

**VILLAGE OF MAYO**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**of Wednesday, November 17, 2021**  
**Village of Mayo Council Chambers**

**Present**

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

**CAO:** Margrit Wozniak

**Public Works Manager:** Scott Hamilton

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Barbara Barchen

1. **Call to order**  
Mayor Trevor Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION 2021-11-10**

**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 November 3, 2021 Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 2021-11-11**

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

**THAT:** The minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2021 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5      Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

4. **Approval of Accounts Payable to October 31, 2021**

**MOTION**      **2021-11-12**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**THAT:**                      The Accounts Payable to October 31, 2021 in the amount of \$303,308.74 be approved for payment in total.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

5. **Introduction and Consideration of First, Second, and Third Readings of Bylaws**  
Nothing presented.

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

Mayor Ellis spoke to MLA Jeremy Harper about issues and concerns with staffing at the Mayo Health Centre and Social Services office. He also commented on the delay (from YG) in finding out about local Covid cases. Council agreed they would like to know as soon as possible about any new cases.

**b) Administration**

i)      **CAO Report of Wednesday November 17, 2021**

**a) Newly Elected Officials Training**

Due to the uptick in covid cases, YG called another state of emergency. Therefore, the meetings that were scheduled for November 18-21 in Whitehorse will now be held via zoom. We will set up for the zoom meetings in Village Council Chambers and hope that all of Council will be able to join us there.

**b) YG Better Buildings Program**

YG is working on implementing the new energy-efficiency retrofit funding program to help residential and commercial property owners improve the energy efficiency of their buildings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We recently received the sections of the Assessment and Taxation Act changes that YG has taken to the legislature in order to proceed with their "Better Buildings Program". Sections on page 6 of the proposed changes affect municipalities. We have also received a letter from Kate White, Leader of the NDP, regarding this program, and I have included some background information for the two new Village of Mayo Councilors. For Council's information.

If the proposed act changes get approved by the legislature, it would be up to the Municipal Council to sign onto the program. However, if they decide to hold off for more discussions with YG, there could be a backlash from the community. There are

questions and concerns from municipalities that were brought up with YG previously, that were not addressed yet. Municipalities already have capacity issues and administering this program would put an additional burden on municipal staff. Energy Solutions Center will receive the applications for funding and issue the loans. The loans can be paid back over 15 years. The yearly installment payments would be added to the property tax amount, and once received have to be paid to YG within 14 days of the tax due date.

Issues would arise if residents are not able to pay the amount at the tax due date and properties would end up in tax lien process, which would eventually end up with the municipality taken a resident's house.

**c) Landfill Draft Agreement**

YG has been in discussions with municipalities for years regarding landfills. YG would like municipalities to become regional landfills so they can close several of the smaller landfill/transfer stations and have all the waste from the surrounding area deposited in one regional site. They have now provided a draft regional landfill agreement for Council's review. AYC's lawyer has provided some comments to the draft. I have included some background information for the two new Council members. For Council's information and discussion.

There was some discussion in regards to who would be charged once a scale is installed at the landfill.

There was also a discussion in regards to finding a landfill attendant and what we would do if there are no applications for this position. The need to have at least 1.5 employees to cover off vacation and sick times, etc.

Mayor Ellis suggested that Council wait to find out how the discussions at the AYC Board meeting go this weekend.

**d) Joint Council meeting**

The next Joint Council meeting with the First Nation of Na Cho Nyak Dun and the Village of Mayo is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 7 pm. NND Council indicated that they would prefer to attend this meeting via zoom. For Council's information.

Councillor Andre would like to add a Joint Council agenda item, which is the Gina Nagano Program and if NND had contacted her. Council would like to talk about an upcoming review of the bulk water rates with NND due to the recent expenses related to the bulk water system. Council also asked that the Christmas Lights Contest be put on the agenda. It was also agreed that we put Xmas lights contest on the agenda.

**e) Village of Mayo Christmas Open House/Party/Firemen's Ball**

The date chosen for the Village's Open House was December 17, 2021. However, with the recent restrictions of numbers of people at indoor gatherings, this may not be able to happen this year. However, gifts would still be given to children in the community. Is Council in agreement to provide the budgeted annual donation to the Mayo Volunteer Fire Department?

Council agreed to their annual \$500 donation to the Fire Department. The Firemen's Ball will be a take-out event again this year.

**f) Recycling Center**

As Council knows, due to the backlog of recycling materials and loss of our Recycling Center employee, we had to close the Recycling Center as of November 8, 2021. A letter is being drafted to be sent to the Liquor Corporation and the Director of Operations at YG Community Services regarding the closure. For Council's information.

The letters were written and sent out. We had a few calls about the Recycling Center operations and how it might be able to open again.

It was suggested to check into the foreign worker program to find out the details how the Village could access it. However, housing would have to be provided, which would be an issue.

**g) Yukon Housing meeting**

YHC has scheduled a virtual meeting with the Village of Mayo (CAO), the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun (Executive Director) and the Na-Cho Nyak Dun Development Corporation (CEO) to discuss key community housing priorities and to learn how they can work with us to support our communities housing development.

This meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2021 at 9 am. For Council's information.

**h) Covid vaccination policy**

Council discussed if a mandatory covid vaccination policy should be established for Village of Mayo employees and volunteers. Council agreed that one should be drafted.

**i) RBC Deposit Interest Rates and Service Fees**

The previous agreement with RBC has expired. RBC forwarded a new agreement for the period of November 15, 2021 to November 14, 2024. For Council's consideration. Council agreed to proceed with the new agreement.

**j) Outgoing Council Gifts**

Due to the covid restrictions we have not been able to organize a dinner for the outgoing Mayor and Council member. Council was asked if they would like to provide the Mayor and Councilor who stepped down with a thank you note and the gifts now, rather than holding on to them until covid restrictions for gatherings are more relaxed and we could organize a dinner? Council agreed to this.

**MOTION 2021-11-13**

**Moved by:** Simeon Paschuk

**Seconded by:** Brent Chapman

**THAT:** The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of November 17, 2021 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

**ii) Clerk Treasurer Report**

**a) Comparative Income Statement as at October 31, 2021**

**MOTION 2021-11-14**

**Moved by:** Blair Andre

**Seconded by:** Joann Aird

**THAT:** The Comparative Income Statement for the month of October 2021 be approved.

In Favour: 5

Opposed: 0

**CARRIED**

**iii) Monthly Recreation Coordinator's Report**

Nothing presented.

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

Scott Hamilton stated that they had all kinds of issues with their snow cleaning equipment today, and they got off to slower start than usual. Scott Hamilton then asked for direction from Mayor and Fire Chief Ellis in regards to the right time to turn off the siren when there is a fire call. Mayor Ellis stated that when the new siren is hooked up there will be a phone-in dialer which will enable "Delta One" to control the siren. Councillor Andre suggested that a mailout could be sent to Mayo residents to inform them to call 911 rather than the old Fire number 996-2222. There is a possibility of forwarding 2222 to Delta One, and then 2222 could be disconnected. However, that number needs to remain active because it's the only way to set off the siren at this time.

**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**  
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 8:40 pm



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer