

VILLAGE OF MAYO
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
of Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Village of Mayo Council Chambers

Present

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

CAO: Margrit Wozniak

Clerk Treasurer: Barbara Barchen

Absent: Councilor Simeon Paschuk
Public Works Manager Scott Hamilton

1. Call to order
Mayor Trevor Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-03-01

Moved by: Brent Chapman **Seconded by:** Blair Andre

THAT: The agenda be adopted with the following changes:
Add items: 6 b) i) v) c) Appointment of Fire Dept Member
9 a) Letter from Barb Barchen re: Garage Sale
9 b) Letter from Kris Walters re: Extension
to development agreement

In Favour: 4 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the February 16, 2022 Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION 2022-03-02

Moved by: Brent Chapman **Seconded by:** Blair Andre

THAT: The minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2022 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Accounts Payable**

Nothing presented.

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

Nothing presented.

Council moved to item 6 b) i) v) c) **RCMP Report for February 2022** at this time.

Cst. Lanthier-Dubois presented the RCMP Report to Council.

For Council's information.

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

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b) **Administration**

i) **CAO Report of Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

a) **OCP Work Plan**

Dennis Shewfelt and his team would like to attend the meeting via zoom to discuss the OCP Work Plan with Council. For Council's information.

Dennis, Jordan and John joined the meeting via zoom and presented Council with their proposed work plan, and possible topics of discussion for the OCP. The consultants will be in Mayo the week of April 19th. Reviewing the 2016 OCP is part of the process to determine which of the projects that had been identified in 2016 were completed, and which ones are still outstanding and why. The possible development of a Recreation Plan was discussed as well. The consultants also suggested identifying issues that overlap between the First Nation of Na Cho Nyak Dun and the Village. Council decided to meet with the consultants on April 21st to further discuss the Official Community Plan.

b) **Lease Rates**

We've inquired about current lease rates in Yukon. Lease rates in Whitehorse are between \$18 and \$32, and YG's lease rates are \$20-\$35. In 2021 when Council leased out space in this brand-new facility, they had deducted a 25% discount from the lease rates. Council wanted to find out the annual operating costs of this new facility to be more informed before setting future lease rates. A spreadsheet with listing annual O&M expenses and lease fees was prepared for Council's review, discussion, and determination of lease rates going forward. After discussion, Council decided that a lease rate of \$30 per square foot should be charged.

c) **Better Buildings Program**

AYC and the Working Group are still waiting to hear from the oversight committee regarding their suggestions for the BBP. A decision needs to be made soon since the spring legislature is starting up on March 3rd and YG will be bringing this back to the legislature soon. For Council's information.

Councilor Aird, who is the AYC Board member for the Village of Mayo, is planning to ask questions about this program at the upcoming AYC Board meeting.

d) **Landfill Lease**

Dennis Shewfelt assisted in drafting the subdivision application form that is required to be sent to YG Lands in order to obtain the lease for the landfill area for the Village of Mayo. Once the Solid Waste Management Plan is completed, both these documents will go through the YESAB process. For Council's information.

We are still waiting for some of the information that needs to be on the application.

e) **New funding for electric vehicle chargers**

I've asked for AYC's assistance to obtain more information on these EV chargers.

We received a written reply to our questions from Andre Gagne from the Energy Solutions Center. He also stated that the Level 2 chargers that YG is hoping that municipalities and First Nation Governments will be interested in installing cost \$10,000, not \$100,000, which would be the cost of a Level 3 fast charger. The information is attached for Council's information.

After review of the additional information that was provided by YG, and the information that it would cost the Village only \$1,000 per Level 2 EV charger, Council was interested in potentially obtaining two Level 2 EV chargers.

f) **New Village Staff Housing**

Following up on the discussions at the last meeting we have obtained a few options for Council to review of prefab homes. The prices have gone up considerably in the last few years and all units are more expensive than previously anticipated. For Council's review, further discussion and recommendation.

Council reviewed the information and agreed that more funds needed to be put in the Capital Budget for this. Council asked that a RFP be put out to inquire if a house could be built for less than the cost of a prefab home and in the same short time period.

g) **AYC Awards**

I've prepared a nomination paper as per Council's suggestion. For Council's information. Council agreed to submit the nomination to AYC.

h) **AYC Resolutions for AGM**

I've inquired with AYC and other Yukon municipalities about their potential issues with utilities and demand meters, prior to starting to draft a resolution.

Any resolutions intended to go forward at the AYC AGM have to be submitted to the AYC Resolutions Committee by March 31, 2022.

i) **Courageous K-9 Companions**

We received an email to inquire if Council would want to sponsor this organization that provides certified service dogs to military veterans and first responders suffering with physical and/or psychological injuries as a result of their service.

