

**VILLAGE OF MAYO**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**of Wednesday, August 3, 2022**  
**Village of Mayo Council Chambers**

**Present  
Council:**

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

**CAO:**

Margrit Wozniak

**Public:**

RCMP Corporal Alison Cychmistruk  
AYC President Ted Laking  
AYC Office Manager David Rozsa  
WSP Engineer Lawrence Bakelaar  
YG Community Advisor Carolyn Moore via zoom

**Absent:**

Mayor Trevor Ellis  
Public Works Manager Scott Hamilton  
Clerk-Treasurer Barbara Barchen

**1. Call to order**

Deputy Mayor Joann Aird called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION 2022-08-01**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**THAT:** The agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

3. **Adoption of July 6, 2022, Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes.**

**MOTION 2022-08-02**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**THAT:** The minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2022, be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

4. **Approval of Accounts Payable to June 30, 2022**

**MOTION 2022-08-03**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**THAT:** The Accounts Payable to June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$245,212.52 be approved for payment in total.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

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

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

b) **Administration**

i) **CAO Report of Wednesday, August 3, 2022**

a) **AYC President Tour**

Ted Laking, AYC President, will be in attendance at the August 3, 2022, Council meeting to discuss issues or concerns Council may have that AYC could be of assistance with. For Council's information.

Ted Laking, AYC President, and David Rozsa, AYC Office Manager, attended the Council meeting.

Ted mentioned to Council that Laura Eby has left AYC now, and David Rozsa, the Office Manager, is currently the only AYC employee. The search for a new Executive Director is ongoing.

Ted mentioned that he saw Minister Streickers' response letter regarding the AYC motion pertaining to demand meter charges. He is planning to write a letter back to the Minister stating that municipalities do not have the ability to use power at non peak times when they provide recreation programs or meetings, or events.

The issue of extending Council terms from 3 to 4 years is scheduled to go to cabinet and public engagement in the fall. This may come into effect at the next municipal election.

AYC is also working with YG regarding relief for covid related costs municipalities incurred. This may have to wait until a new Executive Director is hired and can provide policy support.

Ted mentioned that being the AYC President automatically puts him on the Board of FCM. He'll be the Chair of the Northern Rural Forum. The AYC Executive will be going to Ottawa in November to lobby for an increase in Gas Tax Funds for more infrastructure.

The Better Building Program has not gone too far yet. This program may potentially be accessed by LAC's and unincorporated communities later in 2022 and municipalities in 2023.

The next AYC Board meeting will be in mid-September in Carmacks.

Councilor Aird said that she had a message for Minister McPhee if there is an opportunity for AYC to pass this on. She mentioned that there have been ongoing staffing issues at the Mayo Health Centre. Agency Nurses, or Floaters, are coming and going. Recently a LPN moved to town with her husband who is a teacher. It would be good if YG could hire this LPN who now lives in our community to assist at the Mayo Health Center. Also, there are 3-4 Doctors in Dawson. They are not supposed to see anyone from outside Dawson. However, Dawson is supposed to be the hub for Northern Yukon.

Ted Laking and David Rozsa left the meeting at 7:25 pm.

**Council moved to item 6. b) i) v) RCMP Report at this time.**

Cpl. Cychmistruk presented the RCMP report for July 2022 to Council. The new RCMP Constable is expected to arrive in Mayo in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September. Until then there will be some relief RCMP members in the community, when needed. Council asked is there was an update about NND's Safety Officer Program. There may not have been any applicants for the Safety Officer positions. The next Joint Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for early October. Cpl. Cychmistruk left the meeting at 7:51 pm.

**Council moved to item 6 b) i) I) Water/Sewer main line work at this time**

WSP Engineer Lawrence Bakelaar was in attendance to talk to Council about the currently ongoing water/sewer project on Centre Street.

Lawrence mentioned that the contractor, Sidhu, is planning to only replace the sewer main line on Centre Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The contractor had a late start because of issues with their project in Dawson. Sidhu has a good community liaison who provides information to the Village and they put it out to the public.

The contractor has been watering the streets where the big trucks drive to and from the project to keep the dust down. Councilor Andre expressed concern that good drinking water is used for this purpose.

Lawrence mentioned that Sidhu's water truck is also used to flush out water lines and therefore it has to be potable water that is used in this truck.

Councilor Andre also asked why the soil that is dug up from the trench is not placed at the old Blue Box site, as Council had previously asked for. Lawrence will inquire with the contractor regarding this.

Lawrence left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

**b) New Yukon Public Lands Act**

Michael Draper and Shirley Dawson were able to reschedule their visit to Mayo. They are now scheduled to attend the Council meeting on September 7, 2022. For Council's information.

**c) Operational Funding Increase for Cultural Centres and Museums**

We received a letter from Minister Pillai stating that First Nation Cultural Centres and Museums will receive an increase of 13.2% through the Museum Contribution Program. This will be an increase in funding of \$5,280 per year for the Binet House. For Council's information.

**d) Canadian Permafrost Conference in Dawson, Aug, 22-26, 2022**

Since Mayor Ellis has a scheduling conflict, Deputy Mayor Joann Aird has agreed to attend the panel discussion about permafrost on August 23, 2022 on behalf of the Village. For Council's information. The panel discussion has been postponed to August 24, 2022.

**e) Silver Trail Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Association**

A letter was received from the Silver Trail Association following their AGM on July 4, 22. They are asking who from the Village of Mayo will be the representative from the Village going forward? Councilor Joann Aird has been the Village Rep. on Silver Trail for many years, however, she was not at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Silver Trail AGM to state if she is planning to continue attending Silver Trail meetings on behalf of the Village. A new executive was elected with Roman Perrier as President, Sandy Washburn as Vice President, and Jani Djokic as Secretary/Treasurer. Maja Nafzger and Lenora Hobbis will stay on as directors. Is Councilor Aird prepared to continue as the Village's representative on the Silver Trail Association, or is another Council member interested in taking this on?

Deputy Mayor Aird stated that she would like to pass this on to another Councilor. Councilor Simeon Paschuk stepped up and agreed to be the Village of Mayo representative on the Silver Trail Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Association.

**f) Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project**

We received an email from Katie Chakhova, Regulatory Specialist at Victoria Gold. She would like to offer to meet with Council to provide an update on the Extension Project and expected next steps through the new YESAA process. When would Council be available to receive this update?

Council would like to receive this update during the September 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**g) Silver Trail Wildfires**

The evacuation notice issued by YG for the entire Silver Trail area on July 5, 2022, was rescinded on July 12. Cooler weather and rain had reduced fire behaviour in our area. For Council's information.

**h) Meeting with Minister of Environment and Highways & Public Works**

What are Council's agenda items for the upcoming meeting with Minister Clarke on August 11, 2022 at 7 pm? YG would like to know ahead of the meeting.

Possible agenda items that were brought to my attention are: brushing by Mayo River bridge and further (in the entire Silver Trail area, but especially from Stewart to Mayo); Requesting a sign "no overnight parking" at the pullout by the Mayo sign, and encouraging overnight parking at the pullout 8 km west of Mayo; inquiring what kind of work is planned at 5 Mile Lake and Ethel Lake Campgrounds;

Council confirmed the suggested agenda items.

**i) Land Development Research**

YG LMB is asking for Council's input regarding proceeding with the review of potential development in the south eastern area of Village boundaries. YG would like to know if Council would want an in-person report from the consultant after the review or if a zoom meeting would be preferred. YG needs to know prior to putting out the tender. I've polled Council via email and a zoom meeting was preferred.

YG is also looking at possible development of Lots 4-8 on Block 35 (across from the Arena) as a stand-alone project because the negotiations with YG Department of Education regarding relinquishing some of their reserve lands at the eastern section of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue seem to be going very slow. This area had previously been scoped out for future development. Is Council in favour of this? Infrastructure Development Branch would have to be involved as well in regards to bringing water/sewer to this area.

For Council's consideration.

Council was in favour of looking at the possible development of Block 35 Lots 4-8 prior to the conclusion of the negotiations with Dept. of Education.

**j) Landfill Update**

We received an email from Dave Albisser stating that the groundwork at the landfill is supposed to happen in the fall 2022, however, the weigh scales may not be installed until summer 2023. Dave Albisser called stating that following the Mayor's and Public Works Manager's landfill tour with the Minister on June 27<sup>th</sup>, he received a draft agreement. Once he has reviewed it, he will forward it to us for our review.

YG is also looking into providing an attendant shed for the landfill in August/September this year. For Council's information.

**k) Reservoir update**

Budget Plumbing and WSP were on site mid-July to thoroughly inspect the old reservoir. They discovered that there are some issues with the old reservoir, however, they proceeded to fill the old reservoir over a number of days to check on its structural soundness. We expect to hear more once the Engineer has finished his report. For Council's information.

**l) Water/sewer main line work**

The contractor was on site July 14<sup>th</sup> to start the project. Due to it being late in the season already, they are planning to tackle the sewer replacement on Center Street only, and wait until 2023 to do 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue replacements. For Council's information. Councilor Andre inquired why the dug-up soil from the project had not been placed at the old Blue Box site. This information will be provided to Council once received.

**m) Municipal Health Care Plan**

We received information from AYC that they negotiated an overall increase of 1.5% for the Health Care Plan that all Yukon Municipalities are part of, rather than the 5.5% increase that Canada Life had requested. This increase will come into effect in September 2022. For Council's information.

**n) Staff House Foundation**

Please see the email from Pine Ridge Modular regarding the foundation of the staff house that will be delivered in 2023. What is Council's preference? We need to know soon, so we are able to prepare the lot accordingly.

Council stated that they do not want to put in a cement foundation. The house will be placed on blocks provided by Pine Ridge Modular. The Village will investigate the soil condition at the property to determine the extent of the excavation and backfill that would have to be done this fall. We also need to check out the existing water/sewer residential service and confirm that it is acceptable.

**o) Staff House Rentals**

The recent Wildland fires in the Silver Trail area and the requirement for additional personnel in the community (Emergency Support Services, Wildland Fire Information Officer) during a time that is usually very busy and other accommodations are not available, brought to the forefront the question about what rental cost the Village should charge for the use of the Village's Staff House. We have had a Staff house rental policy in place since 2016, however, we did not attach a daily rental charge to the policy. We've polled the local establishments to inquire about their nightly room rentals to provide Council information for consideration.

Council stated that the Staff House is meant for Village Staff and Contractors that work on Village Projects. Only when there are other extenuating circumstances, or during emergency situations could the Staff house be rented to others, if there is no other accommodation in the community or area. In that case Council suggested that if one person is renting the House, the nightly charge would be \$125.00; for double occupancy \$150.00 per night; and if there are three people sharing the space it would be \$175.00 per night. The Staff House Policy will be amended to state this.

**p) Recycling Center/Free Store**

Our Free Store employee informed us that she had a personal emergency and needed time off until the end of July. A community member heard about this and applied for the Free Store position; however, this position is currently not vacant. Would Council consider hiring an auxiliary for the Free Store position, or would you prefer to keep the facility closed during the employee's absence (sick time, vacation, etc.)?

Council discussed this and agreed that since this is a casual position for 16 hours per week, that the position could be backfilled during the regular employee's absences.

**q) Water/Sewer Project Work**

NND requested that YG provide them with all information about the Village's water/sewer project, reports, etc. They want to ensure that they get the same piping installed that the Village has since "East End" water/sewer lines are connected to the Village's system. Does Council approve that YG releases all the Village's water/sewer information to NND?

Council was questioning why all water/sewer information from inside Village boundaries would be needed. They thought that NND would only need the water and sewer pipe dimensions to replace water/sewer main lines in the East End and to connect to the Village's system. More information will be requested to clarify this request.

**r) Arts Fest Claim**

On July 1<sup>st</sup> we were able to host the Mayo Arts Festival again, after a two-year break. We'll submit the claim to obtain the approved funding in the near future. For Council's information.

**s) Senior leadership change at YG Justice**

We received a letter from Premier Silver stating that the previous Minister of Justice, John Phelps, has left the Government of Yukon to take on a new role as Judge of the Territorial Court of Yukon. Jeff ford has been appointed as acting Deputy Minister of Justice. For Council's information.

**t) Museum's Strategy**

YG hired Mark Nelson of Cambio Consulting to conduct consultations for the new Museums Strategy. Is Council interested in meeting with Mark Nelson about this? Council said they would like to discuss this with the consultant at the September 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**u) Thank you from Hands of Hope Group**

The Hands of Hope Group sent an thank you note to Council for allowing them to do the landfill fence cleanup for the \$1,000 donation. For Council's information.

**v) Geothermal Policy Review**

The Village just received the letter from Minister Streicker that was dated July 25, 2022 notifying us of the engagement for geothermal resources legislation. The engagement period is from June 22 to August 16, 2022. Comments are due August 19<sup>th</sup>. Since we only have one meeting in the summer months, this is not enough time to review this information and to comment by August 16. It could affect the Village of Mayo since we are planning to drill 2 new warm water wells in 2023. Therefore, we'll ask for an extension to the comment period.

**MOTION      2022-08-04**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**THAT:**                      The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of August 3, 2022, be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**



ii) Clerk-Treasurer Report

a) Comparative Income Statement as of June 2022

MOTION 2022-08-05

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

THAT: The Comparative Income Statement for the month of June 2022 be approved.

In Favour: 4

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**

a) RCMP Report for July 2022

Heard previously.

b) Fire Fighter Incentive for July 2022

MOTION 2022-08-06

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

THAT: The monthly fire fighter incentive in the amount of \$100 be paid to Riley Genier for the month of July 2022 as chosen by a random draw from the list of eligible volunteer fire fighters.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

7. **Acceptance of Reports from Village boards and committees established by the Council and consideration of any recommendations therefrom.**

Nothing presented.

**8. Notices of Motions be considered**

Nothing presented.

**9. General Correspondence**

Nothing presented.

**10. Hearings of Delegations and Individuals**

Council asked Carolyn Moore if she had any items to discuss with Council? Carolyn mentioned that Kirsti Devries is leaving on a temporary assignment. Damien Burns is now ADM of Community Affairs, and YG will be hiring a new Community Advisor.

**11. Question Period**

Nothing presented.

**12. New and Unfinished Business**

Nothing presented.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer