

VILLAGE OF MAYO
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
of Wednesday, July 3, 2024
Village of Mayo Council Chambers

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

CAO: Margrit Wozniak

Public Works Manager: Aaron Shaban

Clerk-treasurer: Barbara Barchen

Absent: Councilor Blair Andre
Councilor Joann Aird

1. Call to order

Mayor Trevor Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 2024-07-01

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Simeon Paschuk

THAT: The agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the June 19, 2024 Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION 2024-07-02

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Simeon Paschuk

THAT: The minutes of the meeting of June 19, 2024, be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

4. Approval of Accounts Payable

Nothing presented.

**5. Introduction and Consideration of First, Second, and Third Readings of Bylaws
a) Introduction and possible first and second reading of bylaw #364, a bylaw of the Village of Mayo to regulate the conduct of the Municipal Election.**

MOTION 2024-07-03

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Simeon Paschuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Mayor Trevor Ellis introduce Bylaw #364, a bylaw of the Village of Mayo to regulate the conduct of the Municipal Election.

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

MOTION 2024-07-04

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Simeon Paschuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Bylaw #364 be given first and second reading.

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

6. a) Mayor's Report

Mayor Ellis met with various representatives regarding the Victoria Gold situation. He kept his comments to how the situation affects our community. He was somewhat perplexed by official comments that were made about keeping Mayo's drinking water safe as we are in a completely different water shed than the area that was affected by the Victoria Gold incident. Councilor Chapman stated that in light of NND's recent statement there will be a lot of questions. Mayor Ellis plans to state that mining is very important to this community and the Yukon, and nothing comes without risk. He feels that Victoria Gold, NND and YG had the best intentions when this mining project was started and continued until the unfortunate accident.

Mayor Ellis said that Mayo is still on Evacuation Alert and that door to door notification was done by Fire Department members recently.

b) Administration

i) CAO Report of Wednesday, July 3, 2024

a) Elections bylaw

I've prepared the 2024 Municipal Elections Bylaw for Council's review and 1st and 2nd reading.

b) Solid Waste Management Permit

We received the draft Solid Waste Management Permit for our review and comments. The highlighted sections are changes from the previous permit.

Does Council have any comments pertaining to the items listed in the permit?

YG is expecting our answer by July 5th at the latest.

Mayor Ellis stated his concern, that more and more requests will be put in permits in the future which will cost the Village a lot of money.

c) Landfill Scale project

The cement bases for the weigh scale have been poured. The project is ongoing.

The attendant shed is being worked on. For Council's information.

d) ELV removal

Urban Auto Recycling got delayed in Dawson. They will come to Mayo once the job in Dawson is completed. For Council's information.

e) Water Infrastructure Project

The project is ongoing. The temporary watermain has been installed along Center Street and Fourth Avenue. The contractor has excavated down to the watermain valves.

For Council's information.

f) Reservoir and Well-Tie in Projects

The projects are ongoing. The Cement for reservoir pads has not been poured yet. Wildstone does not want to risk the cement truck to be stopped in Pelly due to the wildfires. For Council's information.

The cement pads have now been poured. One of the cement trucks damaged the cement boards which were on a pallet close to the wall of the new Fire Hall. These boards were on a pallet next to the fire hall wall to be used for replacing the damaged boards at the new fire hall. The contractor was very apologetic and said that he would replace the damaged boards.

g) Pool Hot Water Heater

The large water heater we had installed for the pool showers and Zamboni hot water in 2017 burned out. This was an expensive water heater and only lasted 7 years. Our Public Works Manager did some research and will now go with an on-demand electric heater. The item is on order and should be in Mayo within a few weeks.

For Council's information.

h) Old Firehall

The tender was sent out to contractors that specify in this kind of work that requires hazard abatement. Names of local contractors were provided for potential subcontract work, such as removal of the cement slab. For Council's information.

Mayor Ellis said that allowing the asbestos to be placed into our landfill could be the Village's contribution to the project.

i) Fire Department Update

The Fire Department purchased a new BBQ and a trailer for the BBQ. This will make it much easier to move the BBQ around town to various locations. The new high volume water pump also arrived for the Fire Department. For Council's information.

When the SHOT team was in town for Canada Day, they tried out this new pump.

j) New Staff house fencing

The fencing around the new staff house was completed from June 17 to 20, 2024. For Council's information.

The Fencing crew should be back in Mayo next week to do the North Star Park fence. Aaron Shaban said they told him it should cost about \$8,000 to do both sides.

k) Animal Control Officer

The deadline for receiving proposals for ACO was June 27, 2024. No proposals were received. We'll extend the deadline into July and repost this. For Council's information.

l) Victoria Gold land slide

On June 24, 2024 a landslide compromised the heap leach facility at Victoria Gold. The incident is being investigated by the appropriate government departments and water samples have been obtained for testing. The mine halted operations.

Most of Victoria Gold's mine employees were laid off and moved out of camp. Only essential workers remain on site. Then on June 26, a wildfire caused by lightning burned along the Victoria Gold Access Road and close to the Mine site, prompting the closure of the access road. The wildfire also burned several power poles which led YEC to shut down the power line to the mine site. Victoria Gold is now relying on their generators. For Council's information.

m) Village and NND meeting regarding emergency preparedness

Representatives of NND and the Village met on June 27th to discuss emergency preparedness. A householder will be put out reminding residents to be prepared for emergencies such as a wildfire close to Mayo.

For Council's information.

n) CIBC Staffing

CIBC Mayo Branch is looking for a new contractor starting September 1, 2024.

Their existing contractor is not renewing the contract. For Council's information.

o) Upcoming BBQ events

Kate White is planning a BBQ in Mayo for July 28, 2024, at the Ihdzi Building. The Village of Mayo Council is invited to attend.

Several Council members mentioned that they will be out of town that day.

Mayor Ellis mentioned that MLA Jeremy Harper also wants to do a BBQ in Mayo.

Council suggested July 31, 2024, for this BBQ at Galena Park. Mayor Ellis also mentioned that Currie Dixon is planning to attend a future Council meeting.

p) Block 33 Lot 4

As per Council's request, we've checked into the above-named property. It is now owned by the Yukon Government. No update was provided by YG regarding this.

For Council's information.

q) Water Treatment Plant

As per Council's request, we've checked into the propane usage at the WTP. This year's consumption is right in line with the 2023 consumption. We hope this will reduce significantly, once the new warm water wells and new heat exchanger are operational.

For Council's information.

r) Electoral Boundaries

There will be a zoom meeting on Monday, July 15, 2024 from 5:30 – 7 pm with AYC and the Electoral Boundary Commission. For Council's information.

s) Mayo Video

Council was emailed the finished video about Mayo for review and potential comments. All of Council liked the video.

t) Cemetery Plaques

We've obtained a quote for 50 "RIP" plaques for the old wooden cemetery crosses that need replacement. These plaques will be \$80 each and are made out of strong plastic. Council discussed that this is quite expensive but it was needed as part of the ongoing cemetery maintenance. Council also discussed that metal plaques that had been done for another project in the area were much more expensive.

MOTION 2024-07-05

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Simeon Paschuk

THAT: The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of July 3, 2024, be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

- ii) **Clerk-Treasurer Report**
 - a) **Comparative Income Statement for May 2024**

MOTION **2024-07-06**

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Simeon Paschuk

THAT: The Comparative Income Statement for the month of May 2024 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**

Aaron Shaban told Council that the mechanic was back in Mayo and working on various Village vehicles and equipment. The Village's eavestrough project was completed and Lucas Johnson will start work on Monday as the PW Student Supervisor.

- v) **Protective Services**
 - a) **Firefighter incentive for June 2024**

MOTION **2024-07-07**

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Simeon Paschuk

THAT: The monthly firefighter incentive in the amount of \$100 be paid to Rylee Genier for the month of June 2024 as chosen by a random draw from the list of eligible volunteer firefighters.

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 0

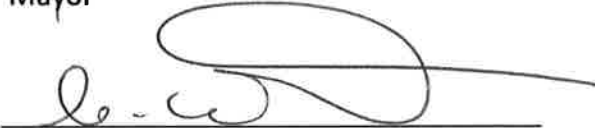
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Council discussed that the Fire Department is currently at capacity in regards to the number of members it is allowed as per the bylaw. Mayor/Fire Chief Ellis will speak to the members that have not been attending fire practice sessions and remove them from the fire department to allow for new members who are keen to join and want to do training to be able to be appointed to the Fire Department. Councilor Chapman said we need properly trained people on the Fire Dept.

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**
Nothing presented.
13. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm

Dep: 

Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer