

**VILLAGE OF MAYO**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**of Wednesday, January 19, 2022**  
**Village of Mayo Council Chambers**

**Present  
Council:**

Mayor Trevor Ellis  
Councilor Blair Andre  
Councilor Joann Aird  
Councilor Simeon Paschuk  
Councilor Brent Chapman

**CAO:** Margrit Wozniak

**Public Works Manager:** Scott Hamilton

**Clerk Treasurer:** Barbara Barchen

**Public:** Mayo-Tatchun MLA, Jeremy Harper  
Mayo-Tatchun MLA's EA, Aaron Casselman (zoom)

1. **Call to order**  
Mayor Trevor Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION      2022-01-08**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk      **Seconded by:** Blair Andre

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

In Favour: 5                                      Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

3. **Adoption of the January 5, 2022 Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes.**

**MOTION**      **2022-01-09**

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

**THAT:**                      The minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2022 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5    Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

4. **Approval of Accounts Payable to December 31, 2021**

**MOTION**      **2022-01-10**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk                      **Seconded by:** Blair Andre

**THAT:**                      The Accounts Payable to December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$293, 087.70 be approved for payment in total.

In Favour: 5    Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

5. **Introduction and Consideration of First, Second, and Third Readings of Bylaws**  
a) Third and final reading of bylaw #346, a bylaw to undertake a charge against real properties with outstanding amounts owing to the Village of Mayo in respect to the service provided to the real property.

**MOTION**      **2022-01-11**

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

**Be it resolved**  
**that:**                      Bylaw #346 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**

**Moved to item 10 a) MLA Jeremy Harper at this time.**

Council discussed the current YG Covid restrictions with MLA Harper. They are felt to be unfair to small communities which have been suffering with mental health, drug and alcohol issues and these restrictions only make things worse. MLA Harper promised that he would discuss these community concerns with the Minister of Health and Social Services. It is felt that YG's restrictions are contradicting and lack scientific information which causes further confusion and frustration.

There was some discussion on Gina Nagano's safety officer program, which is in the works for Mayo. Village of Mayo Council would like to meet with the Wellness Committee and come up with some specific items that VOM could help with in lobbying YG. Mayor Ellis would like to speak with Minister McPhee again regarding their initial discussion, and her subsequent response, which was not acceptable.

Councillor Andre spoke about the staffing situation at the Mayo Health Centre. He said that YG is in direct contravention of the Collective Agreement. There is serious concern, and has been for several years, about the staffing situation and how YG is dealing with it. MLA Harper spoke about how Selkirk First Nation negotiated having a Council member on the hiring committee for RCMP members.

There was discussion on the high electricity rates, in communities in particular. YG is trying to push electric heat in the Yukon even with these high rates.

MLA Harper and his Executive Assistant left the meeting at this time.

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

**b) Administration**

i) CAO Report of Wednesday January 19, 2022

**a) Animal Control Bylaw**

Council scheduled a special meeting for January 18, 2022 at 7 pm to discuss the draft Village of Mayo Animal Control Bylaw, that is based on the City of Whitehorse Animal Control Bylaw, with suggestions from Village of Mayo Council members.

A revised draft bylaw had been emailed to Council prior to the special meeting.

A few additional changes were suggested. Council asked that the draft bylaw be sent to the RCMP and NND Council for information and possible input. Council is hoping to have 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the new bylaw at the next Council meeting.

**b) Health and Wellness in Mayo**

We received a letter that was forwarded by citizens to Minister McPhee on January 7, 2022, in response to the Ministers' letter of December 16, 2021, and the original letter and petition that went to the Minister of Health and Social Services in October, regarding the opioid crisis in Mayo. For Council's information.

Mayor Ellis would like to schedule a meeting with several people involved with Health and Wellness in Mayo (ie. Wellness Worker, RCMP, EMS, a Mayo Health Centre Nurse, etc.) to find out what is needed in order to lobby for what is needed.

**c) Water Treatment Plant project**

Budget Plumbing returned to Mayo the week of January 11<sup>th</sup> to continue with the installation of the propane heating system, and removal of the fuel oil heating system at the Water Treatment Plant. For Council's information.

Scott Hamilton stated that work on the water treatment plant is going well.

**d) Solid Waste Management Plan**

Council is reminded of the meeting scheduled with Tetra Tech on January 27, 2022 at 7 pm to start discussions about the future operation of the Mayo Solid Waste Site.

AYC emailed a reminder that we need to apply for the landfill lease because the process will take 6-12 months to complete. There are questions in the application document that I am not able to answer at this time. The application document is attached for information. The AYC Executive Director stated that Dennis Shewfelt can assist with filling out this document. The current SWMP is also included in the meeting package for Councils' information prior to the meeting with Tetra Tech.

For Council's information.

**e) Better Building Program (BBP)**

AYC sent the Terms of Reference for the BBP working group. The Working Group is to develop recommendations and an opt-in agreement between YG and participating municipal governments that adequately addresses the administrative workload and removes barriers for municipalities to participate using the local improvement tax mechanism. The working group's first meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2022. AYC will keep us updated on the discussions held regarding the BBP. Councilor Andre's question regarding if home insurance is necessary as part of this program was brought forward to the working group. For Council's information.

**f) Letter from Yukon Liquor Corporation**

We inquired about the letter we sent to the Liquor Corporation informing them of the shut-down of the Recycling Center and the Mayo Liquor Store potentially accepting recycling as they have done in the past. We just received their response. For Council's information.

It was felt to be odd that the letter received stated that there is not enough staff at the Mayo Liquor Store to take on any more duties. However, 3 or 4 people work at the Mayo Liquor Store on a regular basis. Council asked that other Yukon Liquor Stores and Recycling Centers be contracted about their procedures in regards to recycling and what might make their recycling operations successful.

**g) AYC AGM 2022**

We received an email from AYC stating that they will try to hold the May 2022 AGM in person in Whitehorse. In case covid restrictions at the time will prevent an in-person meeting, it will be easier to switch to a virtual meeting. The plan is to have a one-day conference and a half-day business meeting on May 13 and 14, 2022.

For Council's information.

**h) OCP/Zoning**

Following the discussions with Council at the last meeting, we've extended the due date to January 26, 22 for receipt of the proposal. For Council's information.

**i) Covid testing at mine sites**

Concern was expressed that mine sites may no longer be testing employees at the beginning of shift changes. We also heard that mine employees are still self-isolating in Whitehorse. Is this something Council is concerned with?

Carolyn Moore checked into this and found that the mines are testing symptomatic people, but are no longer testing on arrival and departure now. Council asked that Staff check with Victoria Gold and Alexco about their current covid procedures.

**j) Letter from CAMA**

The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators sent a letter to the CAO expressing thanks for providing leadership during the pandemic. For Council's information.

**k) Mayo Community Center Controls Project**

We've been in contact with YG Energy Branch regarding upgrading the Community Center Controls and systems. There are approx. \$150,000 left from the IEEP funding which will be fully paid by YG. The remainder of the project costs must be split 75% YG funds and 25% Village of Mayo funds. It is estimated that it could cost the Village approx. \$65,000. Council discussed that the Community Center controls replacement project must go ahead and that they would put the funds as stated above towards this project.

Councillor Andre stated that training and regular maintenance on new systems is required for the operation of any building systems.

**MOTION 2022-01-12**

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

Whereas      The Village of Mayo Community Center controls system has not been operating properly and efficiently for a number of years, and

Whereas      the Village of Mayo has been in contact with the Yukon Government Energy Branch for replacement of the Community Center controls system, and

Whereas      approximately \$150,000 are still remaining from the IEEP funds that will be 100% YG covered by YG, and

Whereas      the remaining project costs can be funded 75% by YG and 25% by the Village of Mayo, and

Whereas the cost estimate for this entire project is approx. \$400,000.00, and the Village's 25% portion is estimated to be approx. 65,000.00, now therefore

Be it resolved that: The Council for the Village of Mayo agrees to proceed with the project to replace the Mayo Community Center controls system, and

Be it further Resolved that: The Village of Mayo agrees to pay for their share of this project, estimated to be approx. \$65,000.00.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

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**CARRIED**

**MOTION 2022-01-13**

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

**THAT:** The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of January 19, 2022 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

ii) **Clerk Treasurer Report**

a) Comparative Income Statement as at December 31, 2021

**MOTION 2022-01-14**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**THAT:** The Comparative Income Statement of December, 2021 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**

Nothing presented.

**10. Hearings of Delegations and Individuals**

a) MLA Jeremy Harper. Heard previously.

**11. Question Period**

Nothing presented.

**12. New and Unfinished Business**

Nothing presented.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer