

VILLAGE OF MAYO
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
of Wednesday, June 22, 2022
Village of Mayo Council Chambers

Present

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

CAO: Margrit Wozniak

Public Works Manager: Scott Hamilton

Clerk Treasurer: Barbara Barchen

Public: OCP, Dennis Shewfelt via zoom
Community Advisor, Carolyn Moore via zoom
Shona Sicotte, Mayo Resident

1. Call to order
Mayor Trevor Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-06-08

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 June 8, 2022, Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes.**

MOTION **2022-06-09**

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

THAT: The minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2022, be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 2

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 Ellis informed Council that he and the CAO recently had a meeting with Yukon Energy. YEC informed us that the Mayo Lake Reservoir is full from the spring runoff. When this happens, YEC is supposed to open all three valves at the control structure as per their water license. However, this would increase the flooding issues here in Mayo where the water levels are already very high and several residents have to keep sump pumps going on a regular basis to pump out their basements. The Village sent a letter of support to YEC to keep the valves throttled back to keep the flooding around Mayo to a minimum.

YG's Emergency Control Centre called on June 17th because of concerns with the rapid drop of the Stewart River levels that day. They were suspecting a possible blockage upriver. They flew up the Stewart River but did not find anything.

The Grand Opening of the new Mayo Firehall is on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 11 a.m.

b) Administration

i) CAO Report of Wednesday, June 22, 2022

a) Community Advisor in attendance

Carolyn Moore is planning to attend the Council meeting via zoom. For Council's information.

Council informed Carolyn of items they would like to discuss with Minister Mostyn at the upcoming dinner meeting on June 27th. Items are: the landfill, a new Fire Dept. Rescue Truck, information about CIBC's agreement with YG Finance in regards to services to the community of Mayo (eg. Are they allowed to close the branch for 2 weeks?)

Carolyn Moore said she will look into this and get back to us.

b) Official Community Plan

We received the updated policy statements and suggestions for the vision statement from the consultant. Dennis will attend the Council meeting via zoom, and the Joint Council meeting on June 23rd via zoom as well to discuss the Village's policy statements with NND Chief and Council. For Council's information.

The policies were reviewed again and some small changes were suggested.

Dennis mentioned that he is hoping that the Village will provide him with updated photos to incorporate into the new Community Plan.

Council reviewed the new draft vision statements and preferred option 1.

c) Meeting with Minister Mostyn

The dinner meeting with Minister Mostyn has been scheduled for June 27th at 6 pm in the Mayo Curling Lounge. What are Council's agenda items for discussion?

Council would like to discuss the landfill (that YG is putting in capital dollars but O&M dollars are needed, CIBC service-(closed for 2 weeks-is this allowed in their agreement with YG?), Nursing Station Staffing, Mayo's motion that passed at AYC AGM regarding YEC demand meters , and water/sewer project delays.

d) Mayo Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

Mayo's draft SWMP is attached for information and review. Public Works Staff and I have reviewed the draft and have a few comments. Our deadline for submitting the SWMP to YG is June 30, 2022. For Council's review and comments.

Council had reviewed the SWMP the CAO's review comments and agrees with the comments for revision.

e) Electoral Reform – Request for comments

We received a letter from Kate White, Chair of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform. The committee is to report to the Yukon Legislative Assembly its findings and recommendations on electoral reform. The committee is empowered to conduct public hearings. The committee is seeking input from across Yukon and would welcome comments from Mayo. The committee is conducting hybrid public hearings in Yukon Communities with the opportunity for both in-person and remote videoconference participation. The hearing for Mayo is scheduled for July 13, 2022, from 6-8 pm.

The committee also welcomes participation in the form of written submissions.

Individuals who would like to present their opinions to the Special Committee on Electoral Reform are encouraged to register in advance. For Council's information and consideration. Council did not have any comments at this time. Mayor Ellis stated that comments may also be submitted online.

f) Joint Council Meeting

We have scheduled a Joint Council meeting for June 23, 2022. Agenda Items are:

Community Safety Program, water/sewer project, company vehicles speeding, Recreation Fund, etc. What other items would Council like to discuss?

No other items were brought forward at this time.

g) New Staff Housing

We've obtained additional information regarding the prefab house Council is interested in. If a purchase agreement is entered into now, the delivery of the building would be June 2023. For review and decision.

MOTION 2022-06-11

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Blair Andre

Whereas The Village of Mayo Council is anticipating several staff retirements in the upcoming few years, and as an incentive for attracting qualified staff to the more senior positions they have been discussing providing staff housing, and

Whereas Council discussed building a house versus purchasing a prefab house, and

Whereas Council and Staff have researched a number of available options, and

Whereas the best option for the Village of Mayo's needs is a prefab unit from Pine Ridge Modular out of B.C., now therefore

Be it resolved that the Village of Mayo pre-order and purchase a 3 bedroom, 2 bath prefab house, 1296 sq ft, for the amount of \$446,660.33, to be delivered to Mayo in June 2023, and

Be it further resolved that the purchase price be taken out of infrastructure reserve funds, and

Be it further resolved that a deposit of \$22,333.02 is due upon ordering and the balance at a later date.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

h) Yukon Energy Corporation Update

I recently met with representatives from YEC. They are willing to give Council an update about their future capital projects, as well as provide a tour of the Mayo A and B sites. They would like to receive suggestions of a few possible dates that would work for the Council. For Council's consideration. Council suggested that the CAO contact YEC with a suitable date on a day when Council has no other meetings scheduled. Councilor Paschuk prefers Mondays to Wednesdays, when he is not away from the community for work reasons.

i) Meeting with Northern Study Students

The meeting with the Northern Study Students has been confirmed for 6 pm on July 6, 2022, prior to the start of the regular Council meeting. For Council's information.

j) Commissioner's Tea in honor of Her Majesty's Jubilee

Commissioner Bernard is planning to come to Mayo for a celebration in honor of the Queen's Jubilee on July 27, 2022 from 12-2 pm at the Curling Lounge. For Council's information.

k) Meeting with AYC President

As per Council's comments, I've contacted Laura to find out if President Laking would be able to come to the August 3, 2022 Council meeting, rather than for a separate meeting on August 4, as they had suggested. Laura confirmed that the AYC President was able to change his schedule and that he will be attending the August 3rd Council meeting. For Council's information.

l) Service Disruption at Community Health Centres

We received a letter from Minister McPhee addressed to First Nation Chiefs and Mayors stating that service disruptions may be possible in Community Health Centres due to acute staffing shortages. For Council's information.

m) Future Land Development Area

Following up on the discussion from the last meeting, we've contacted YG Land Development Branch and asked them to start a desktop survey (geotechnical, heritage, environmental, servicing, and access assessment work) on our behalf in the area south of Duncan Avenue where just over 50 vacant YG lots are located. Hannah, from LDB replied that she'll hire a consultant and that this survey would most likely take place in the fall since all consultants are very busy right now. For Council's information.

n) Dog Waste Stations

We have purchased 3 dog waste stations based on section 29 of our Animal Control Bylaw to assist dog owners with cleaning up after their dogs.

Suggestions for placement of these stations are Galena Park, Ball Park, Soccer Field behind the school, or by Emil Forest Park. Where would Council like to see these being put up? Council decided to have these dog waste stations put up along Centre Street close to the Binet House, by Emil Forest Park, and by the Ball Park.

o) Draft Land Act Presentation

Michael Draper stated that he could give the Land Act presentation at our August 3, 2022, Council meeting, either in person or via zoom. For Council's information.

p) Mayo River Erosion Area

YEC is planning to work on the Wareham Dam spillway between June 15 and July 5, 2022. YG has hired a contractor to place the stockpiled rip rap at the erosion area close to the school. This work is expected to start June 24th and is expected to take approx. 5-7 days. For Council's information.

The Geotech cloth that needs to be placed under the rip rap is in Whitehorse and will be shipped to Mayo. Porter Smith has the contract for this work.

q) Water/Sewer Replacement Project

The latest update is that the contractor's crew is expected to arrive in Mayo in the last week of June to start working on this project. For Council's information.

r) Geo-exchange Wells

The tender for the drilling of the new warm water wells closed on June 16th.

YG informed us that they had an expression of interest in the tender from several companies. For Council's information.

Council discussed the upcoming reservoir work, that the old reservoir needs to be piped into the water treatment plant again, and that the Fire Departments fire fighting capacity is still reduced because the two new reservoirs can only be partially filled due to their structural issues.

s) Summer Students

We received no applications for the Public Works Student Supervisor position. We received several applications for the Public Works Assistant's positions and were able to hire two applicants based on the Summer Career Funding guidelines.

These students are able to work with direction and supervision provided by our regular Public Works Staff. No applications were received for the Binet House Assistant position. One application was received for the Pool Assistant position, but since we are not able to open the pool without a Pool Manager or Lifeguard, we were not able to hire a Pool Assistant.

t) Water/sewer bulk water rates

This item had previously been briefly discussed by Council. Councilor Chapman provided an analysis for this. Is Council ready to set a date for a special meeting to discuss this subject further?

Council would like to find a date late August to mid-September to have a special meeting regarding these rates.

t) Fire Hall Warranty Inspection

The warranty inspection has now been scheduled for June 29, 2022. For Council's information.

MOTION 2022-06-11

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

THAT: The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of June 22, 2022, be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

ii) Clerk-Treasurer Report

Nothing presented.

iii) Monthly Recreation Coordinator's Report

Nothing presented.

iv) Manager's Report for Environmental Health/Public Works and Protective Services

Scott Hamilton informed Council that the Recycling Centre is working well and that they will be ready for a 3rd backhaul soon.

v) Protective Services

Nothing presented.

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

Nothing presented.

11. Question Period

a) Drumming throughout town

Councilor Andre inquired if people need a parade permit in Mayo. Mayor Ellis replied that there is nothing in Village of Mayo bylaws regarding this, and that as long as the drumming is done between the hours of 7 am and 11 pm there is no rule against this.

b) Landfill permit/tipping fees

Councilor Paschuk inquired if the Village was to charge everyone tipping fees at the landfill once the weigh scale goes in, if landfill permits would still apply? Mayor Ellis stated that yes, the permit fees are in addition to the tipping fees.

12. New and Unfinished Business

Nothing presented.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer