

**VILLAGE OF MAYO**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**of Wednesday, July 12, 2023**  
**Village of Mayo Council Chambers**

**Present**

**Council:** Mayor Trevor Ellis  
Councilor Simeon Paschuk  
Councilor Brent Chapman

**CAO:** Margrit Wozniak

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Barbara Barchen

**Public:** RCMP Corporal, Colin Lanthier-Dubois

**Absent:** Councilor Blair Andre  
Councilor Joann Aird

1. **Call to order**  
Mayor Trevor Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION 2023-07-01**

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

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

In Favour: 3    Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

3. **Adoption of the June 28, 2023 Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 2023-07-02**

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

**THAT:** The minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2023 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5    Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Accounts Payable to June 30, 2023**

**MOTION 2023-07-03**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**THAT:** The Accounts Payable to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$165,937.34 be approved for payment in total.

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

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

**a) Third and final reading of bylaw #356, Council meeting indemnities**

**MOTION 2023-07-04**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**Be it resolved**

**that:** Bylaw #356 having been read a first and second time and studied clause by clause now be given third and final reading.

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

**Moved to item 6 b) v) a) RCMP Report for June 2023**

Cpl Lanthier-Dubois went over the monthly RCMP Report with Council. Mayor Ellis said that people in the community are asking where things are at with the homicides. Cpl Lanthier-Dubois said that the case is constantly being worked on. Mayor Ellis mentioned that he is considering putting out another flyer regarding asking people to speak up if they have information that could be helpful to the police. He asked the Cpl. what his sense is regarding the current drug scene in Mayo. Cpl. Lanthier-Dubois mentioned that it seems that the bad drug use has calmed down.

Councilor Chapman raised a concern over a local resident driving a piece of farm equipment on the highway at a very slow speed. It was agreed that the person should be asked to put a reflective triangle on the back of the piece of equipment.

## **6) a) Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ellis discussed the recent Mayo Health Centre closure with Council. Mayor and Council are very unhappy about the Health Centre closure. YG Health & Social Services waited until 2 days prior to the closure to tell the community about this happening. During the Health Centre closure, Mayo's one and only ambulance was sent to Dawson to take a patient to medical staff there to arrange for a medevac, which left the community without EMS coverage for about 8 hours. This is unacceptable. Fortunately, Mayor Ellis convinced EMS to send a second ambulance and 2 paramedics to Mayo during the Health Centre closure.

Mayor Ellis spoke about the recent structure fire just outside of town.

## **b) Administration**

### **i) CAO Report of Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

#### **a) Long-term Financial Sustainability of Yukon Communities**

We received the copy of a letter AYC President Laking wrote to Minister Mostyn. For Council's information.

#### **b) Animal Protection and Control Act**

YG could come to Mayo in late August to hold a public meeting regarding the new Animal Protection and Control Act. Which dates would work for Council? Council said that late August would work for a public meeting.

#### **c) Mayo Landfill tipping fees**

As per Council's wishes, I have signed the interim landfill agreement and returned it to YG. A TPA will be issued to the Village, following by the payment of 50% of the agreed to funding amount. Council now has to look at the tipping fees and the permit fees so our bylaw fits within the interim landfill agreement requirements.

In the agreement the definition of tipping fees is: fees charged by the Regional Waste Management Facility to all facility users per unit, or per unit of volume or mass, for waste disposed of at the facility.

##### **2.1 Tipping Fees**

2.1.1. will work toward developing a waste management bylaw that establishes sorting requirements and tipping fees at the Regional Waste Management Facility.

2.1.2. agrees that when implemented, all residential users of the Regional Waste Management Facility will be charged the same tipping fees. Some variation from one municipality to the other is expected due to individual operation practices.

YG stated that: if Mayo will change the mention of annual landfill permit fees to annual tipping fees, that could suffice to meet the requirements, so long as there is a method for tracking i.e. a punch card system for permit users with costs exceeding permit allowances paid, this should be adequate.

Council stated that they would consider changing the section in the landfill bylaw that mentions yearly landfill permits for residential users to tipping fees for a certain number of bags of residential waste. Did Council have a chance to consider what the change should be going forward?

Council discussed the issue of charging tipping fees and how it could be worded in the bylaw. A draft change will be presented to Council at a future meeting.

**d) Fire-Fill at Water Treatment Plant**

The issue of the fire-fill at the water treatment plant being slower than it used to be before some changes were made on the piping inside the Water Treatment Plant was mentioned by Fire Department members. This may be an issue for the Fire Department during a fire. We'll ask the YG Project Manager regarding this and what can be done to rectify this. For Council's information.

**e) Cement Containment Basin in front of Water Treatment Plant**

We've had an inquiry regarding the cement containment basin that was used when we had a fuel tank there to heat the Water Treatment Plant with a diesel furnace. The fuel tank had been removed, when the propane boiler was installed, however, the cement basin remains. Does Council have any use for this basin?

Council has no use for this basin. If it can be removed free of charge to the Village then Council is in favor of its removal. Council asked that the person cleans up the removal site and puts a small bench at this location for bulk water haulers to rest while they are filling up their bulk water tanks. Also, the bulk fill station at this location needs a better cover over it to keep the snow/rain out of the system.

**f) Old Reservoir Update**

After approval from EHS, the old reservoir was cleaned by Crystal Clear, and then we started to fill it. A leak was detected, so we needed to drain the old reservoir, and have the leak fixed. Then the reservoir needed to be cleaned and filled again, sending water samples for lab analysis at various intervals during the filling process.

For Council's information.

**g) Water/sewer project update**

YG, WSP, and the Village had a meeting with representatives from Sidhu Trucking on July 6, 2023. Sidhu's crew will return to Mayo beginning of August and continue to work on sewer main line replacements, new connections to YG Administration Building, the Health Centre, and continue north on Centre Street this fall. The replacement of water main lines has to be delayed to 2024. For Council's information.

**h) Community Centre System Upgrades**

The Community Centre System Upgrade project is progressing as planned. Dynamic and HvacTech are on site. The YG Project Manager was in Mayo to check on their progress on June 6<sup>th</sup>. For Council's information.

**i) EMO training**

We received an invitation from Holistic to have an Introduction to Incident Command System on October 3, 2023 and Evacuations Training on October 4, 2023, from 9 am to 4 pm each day. For Council's information.

**j) Street signs in Mayo**

I've contacted the YG sign shop to inquire if they could assist us with new street signage inside Village boundaries. YG can assist by providing the metal poles and double-sided street signs (green background with white writing). Once we provide the number required, they can provide us with a quote to do this, which would include the installation. If we provide the required numbers soon, this project could be completed before winter. For Council's discussion.

**k) Binet House Paver Project**

The paver project in front of the Binet House, along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, started on July 4<sup>th</sup>. For Council's information.

**l) Yukon 125 Funding**

I've submitted an application to get a portion of the funding for the video project through Yukon 125. We were approved for \$7,500 of funding. However, we will have to do the video project in several phases, so we can provide a report and show how the funding was spent by October 31, 2023. For Council's information.

**m) Solid Waste Management Plan YESAB submission**

We received the draft YESAB submission for Mayo's SWMP. Once reviewed and accepted, it will be forwarded to YESAB for review. For Council's information.

**n) Air North Flights**

I've checked with Air North to receive an update regarding our Joint Council request for scheduled air service to Mayo. We received a reply that they would like us to contact YG and Health Canada to find out Government travel volumes and in particular medical travel bookings. In Air North's previous experience, the scheduled flights were not booking anywhere close to enough volumes to justify regular air service. Ben Ryan from Air North was not able to attend the August 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to further discuss this with Council. For Council's information and discussion.

Margrit Wozniak suggested that perhaps we should be talking to the Mining companies chartering the planes to Mayo, regarding whether or not empty seats could be made available to the public.

**o) Fire Pump**

Fire Chief Ellis mentioned that during the recent fire in the Silver Trail Subdivision, it became apparent that a high-volume pump would be very beneficial to transfer water from one tanker to the next in areas where there are no hydrants. Council agreed that this would be a good tool to add to the Fire Department equipment. Fire Chief Ellis will do some more research in regards to the best suited pump for this.

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

There will be a Silver Trail meeting on July 26, 2023 at 7 pm at the Yukon University. The draft agenda for this meeting has been provided to Council for information. Councilor Simeon Paschuk is the Village's representative on the Silver Trail CC&TA.

**q) Quick connect coupler for new backhoe**

We received the quote from Finning to put a quick connect coupler on the front of the new backhoe, so our Public Works Staff will be able to use the many attachments we have purchased over the years. The machine would have to be taken to Whitehorse to do this work. Council agreed to go ahead with this so the attachments can be used with the new backhoe as well.

**r) Properties and Developments**

The CAO is looking into a few properties in the community where there were some concerns in regards to development, zoning and water/sewer hookup, etc. Emails/letters have been written and will be followed up on. For Council's information.

**MOTION 2023-07-05**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**THAT:** The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of July 12, 2023, be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

**ii) Clerk-Treasurer Report**

**a) Comparative Income Statement as of June, 2023**

**MOTION 2023-07-06**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**THAT:** The Comparative Income Statement for the month of June 2023 be approved.

In Favour: 3

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 June 2023** – Heard previously.
  - b) **Fire fighter incentive for June 2023**

**MOTION**      **2023-07-07**

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

**THAT:**                      The monthly fire fighter incentive in the amount of \$100 be paid to Simeon Paschuk for the month of June 2023 as chosen by a random draw from the list of eligible volunteer fire fighters.

In Favour: 3

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**  
Councilor Paschuk inquired about the dog waste stations. The CAO stated that the Public Works Staff has been too busy to place these, however, a RFP can be put out to have a local contractor do the work.

**12. New and Unfinished Business**

Nothing presented.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer