

VILLAGE OF MAYO
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
of Wednesday December 2, 2020
Village of Mayo Council Chambers

Present

Council: Mayor Scott Bolton
Councilor Joann Aird
Councilor Carol Knight
Councilor Trevor Ellis
Councilor Blair Andre

CAO: Margrit Wozniak

Acting Clerk Treasurer: Barbara Barchen

Absent: Public Works Manager Scott Hamilton

1. Call to order

Mayor Scott Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 2020-12-01

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 November 18, 2020 Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION 2020-12-02

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2020 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

4. Approval of Accounts Payable

Nothing presented.

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

Nothing presented.

6. a) Mayor's Report

Mayor Bolton informed Council that he met with YEC today via phone. They will be leaving the Mayo River at 15-16 cu m/sec until the ice cover develops. YEC is having trouble managing high water levels at Mayo Lake. We need ice coverage. There is no frazzle ice yet but there is some sunken ice. YEC employees are monitoring the Mayo River situation daily. Councillor Ellis noted that there are no wet areas by Mitford's currently. The Mayo River water level has come down since yesterday. Guy Morgan will try to get to Mayo next week. Mayor Bolton asked (in the meeting with YEC) who would pay for equipment if it was needed to prevent flooding (no answer was given).

Councillor Ellis attended the Zoom meeting with Yukon Housing as Mayor Bolton was away. YHC is planning on building a multi-unit housing complex in Mayo – 4 or 6 units, with location(s) yet to be chosen. The duplex on the corner of 6th Avenue and Laurier Street (that was damaged by fire) will be replaced with 4 single occupancy units (and the old duplex building will be torn down). YHC stated there is an overcrowding problem in Mayo, but as Councillor Ellis said, it is more of an under-utilization problem (ie. one person staying in a 3-bedroom house). The meeting continued after the YG internet went down, and boundary expansion was discussed. It was agreed that VOM does not have the capacity to consider increasing the boundaries at this time. NND mentioned that they are contemplating purchasing the North Star Motel for Social Housing. Councillor Ellis stated that this would make the already existing shortage of hotel rooms in Mayo worse. Contractors need hotel rooms available when they have work to do in Mayo. Councilor Ellis also met with the RCMP Superintendent.

b) Administration

i) CAO Report of Wednesday December 2, 2020

a) AYC Board Meeting

The AYC Board meeting held on December 5, 2020 will be held via zoom.

Mayor Bolton (AYC Executive Member), Councilor Blair Andre (Board Member) and the CAO are planning to attend. For Council's information.

Mayor and Council discussed the proposed sale of the AYC office/condo. They are not in favour of a sale at this time.

a) AYC Strategic Plan

Council tabled this document at the last meeting. For further review and discussion.

Council recommended coming up with a few guidelines, and not look too far ahead (ie. shorter, more concrete goals)

b) Mask Wearing Policy

I've drafted a Village of Mayo Policy regarding the wearing of masks in Village of Mayo facilities & equipment based on the YG HR directive. For Council's review / approval.

MOTION **2020-12-03**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

Whereas the Village of Mayo wants to follow the Yukon Government Directive in regards to the requirement for mandatory mask usage by the Village of Mayo Staff, Council and the public when in a Village of Mayo facility or vehicle or equipment, and

Whereas it is advisable to follow YG directive to reduce the spread of covid-19, now therefore

Be it resolved that The Village of Mayo Council adopt the Mandatory Mask Policy as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

Councillor Andre asked what is happening with Victoria Gold and Alexco right now. Councillor Ellis said all the mines are isolating out of Territory workers in the same way.

c) Infrastructure Priority List

YG sent us the infrastructure priority list for Village of Mayo planned projects that we had submitted to them a few years ago. Some of the items have been completed, are nearing completion, have received funding but have not started yet, and then there are a few proposed projects. Council's priorities may have changed over the years. YG is asking Council to review the list provided and to update the projects by priority.

Council discussed their priorities briefly and asked the CAO to draft an updated list for the next Council meeting.

d) FMO MOU

Council tabled this document at the last Council meeting. For further review and discussion. Council decided to table this item again.

e) Update on the Yukon Motor Vehicles Act Rewrite

We received a letter from Paul McConnell, DM of HPW, to provide an update on the status of this project. For Council's information.

The letter didn't say what they are planning to change. Council would like to receive an update on the proposed changes before they are finalized in the Act.

f) Thank you to YEC

Staff from YEC assisted us by placing the Christmas pole lights and tourism banners. For Council's information. Mayor Bolton will thank them personally.

g) Census

We received notice that the Federal Government is planning to a census in May 2021. For Council's information.

h) Donation Request

We received a letter from the MVFD asking Council for a donation towards the annual fundraiser for Christmas Gifts. For Council's consideration. Council agreed to donate \$500.

i) Housing Initiatives Meeting

Mayor Bolton has a zoom meeting with Minister Streicker and Minister Frost on December 1, 2020 to discuss Housing Initiatives. Councilor Ellis attended meeting on behalf of Mayor Bolton, and informed Council of the discussions held previously during the Mayor's report.

j) Subdivision of YG Lot

Further to the encroachment issue of an NND house that is located partially on a YG lot, we've been contacted by YG. If YG decides to subdivide the lot and sell the portion that the cabin encroaches on to NND, they could at the same time subdivide this lot even further into two smaller lots. YG asked what Council's preference would be? Council said they have no preference. YG should be dealing with NND regarding this.

k) New Fire Hall Signage

We received a question from the YG Project Manager regarding the sign that will be at the new Fire Hall Building, indicating the function of the building. There had been a question if it would be called "Mayo Fire Hall", or "Mayo Fire Hall and Emergency Services". The sign that is on our old Fire Hall says "Mayo Fire Hall and Ambulance Station". We could just re-use the sign, and YHC and CIBC will most likely put up their own signage. For Council's consideration. Ideas suggested were: "Mayo Fire Hall & Emergency Services" or "Mayo Fire Hall & EMS".

l) Mayo WTP Reservoirs

A recent CBC news article stated that YG has filed a statement of claim against Wildstone Construction and Engineering Ltd. over several deficiencies pertaining to its work on Mayo's two new Reservoirs. For Council's information.

m) Fifth Yukon Resource Gateway Project agreement

There was a news release pertaining to a Yukon Resource Gateway Project Agreement that was recently signed with the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation. For Council's information.

n) Use of Staff House

The electrical contractor scheduled the lighting replacement work for mid to late January 2021. Using the Staff House was part of the contract we had entered into with the contractor. We now received a request from our Fire Hall Contractor, if he and two others would be able to use the Village's Staff House for the last few weeks of the Fire Hall project, since their rental accommodations were no longer available as of November 30, 2020. They are hoping to be done with the project by December 21, 2020 at the latest. The contractor managed to make other arrangements.

o) Landfill Attendant Shed

As per Council's wishes, I've contacted Dave Albisser at YG to inquire if he would have funds available to purchase an insulated office trailer for a landfill attendant shed. The trailer is currently used by the Fire Hall Contractor. Dave advised us that he has no funds for such a purchase at this time. He mentioned that Gas Tax Funds could be used for such a purchase. For Council's discussion and consideration. Council discussed this and is not interested in purchasing the trailer.

p) Covid meeting with YG

There will be a zoom meeting with YG & Dr. Hanley on December 3, 2020 at 3 pm. For Council's information.

q) South McQuesten-Water Management Approach

We received an email from YG Environment, seeking input on which approach is preferred. For Council's consideration. Council did not have any comments at this time.

r) MMIWG Strategy

Councilor Aird is planning to participate in the signing ceremony on December 10th via zoom on behalf of the Village of Mayo. For Council's information.

s) Fire Smart funding

We received a letter from the Director of YG Wildland Fire Management stating that YG would like to offer us a Transfer Payment Agreement of \$10,000 to support our efforts in addressing the wildfire hazard facing our community. This funding can be applied to assisting in the development of Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Mayo through honoraria for steering committee members, meeting expenses, community outreach, or other related costs. Alternatively, this funding can be utilized to enhance Fire Smart vegetation management projects focused on reducing forest fuels in and around Mayo. If Council is interested in this, we need to let them know by December 11th. Council expressed interest. Details will have to be worked out.

t) Christmas Lights Display Contest

The Mayo Community Club is once again doing its annual Christmas Lights Display Contest. Council has in the past provided a donation towards prize money for this contest. What would Council like to donate towards this?

MOTION 2020-12-04

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

Whereas the Council for the Village of Mayo is in support of having a Christmas Lights Display contest as in previous years, and

Whereas the Mayo Community Club is organizing a Christmas Lights Display contest, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Council for the Village of Mayo donates \$250 to the Mayo Community Club for the 2020 Christmas Lights Display contest.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

u) Interest Charges for outstanding Property Tax and Water/Sewer Accounts

There are outstanding interest charges for property tax and water/sewer accounts that have not been recorded to date. Council was asked for their direction in regards to charging the various accounts. Council stated that interest charges are to be invoiced for non payment.

MOTION **2020-12-05**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of December 2, 2020 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

ii) **Clerk Treasurer Report**

a) **Comparative Income Statement as at September 30, 2020**

MOTION **2020-12-06**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The Comparative Income Statement for the month of September 2020 be approved.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

b) **Comparative Income Statement as at October 31, 2020**

MOTION **2020-12-07**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The Comparative Income Statement for the month of October 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**

Nothing presented.

v) **Protective Services**

a) **Monthly Fire Department Draw for November, 2020**

MOTION **2020-12-08**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The monthly fire fighter incentive in the amount of \$100 be paid to Dominic Berleth for the month of November, 2020 as chosen by a random draw from the list of eligible volunteer fire fighters.

In Favour: 5

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**

Nothing presented.

10. **Hearings of Delegations and Individuals**

Nothing presented.

11. **Question Period**

Nothing presented.

12. **New and Unfinished Business**

Purchasing an hybrid/electric car and a possible YG rebate were briefly mentioned.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer