

VILLAGE OF MAYO
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
of Wednesday, March 16, 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: Prof. Chris Burn (arrived 7:10pm)

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

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION 2022-03-06

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

THAT: The agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

3. **Adoption of the March 2, 2022 Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes.**

MOTION 2022-03-07

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

THAT: The minutes of the meeting of March 2, 2022 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

4. Approval of Accounts Payable to February 28, 2022

MOTION 2022-03-08

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

That: The Accounts Payable to February 28, 2022 in the amount of \$375,082.86 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) Introduction and possible first and second reading of bylaw # 348, 2022 Property Tax Rate and Minimum Tax

MOTION 2022-03-09

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

Be it resolved that: Mayor Trevor Ellis introduce bylaw #348, a bylaw of the Village of Mayo for the 2022 Property Tax Rate and Minimum Tax.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

MOTION 2022-03-10

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

Be it resolved that: Bylaw #348 be given first and second reading.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

b) Introduction and possible first and second reading of bylaw #349, 2022 Annual Operating Budget

MOTION 2022-03-11

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

Be it resolved that: Mayor Trevor Ellis introduce bylaw #349, a bylaw of the Village of Mayo for adoption of the 2022 Annual Operating Budget.

In Favour: 5 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

MOTION 2022-03-12

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

Be it resolved that: Bylaw #349 be given first and second reading.

In Favour: 5 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

c) Introduction and possible first and second reading of bylaw #350, 2022 Capital Budget and Expenditure program for the next three years

MOTION 2022-03-13

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

Be it resolved that: Mayor Trevor Ellis introduce bylaw #350, a bylaw of the Village of Mayo for adoption of the 2022 Capital Budget and Expenditure Program for the next three years.

In Favour: 5 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

MOTION 2022-03-14

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

Be it resolved that: Bylaw #350 be given first and second reading.

In Favour: 5 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

Moved to item 6 b) i) CAO Report a) Canadian Permafrost Association Meeting

Professor Chris Burn from Carleton University attended the meeting to discuss the Permafrost Conference that will be held in Dawson City from August 22-26, 2022. Three Northern Yukon First Nations are going to co-develop the conference. Chris is requesting that Mayor Ellis, or another suitable delegate, attend this conference on August 23rd and join a panel discussion about municipal infrastructure and roads. Chris is also hoping that the Village of Mayo would be able to sponsor one of the conference's coffee breaks, in the amount of approximately \$1,500. Council was in agreement with making this donation, and to send a Village of Mayo representative to join the panel discussion at the conference.

6. a) Mayor's Report

Mayor Ellis discussed upcoming infrastructure projects in Mayo with Project Manager Ryan Brown (new fire siren, reconnect old reservoir, remove leaking reservoirs, water/sewer main line replacement work, arena). Mayor Ellis wants the Village to put out communication with the citizens about the projects that are expected to take place in 2022. The water/sewer main line replacement contractor (Sidhu) must provide a traffic plan for Mayo, for the duration of the project.

Mayor Ellis is expecting a call from Minister McPhee in the near future.

Mayor Ellis was able to contact former Mayor Scott Bolton and Scott agreed to attend a going away dinner that was not able to be held due to covid restrictions in the fall 2021. Mayor Ellis is planning to arrange a meeting with Yukon Energy to discuss draw down of Mayo and Wareham Lakes in preparation for the snow melt since the snow loads are very high this year.

b) Administration

i) CAO Report of Wednesday, March 16, 2022

a) Canadian Permafrost Association Meeting in Dawson

Professor Chris Burn will be attending the March 16th Council meeting to talk to Council about the 2022 Canadian Permafrost Association meeting in Dawson on August 22-26, 2022. For Council's information. Dealt with previously.

b) Tax Rate and Budget Bylaws for 2022

I've prepared the 2022 Tax Rate bylaw, the 2022 O&M Budget, and the 2022-2025 Capital Budget for Council's review and possible 1st and 2nd reading.

These three bylaws have to be approved (had 3rd reading) by April 15, 2022 and submitted to the Government of Yukon. For Council's information and review.

c) Lease Rates

As per Council's direction, I've revised the leases with YHC and EMS to the \$30 per square foot that Council decided on, based on YG's current lease rates. The YHC and EMS leases are due for renewal on April 1, 2022 and I sent the new two-year lease agreements for their review. CIBC had moved into facility in August 2021 and their lease renewal will be due Aug. 31, 2022. I've sent an email advising them of the new lease rate of \$30 per square foot as of September 1, 2022. For Council's information.

d) EV chargers

I have contacted YG to inform them that the Village of Mayo is interested in obtaining two Level 2 EV chargers and was informed that the Village will have to put out an RFP to Electrical Contractors to purchase and install these two EV chargers. YG does not have a contract with any company for this. There are a number of different Level 2 EV chargers on the market, and we or the electrical contractor would have to pick one, purchase it and then have it installed at our cost. The units would have to be hard wired into the electrical panel of our building and would run on wi-fi. Then, after everything is done, we could apply for a refund of a maximum of \$9,000 per EV unit.

This is much different than we had anticipated based on the information provided in the YG news release. It will involve more of my time and most likely more of Village funds than \$1,000 per EV Level 2 unit. Is Council still interested in pursuing this, or wait until more Yukon Municipalities and First Nations sign on to this program?

Council would like to wait and see what the actual costs are for other participating communities.

e) YG Land Lottery

Yukon Government has finally advertised a land lottery for 2 single lots inside Village boundaries, both on Second Avenue, and one lot in the Airport Subdivision. For Council's information.

f) YG's future land development

YG land development branch is exploring development of YG land in the vicinity of NND's C-6 subdivision. See the blue area in the attached map. YG would like to know if Council would be in support of this? LMB is willing to meet with Mayor and Council to receive comments about this proposed development. Does Council have any initial thoughts that I could relay to YG? NND is aware of YG exploring this area for development. We could add it as an agenda item for discussion at an upcoming Joint Council meeting. For Council's discussion.

Council would like to discuss this at the next Joint Council meeting.

g) Development of a new Yukon Public Lands Act

YG is seeking input on the development of a new Yukon Public Lands Act. Comments can be provided until April 30, 2022 through the survey link in the email. For Council's information.

h) Joint Council meeting

Mayor Ellis asked me to try to schedule a Joint Council meeting with NND for late March or early April. I have sent a meeting request to NND but have not received a reply to date. What are the agenda items Council would like to discuss?

Council will provide agenda items once the Joint Council meeting has been scheduled.

i) AYC update and information request

At the March 5th AYC Board meeting we were informed that both Laura Eby, the AYC Executive Director, and Crystal Sawatsky, the AYC Administrator, will be leaving AYC. Crystal will be leaving on June 24th and Laura on July 15th. AYC will be advertising to fill these positions soon to allow for overlap and training of the new staff members.

The AYC Executive Director asked if Municipal Councils who are planning to attend the AYC AGM in May are interested in meeting with various Ministers on Thursday, May 12, 2022, prior to the start of the AGM? Since CAO's should be part of these meetings with the Ministers, the Administrator's Forum would then have to be scheduled for May 11, 2022, rather than May 12th. The draft AYC AGM agenda is attached for Council's information. Who from Council is planning to attend the AGM in Whitehorse (May 12/13-15)? Registrations have to be submitted by April 29th. Is Council interested in scheduling a meeting with a or several Ministers on May 12th? Mayor and Councilors are planning to attend the AGM. No final decision was reached regarding scheduling meetings with Ministers since only Councilor Andre expressed interest in meeting with Minister Mostyn at this time.

j) Resolutions for AYC AGM

As per Council's request, I've drafted the resolution for the AYC AGM in regards to YEC demand charges for municipalities. For Council's review and possible approval. Any resolutions intended to go forward at the AYC AGM have to be submitted to the AYC Resolutions Committee by March 31, 2022.

MOTION 2022-03-15

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

WHEREAS: Yukon Municipalities are very concerned with the ever-rising costs of operating a municipality in the Yukon, and especially the increasing cost of utilities, and

WHEREAS: All municipal buildings including seasonally used buildings are on demand meters, and if the electrical use is higher for one day of the month, the utility charges for the entire month will be calculated at the peak rate, and

WHEREAS: Yukon municipalities are service delivery organizations who maintain a balanced budget and do not exist to make a profit like a business, and

WHEREAS: Government of Yukon promotes the use of electricity for heating buildings, and is affiliated with Yukon Energy Corporation, and

WHEREAS: Yukon municipalities are dependent on Government of Yukon and the Comprehensive Municipal Grant for their ongoing operational expenses, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Association of Yukon Communities urge the Government of Yukon to mandate that Yukon Energy Corporation changes their rate policy to only charge municipalities an actual utility rate, and to discontinue demand charges.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

k) Recycling Update

The Public Works Manager has scheduled a call with Dave Albisser, YG Director of Operations, for March 11, 2022 to discuss the Recycling Center, programming, equipment, etc. Scott has gathered information and is planning to provide Council with a briefing about the Recycling Center. A posting for a new Recycling Center Coordinator has been prepared and is ready for posting as soon as hours, days of operation, etc. have been approved by Council. For Council's information.

l) Covid policy rescinded

MOTION 2022-03-16

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

Whereas the Village of Mayo Council approved the mandatory covid-19 vaccination policy on December 1, 2021, and the mask wearing policy on December 2, 2020, and

Whereas the Village of Mayo Council follows Yukon Government policy and recommendations in regards to covid-19, and

Whereas YG is rescinding their mandatory vaccination and mask wearing directive, except in high-risk settings, as of March 18, 2022, and

Whereas the Village of Mayo is following Yukon Government's lead, now therefore

Be it resolved that:

The Village of Mayo Council rescinds the Village of Mayo Covid-19 Mandatory Covid Vaccination Policy 2021-02 and the Mask Wearing Policy 2020-02, as of March 18, 2022.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

m) AYC letter Minister Mostyn

We received a copy of AYC's letter to Minister Mostyn regarding ongoing covid costs and lost revenues. For Council's information.

n) Health & Social Services Update

YG informed us of Senior Leadership changes at Health and Social Services. For Council's information.

o) Staff Housing

A few options for Staff Housing were discussed. More research is needed before deciding how to proceed.

MOTION 2022-03-17

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

THAT: The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of March 16, 2022 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

ii) Clerk Treasurer Report

a) Comparative Income Statement as at February 28, 2022

MOTION 2022-03-18

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Blair Andre

THAT: The Comparative Income Statement for the month of February, 2022 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

Scott Hamilton provided a detailed slide presentation to Council regarding the operation of Recycling Center to provide information for Council's discussion regarding the future operation of the Mayo Recycling Center.

Scott informed Council that a casual laborer has been hired to work on the required cleanup of the Recycling Centre and Yard. Preliminary discussions were held that only refundable items should be accepted, liquor bottles would have to be brought in the respective liquor boxes, etc. going forward.

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**
a) **Letter from the Mayo Curling Club requesting donation for the 2022 Irene Hutton Memorial Bonspiel**
Council agreed to donate the Staff house (for the Band to stay in for one night) and the cost of the facility rental will be reimbursed to the Curling Club.
10. **Hearings of Delegations and Individuals**
Nothing presented.
11. **Question Period**
Nothing presented.
12. **New and Unfinished Business**
Councilor Andre would like Mayo's water/sewer rates reviewed in 2022. Everyone agreed that it is time to do so.
13. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 pm



Def. Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer