

VILLAGE OF MAYO
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
of Wednesday June 3, 2020
Village of Mayo Council Chambers

Present

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

CAO: Margrit Wozniak

Public Works Manager: Scott Hamilton

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Brooker

Public: Victoria Gold President John McConnell (by phone)
YG Community Advisor Andrea Wilson (by phone)

1. Call to order

Mayor Scott Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Moved to 10 a) John McConnell, President, Victoria Gold Corp.

Village of Mayo Council asked John McConnell about the article in "The Narwhal" regarding the recent discharge of excess meltwater at the Eagle Gold Mine.

John explained that all required documents were filed with NND and the Water Board. The concerned parties were informed of the controlled release of the excess water via an exfiltration system to groundwater to allow for a more gradual release to the environment.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION **2020-06-01**

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 May 20, 2020 Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION 2020-06-02

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The minutes of the meeting of May 20, 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

- a) Introduction and possible first and second reading of bylaw #338, conditions of employment for municipal employees' bylaw.

MOTION 2020-06-03

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

Be it resolved

that: Mayor Scott Bolton introduce bylaw #338, a bylaw for the Village of Mayo for Conditions of Employment for Municipal Employees.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

MOTION 2020-06-04

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

Be it resolved

that: Bylaw #338 be given first and second reading.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

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

Village of Mayo Administration submitted the question Council had about why opening the Yukon borders to B.C. but not to Alberta to YG and the CMOH. The answer received was that the Chief Medical Officer of Yukon works closely with the Chief Medical Officer of Health for B.C. and the B.C. CDC, the lab that does the testing is in B.C. and for these reasons Yukon feels comfortable opening its borders with B.C.

Council talked about the on-going COVID pandemic and would like to make face masks and gloves available to citizens. The Village will try to obtain these items and make them available at the front desk for citizens to pick up.

Mayor Bolton received a letter from Minister Streicker stating that the ICIP funding for the Pool Boiler was approved. Council would like to send a thank you letter to Minister Streicker.

Council mentioned that the Canada Games Center in Whitehorse is opening some of their facilities/programming soon. Council hopes that the pool repairs can be completed soon and that pools will be allowed to open soon.

Council talked about the Village Campgrounds. Gordon Park will be permanently closed to accommodate the new drinking water well and to safeguard the well field. Council would like to keep McIntyre Park closed for the 2020 season, due to the COVID pandemic and not having the resources to do the additional cleaning that would be required.

Council briefly discussed that they would like to expand the McIntyre Park area in future, with more camping sites, etc.

b) Administration

i) **CAO Report of Wednesday June 3, 2020**

a) 2020 J.V. Clark High School Graduation

We have prepared a motion to provide a \$500 grant to the J.V. Clark graduates of 2020 who continue to go on to post-secondary studies. Letters and a Gold & Galena Book will be sent to the Graduates.

As Council is aware banners will be made up with photos of the graduates. We are waiting to receive information on the cost of the banner's for Council's contribution.

The Graduates are planning to have a parade and to take photos at the Binet House Gardens. Councilor Aird informed Council that the banners are currently on hold. Council agreed to the Grads taking their graduation photos at the Binet House gardens.

MOTION **2020-06-05**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

Whereas the Village of Mayo Council would like to support the local youths who graduate from High School in Mayo or elsewhere and continue with their education, and

Whereas tuition fees for colleges and universities are constantly increasing, now therefore

Be it resolved that:

The Council for the Village of Mayo agrees to give \$500 to each one of those graduating students, who provide proof of having graduated and passed all the Grade 12 graduating requirements and also provide proof of being accepted at a college or university to further their studies, within 14 months of receiving their official graduation certificates.
The students that may be eligible to apply for these funds for the 2020 graduating year are: Joshua Austin, Jazmin Charette, Jennifer Lucas, and Sommer Mervyn.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

b) Summer Council meeting schedule

In the summer months of July, August and September, Council has historically only held one regular Council meeting per month. We propose the following dates for our summer meeting schedule - July 8, August 5, and September 2, 2020. For Council's consideration.
Council discussed that they would prefer to have two meetings in July.

MOTION **2020-06-06**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Joann Aird

Whereas: The Village of Mayo Council would like to change the meeting schedule for the summer months of July, August, and September, now therefore

Be it resolved that:

The Council for the Village of Mayo agrees to hold one meeting per month on the following dates:
July 8, 2020,
July 22, 2020,
August 5, 2020, and
September 2, 2020.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

c) Letter from YG Justice

We received a letter from YG Justice with information regarding Department of Justice services during the COVID-19 pandemic. For Council's information.

d) Letter from YG Highways and Public Works

AYC had sent an email to HPW regarding highway road conditions to rural communities. A reply was received from DM Jamie Pitfield. For Council's information.

e) Order of a Health Officer

We received a copy of the order that was sent to the owners of Heartland Services regarding cleaning up the property on the entrance to Mayo that was damaged in a fire in 2018. For Council's information.

Council discussed the order. Council is sympathetic to the Mayo Resident who lost his business in this fire and would like to offer that the debris from the burned-out building can be taken to the landfill free of charge provided it is done within the timelines of the order. Administration will write a letter to the property owner informing him of Council's decision not to charge. The Public Works Manager will give direction as to where the waste must be deposited.

f) Mayo Arena

We received an update from Mike Ukrainetz, following up on the questions Council had. Applying for funding for a new arena facility could be doable but would extend the timeline. In regards to possible structural upgrades to the existing arena, this hinges on the completion of the foundation assessment. For Council's information.

g) Possible Reopening of some Village Facilities

A Lexar screen has been installed at the Village's Front Counter, so we are able to provide services to Mayo citizens who come to the office to pay bills, etc.

Other communities have or will be opening their Recycling Centers soon. We are also working towards that, installing a Lexar screen, and creating an operating plan.

Ian is looking at the recreation programming/facilities and keeping informed what other communities are doing. YG Campgrounds are opening on June 4. We are waiting to see YG's new campground regulations to see if we need to implement anything similar for McIntyre Park. Also waiting to hear from YG regarding Museums/Interpretive Centers. For Council's information. Council talked about the reopening of the Recycling Center with the proper safety measures in place to safeguard the staff and customers. Council wants to keep the Free Store closed for the time being.

We have applied for CDF funding to complete exterior upgrades to the Binet House and Annex Buildings. If this gets approved, the upgrades would have to be completed in the summer.

Travel restrictions are still in effect from outside Yukon and Binet House Staff is in the high-risk category for COVID. Council agreed that for all the above reasons it would be best to keep the facility closed for the season.

The Rec. Coordinator has submitting Operating Plans to have some recreation programming in the Fitness Center and the Community Hall. Ian provided a proposal to Council. He would like to hire the local Pool Manager to get the pool facility cleaned and operational and to assist with some recreation programming. He has ordered the items required by EHS and will install them in the hopes that the restrictions get lifted and Mayo can operate the pool this summer. Council agreed to hire the pool manager starting Mid-June to help with pool preparations and recreation programming.

h) Yukon Mining Industry Collective (YMIC)

We received a letter from Loralee Johnstone, Chair of the YMIC to introduce this group to Council. This collective group includes the Yukon Chamber of Mines, Yukon Prospector's Association, Klondike Placer Miners Association, Yukon Producers Group, the Yukon Minerals Advisory Board, and the Yukon Women in Mining. For Council's information.

i) YEC 10-year plan

YEC confirmed their meeting with Council scheduled for June 10, 2020, 7:30 pm - 9 pm in Village of Mayo Council Chambers. The meeting will be done via google meet. For Council's information.

j) YEC McQuesten transmission line

YEC sent out an email that they are planning a virtual meeting on June 11, 2020 from 7-9 pm to do a presentation about the McQuesten transmission line. Council had a presentation about this in the past few weeks. If anyone wants to participate, they need to let YEC know ahead of time, so they can be included in the meeting invite. For Council's information.

k) Landfill Update

An engineer was at the Mayo Landfill recently to do a preliminary site visit to look at the possible location for the weigh scale. He met with the Public Works Manager.

A Landfill Inspector also visited the site recently and Scott Hamilton met with him on site.

Mayor Bolton stated that the Village will be picking up the two garbage trucks they had ordered in the near future. He also mentioned that no progress has been made with the agreement with YG regarding the operation of the landfill. Andrea Wilson will pass this on to YG Operations.

l) Wildland Fire Management Plan

We received a letter from Damien Burns, Director of Wildland Fire Management. He stated that over the past year WFM has expanded its prevention and mitigation program. Damien also stated that he encourages us to work with David Trudeau, the local Regional Protection Manager and Mike Fancie, the Wildland Fire Community Engagement Officer. For Council's information.

m) Gas Tax Fund Transfer to Municipalities

We received an email from AYC stating that the Prime Minister announced that the Government of Canada will accelerate the November installment of the Gas Tax Fund transfer to Municipalities, as a step to help with municipal liquidity issues due to COVID-19. For Council's information.

Council stated that this may help the bigger municipalities who have public transit, however, unless the guidelines are modified as well, this would not have an impact on municipal O&M funds.

n) Yukon Mine Development Strategy

We received a letter from YMDS, providing several options for Council's consideration on how input for this strategy could be received from First Nations and Municipalities.

Council stated that they would like to wait until after the start of Phase II of the COVID reopening plan. Once up to 50 people can gather, it should be easier to obtain public input.

MOTION **2020-06-07**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of June 3, 2020 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**
 - a) **Fire Hall**
Scott Hamilton gave council an up-date on the waterline for the new Fire Hall. Whidden Construction will source the new waterline.
 - b) **Electric car/Hybrid**
Scott did some research on electric vehicles and found a very useful site with comparisons. He will email the link to council for review.
 - c) **Margit and Scott had a conference call with Gareth regarding the new well at Gordon Park. Because the transfer of the land to VoM cannot be done in time, a YESAB application, Water License Amendment and Land Use Permit are required before the new well can be installed. NND had been informed of the need for a new drinking water well during the conference call when upcoming projects for 2020 were discussed. Once the applications go forward, VoM can contact NND asking for a quick turnaround for NND's comments to ensure the well can be drilled this fall and to ensure the sufficient supply of drinking water.**
- v) **Protective Services**
 - a) Monthly Fire Fighter Incentive Draw for May, 2020

MOTION **2020-06-08**

Moved by: Carol Knight

Seconded by: Trevor Ellis

THAT: The monthly fire fighter incentive in the amount of \$100 be paid to Kyle Smith for the month of May, 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**
 - a) **John McConnell, President of Victoria Gold**
Previously Dealt with.
 - b) **Andrea Wilson, Community Advisor**
Andrea asked about the YG Mutual Aid Agreement with FMO and the Municipality. The MOU has not been signed yet. There is no MOU in place for Keno City. Keno is too far (60 km) for the MVFD to respond to any fires. Andrea will pass Council's comments about the regional landfill agreement on to Dave Albisser. Mayor Bolton suggested that Dave could give an update at the next bi-weekly AYC meeting.
11. **Question Period**
Nothing presented.
12. **New and Unfinished Business**
Nothing presented.
13. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer