereas Prof. Burn also inquired if the Village of Mayo would be interested in sponsoring the coffee breaks either side of the panel discussion, which will allow the conference organizers to offer reduced registration fees to young scientists and engineers, and

Whereas the Village of Mayo has been supportive of Prof. Burn and his various permafrost studies in Mayo and in the north for the past 3 decades, now therefore

Be it resolved that:

The Village of Mayo Council agrees to send a Village Council representative to the panel discussion to be held the afternoon of August 23, 2022, and

Be it further resolved that:

The Village of Mayo Council agrees to sponsor the two coffee breaks either side of the panel discussion in the amount of \$1,500.00, and that the amount be paid from the Council Courtesy Fund.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

b) YG Land Lottery

Yukon Government's land lottery for 2 single lots inside Village of Mayo boundaries and one lot in the Airport Subdivision closed on March 28, 2022. We followed the land lottery draw on March 31. There were several applications for these lots.

None of the three lots went to local Mayo residents. I enquired if there could be preference given to local Mayo residents. The reply I received was that YG does not have the ability to restrict applicants based on community residency. However, if Council wants to provide that comment for future consideration, the public engagement on a new lands act is currently underway. For Council's information.

Council was surprised that these small lots had so much interest and sold right away. Council stated that having the land lottery open to all could translate into growth for Mayo by having new people move to the community.

c) Development of a new Yukon Public Lands Act

As mentioned previously, YG is seeking input on the development of a new Yukon Public Lands Act. A discussion paper which includes several questions is included in the meeting package for Council's review. Comments are due by April 30, 2022.

Does Council want to provide comments to the various questions?

Council stated that they would like to receive a presentation about the development of the new Yukon Public Lands Act from Michael Draper. Administration will invite him to a future Council meeting, either in person or via zoom.

d) Future lot release and land availability

I've enquired with YG regarding the other vacant YG lots that are scheduled for release sometime in the future. We received a reply from the Director of the YG Land Development Branch stating that we should hear in the near future where YG is at with the vacant lot development, as well as the 7th Avenue design work. The 7th Avenue work is still pending some decisions by YG Education to reconfigure their education reserve to allow for some development. The email is in the Council meeting package for Council's information.

e) AYC AGM May 12-14, 2022

We are still waiting to receive the completed registration forms from Councilors Andre, and Paschuk. We understand that Councilor Chapman will not be able to attend the AYC AGM this year. The meetings will be held at Mount Mac in Whitehorse. The accommodations for the attendees have been booked. For Council's information.

Councilors Andre and Paschuk completed their AYC registrations.

f) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Yukon Government is considering making September 30 a paid general holiday for all employees in the Yukon. (See the attached email from the YG Director of Employment Standards.) The Village already observed September 30th in 2021 as a Statutory Holiday following YG's lead. However, we still need to add this day into our general holiday section of our Conditions of Employment Bylaw. There may be other changes needed in this bylaw once we have the plan for future operations of the Recycling Centre worked out. For Council's information.

RCMP Cpl. Alison Cychmistruk arrived at 7:36 pm and Council moved to

6 b) i) v) b) RCMP Report at this time

Cpl. Cychmistruk presented the RCMP report for March 2022. She asked Council to provide the policing priorities for Mayo for 2022. Council will discuss this with Mayor Ellis and get back to the RCMP regarding later in April.

Cpl. Cychmistruk left the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Council went back to item 6 b) i) CAO Report at this time

g) Water/sewer rates

At the last Council meeting, Councilor Andre had requested a review of the Village's water/sewer rates. Operating Mayo's water/sewer system has been getting more and more expensive and a review of the rates is necessary. I've prepared a spreadsheet for Council's review showing Mayo's water/sewer and bulk water rates compared to the other Yukon municipalities. The annual revenue and expenses for Environmental Health are also included in the spreadsheet. For Council's review and discussion.

Council reviewed the comparison and agreed that the Village has to increase its water/sewer rates because of the ever-increasing costs in keeping Mayo's water/sewer system operational. Further discussions are needed when all members of Council are present at the meeting.

h) Gas Tax Funds

Our applications for reimbursements of the costs of the 200 waste bins on wheels and the bulk water system have been approved. We expect reimbursement of our claims in the near future. The boiler system for the Water Treatment Plant project will not be completed until the summer. An interim claim has been submitted to Gas Tax and reimbursed. The final claim for the WTP boiler project will be submitted after the project is complete in the summer. For Council's information.

i) Joint Council meeting of March 30

The Joint Council letter regarding brushing at the Mayo River Bridge area has been signed and sent to YG Highways. A Joint Council letter regarding Mayo Health Center Staffing has been drafted for Council's review.

Council reviewed the draft JC letter and was happy with the draft. Mayor Ellis will be asked to review and sign the letter prior to sending it to NND for signature.

Other items discussed at Joint Council were: requesting longer term help with wellness from YG, and finding a Safe House that can be used in Mayo. Council felt that these items would best be requested by NND directly.

j) Staff Housing

Councilor Paschuk is continuing to research more information for available prefab housing options in BC and AB. He will provide additional information to Council for further discussion. Council asked if the Village would have to pay PST on this purchase or not. For future information and discussion.

k) EV charger program

Following Council's decision from the last meeting, I've emailed YG and informed them that Council decided to hold off on the installation of EV chargers at this time. This is in part due to capacity issues, and due to not having enough information to proceed with the right equipment that will work in Mayo's cold winters, and due to higher-than-expected costs for installation.

l) Recycling Update

The cleanup of the Mayo Recycling items, the facility and the grounds are continuing. The Public Works Manager is continuing to work towards reopening this facility in the near future. Once the required operational changes have been identified, Council will have to determine the level of service they want to provide (hours of operation, days of operation, etc.). Then we'll be able to put out a householder to inform the public of the changes at the facility, the way recycling items will be accepted, etc. and we'll be able to put out the posting for a new Recycling Center Coordinator. For Council's information and further discussion. Scott Hamilton informed Council of the progress that has been made with the Recycling Center cleanup. The large amount of snow remaining in the Recycling Center yard is hindering the progress outside. Scott has been in contact with Dave Albisser regarding dealing with the large recycling volumes that show up at the Mayo Recycling Centers and how this work could be streamlined.

m) Community Advisor in attendance

Carolyn Moore will be attending the meeting. She is hoping to hear Mayo's five most important priorities for 2022. Mayo's priorities are:

- 1) Having two new warm water wells drilled (for 2023 tie in to the Mayo Water Treatment Plant)
- 2) Water/Sewer main line replacement project for summer 2022
- 3) Reconnecting the old reservoir to the Mayo Water Treatment Plant; demolition of the two leaking reservoirs; and foundation prep for 2 new reservoirs to be built in 2023
- 4) Mayo Community Center System Upgrades
- 5) Completion of Mayo's Solid Waste Management Plan
- 6) Completion of Mayo's Official Community Plan and review of Zoning Bylaw
- 7) Placement of Rip Rap at the Mayo River Erosion Area close to J.V. Clark School
- 8) Arena Upgrades and new Arena Change Rooms
- 9) Public Works Shop Structural and other Upgrades

n) Comprehensive Municipal Grant

On April 1st we received our Comprehensive Municipal Grant in the amount of \$1,629,962 as well a Carbon Price Rebate in the amount of \$16,524.73 from the Government of Yukon. For Council's information.

o) Official Community Plan

Council is reminded that the OCP consultant team will be in Mayo April 19-22 and that Council's meeting about the OCP is scheduled for April 21 at 7 pm.

p) Invitation to Grand Opening of Yukon Soaps Company

Joella Hogan sent an invitation to Council to attend the official opening of her new building on April 8, 2022 from 2-4 pm. Council was pleased about the invitation and is planning to attend.

q) **Meeting with Currie Dixon**

Currie Dixon contacted us to inquire if Council would like to meet with him on April 8th. He is coming to Mayo to attend the official opening of the Yukon Soaps Company. Currie also mentioned that Minister Pillai will be attending the official opening as well. Council would like to meet with Currie prior to the 2 pm opening event that they will be attending. They would like to meet with Minister Pillai as well if it can be arranged.

MOTION **2022-04-07**

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

THAT: The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of April 6, 2022 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

ii) **Clerk Treasurer Report**
Nothing presented.

iii) **Monthly Recreation Coordinator's Report**
Nothing presented.

iv) **Manager's Report for Environmental Health/Public Works and Protective Services**
Scott Hamilton mentioned that the Public Works Staff are still trying to get familiar with the boiler at the Water Treatment Plant, and turning down the setting now that it is getting a bit warmer outside.

v) **Protective Services**

a) **Fire Fighter Incentive Draw for March, 2022**

MOTION **2022-04-08**

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Joann Aird

THAT: The Monthly fire fighter incentive in the amount of \$100 be paid to Simeon Paschuk for the month of March, 2022 as chosen by a random draw from the list of eligible volunteer fire fighters.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

b) **RCMP Report for March, 2022**
Dealt with previously.

c) Appointment of new fire department member

MOTION 2022-04-09

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

Whereas the Mayo Volunteer Fire Department has advertised for new members, and

Whereas Troy Johnson has expressed interest in joining the Mayo Volunteer Fire Department, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Village of Mayo Council appoints Troy Johnson to the Mayo Volunteer Fire Department effective April 7, 2022.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

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 Karen VanBibber requesting donation of facility on May 21, 2022

Council discussed this request and commented that there are costs associated with renting the Village facilities (such as heat, power, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, etc.) and that it is their policy to charge for birthday parties. So, unfortunately, the hall cannot be donated for this event.

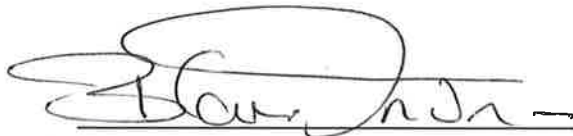
10. **Hearings of Delegations and Individuals** - Nothing presented.

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

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

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm


Deputy Mayor


Chief Administrative Officer