Council agreed to purchase a "business card" size advertisement to support this organization.

j) **Recycling-Liquor Containers**

I have contacted all the Liquor Stores throughout the Yukon to inquire if any of them are still accepting liquor refunds. The only one that still does, but only from licensed establishments, is the Dawson Liquor Store. In all other communities, recyclable items get taken to the recycling centers in the communities. After further review of this information, it became

apparent that we need to deal with Community Services, and not the Liquor Board regarding this issue. Council agreed not to send another letter to the Liquor Board. Council stated that they would like to get the Recycling Centre cleaned up and open again. They suggested hiring someone to help with the cleanup. Council also asked that a posting for a new Recycling Centre Coordinator be drafted in preparation for opening the facility in April. The CAO mentioned that an operational plan needs to be established for the Recycling Centre, hours of operation, etc. The Public Works Manager and YG Operations Manager still need to discuss the operation of this facility and how it could be improved.

k) Request for Consideration

I received a call from Michelle Buyck asking if Council would consider donating funds for Jerald Graham. He was medevaced in 2021 to Vancouver and is not able to return to Mayo. A go-fund me page was set up for him to help him get established in Vancouver and to have his medical needs met. For Council's discussion and consideration. Council decided it would be more appropriate for council members to donate personally, rather than as a Council.

l) Covid vaccination policy

Does Council still want the covid vaccination policy staying in effect or is Council willing to modify it or cancel it at this time? We received a request from the WSP Engineer on behalf of Sidhu Contracting for Council and Public Works consideration. Apparently not all of Sidhu's workers are vaccinated and getting workers is difficult. The Sidhu work crew will be staying at their camp at the Mayo Petroleum gas station and be mostly in their work vehicles/equipment. Therefore, we were asked if we would make an exception to the mandatory covid vaccination for contractors? Council stated that they are following YG's lead and if YG no longer requires proof of vaccination, Council would rescind their mandatory vaccination policy at that time. It is anticipated that YG no longer require this as of April 2022, which would be prior to contractors starting projects in Mayo.

m) NND Community Safety Officer Program

We received an email from Vikram of the House of Wolf & Associates Inc. that they had a meeting with NND's Executive Director in early February. NND wants to get the Community Safety Officer Program up and running before revisiting a potential partnership between NND and Village of Mayo to allow for these Safety Officers to enforce the Animal Control Bylaw in Village of Mayo boundaries. Mayor Ellis is planning to send a reply to Vikram.

MOTION 2022-03-03

Moved by: Blair Andre **Seconded by:** Joann Aird

THAT: The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of March 2, 2022 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4 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**
Nothing presented.

v) **Protective Services**

a) **Fire Fighter Incentive Draw for February, 2022**

MOTION 2022-03-04

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Joann Aird

THAT: The monthly fire fighter incentive in the amount of \$100 be paid to Simeon Paschuk for the month of February, 2022 as chosen by a random draw from the list of eligible fire fighters.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

b) **RCMP Report for February, 2022**
Heard previously.

c) **Appointment of new fire department member**
Brad Farrow has expressed interest in joining the Mayo Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION 2022-03-05

Moved by: Simeon Paschuk

Seconded by: Brent Chapman

Whereas the Mayo Volunteer Fire Department has advertised for new members, and

Whereas Brad Farrow has expressed interest in joining the Mayo Volunteer Fire Department, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Village of Mayo Council appoints Brad Farrow to the Mayo Volunteer Fire Department effective March 3, 2022

In Favour: 4

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**

a) Letter from Barbara Barchen requesting donation of the facility for a community garage sale on April 30, 2022.

Council reviewed and discussed the letter and agreed to donate the facility.

b) Letter from Kris Walters regarding an extension to his development agreement.

Council reviewed the letter from Kris Walters in which he requests an extension to the existing development agreement that he has in place with the Village of Mayo for Lots 16-18 on Block 8. Council discussed the request and agreed to the extension. The lawyer will be contacted to draft the agreement for extension of the development agreement. Kris will be asked to re-imburse the legal fees to the Village of Mayo.

10. **Hearings of Delegations and Individuals**

Nothing presented.

11. **Question Period**

Nothing presented.

12. **New and Unfinished Business**

a) Curling Bonspiel

Mayor Ellis mentioned that a curling bonspiel will be held in Mayo on April 1, 2022. A request will be forthcoming from the Curling Club for the use of the Village's staff house for the band to stay there for one night in order to keep the Mayo motel rooms available to curlers from other communities. The Curling Club may also be asking for a reduction of the rental cost of the Curling facilities.

Council agreed that the Bonspiel Band could use the Staff House for one night, and that Curling Club members Darlene Hutton and Chelsea Dolan would clean the staff house at no charge to the Village of Mayo. Council also agreed that they would rent the Curling Lounge and Curling Ice to the Mayo Curling Club at a reduced rate. After the two year-long covid restrictions, this event is very much needed to lift the spirits of the community.

b) Village of Mayo I-pads

Councilors Blair Andre and Brent Chapman signed out Village of Mayo iPads for council use.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer