

VILLAGE OF MAYO
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
of Wednesday, September 7, 2022
Village of Mayo Council Chambers

Present

Council:

Mayor Trevor Ellis
Councilor Joann Aird
Councilor Brent Chapman
Councilor Simeon Paschuk (via zoom)

CAO:

Margrit Wozniak

Clerk/Treasurer:

Barbara Barchen

Public:

YG EMR Lands, Michael Draper
First Nation Lands Advisor, Shirley Dawson
RCMP Corporal, Alison Cychmistruk
RCMP Constable, Alex Martinez-Arana
Victoria Gold, Hugh Coyle
Victoria Gold, Katie Chakhova

Absent:

Councilor Blair Andre
Public Works Manager Scott Hamilton

1.

Call to order

Mayor Trevor Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2.

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-09-01

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Joann Aird

THAT:

The agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

3. **Adoption of August 3, 2022, Regular Public Council Meeting Minutes.**

MOTION 2022-09-02

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Joann Aird

THAT: The minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2022, be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Accounts Payable to July 31, 2022, and August 31, 2022**

MOTION 2022-09-03

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Joann Aird

THAT: The Accounts Payable to July 31, 2022, in the amount of \$209,069.11 be approved for payment in total.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

MOTION 2022-09-04

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Joann Aird

THAT: The Accounts Payable to August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$183,234.96 be approved for payment in total.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

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

Nothing presented.

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

Nothing presented.

6. **b) Administration**

i) **CAO Report of Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

a) **New Yukon Public Lands Act**

Michael Draper and Shirley Dawson will be attending the meeting to talk to Council about the new Yukon Public Lands Act. For Council's information.

Michael Draper went over the work they have been doing to consult prior to drafting the new Lands Act, which affects public land. There was discussion on creation of residential lots, wilderness tourism possibilities, etc. He spoke about how enforcement tools are currently really lacking in the area of Hinterland, rural residential, titled and leased lots. They would like to move towards ticketing offenders, and identifying where all the "land interests" are located. They are working with mining so that lands and mining can work in harmony. Mayor Ellis spoke about how it is important to make sure development is used for the purpose for which it was intended.

b) **Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project**

Katie Chakhova, Regulatory Specialist at Victoria Gold, and Hugh Coyne, are planning to attend the Council meeting to provide an update on the Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project and the expected next steps while the project goes through the new YESAA process. For Council's information.

Katie and Hugh provided a detailed update about the Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project to Council.

Moved to item 6. v) a) RCMP Report for August, 2022 at this time.

Council received the August RCMP report. Cpl. Cychmistruk introduced the new RCMP member for the Mayo Detachment who had just recently arrived in Mayo, Cst. Alex Martinez-Arana, to Council.

Cpl. Cychmistruk mentioned that she had captured a dog who had been abandoned by its owner to the dog pound. However, the dog managed to escape from the dog pound during the evening. Mayor Ellis stated that Village Staff will repair the kennel in the dog pound, so that it is not possible for dogs to escape.

Mayor Ellis raised concern over some young people who are not old enough to have a driver's license, who have been seen driving recklessly through the streets of Mayo on multiple occasions. Cpl. Cychmistruk stated that she has given them a verbal warning already, but they are continuing to drive on the roads through town. Council is concerned about this and wants to see it stopped.

c) **New Yukon Museums & Cultural Centres Policy Engagement**

Mark Nelson from Cambio Consulting is planning to attend the Council meeting via zoom. He forwarded a discussion guide for this engagement meeting for Council's review prior to the discussion with him at the meeting. For Council's review.

Mark Nelson was not able to join the meeting. Council stated that the CAO would be a better choice to answer questions pertaining to a new Museums Policy than Council.

d) Sewer Main Line Work Update

Lawrence Bakelaar from WSP provided an email explaining the sewer main line issue the contractor encountered along Centre Street and the options they are considering for rectifying the issue. For Council's information.

Mayor Ellis mentioned that the Village should purchase newer, updated water/sewer related equipment (power sewer snakes, a new steamer, etc.) to modernize operations and to make it easier on Public Works Staff when they have to respond to lines being plugged or frozen. The CAO will pass this on to the Public Works Staff.

e) Chlorine Room Piping

We received a proposal from Chris Potvin, Engineer who has been working on our Water Treatment Plant Special Operating Procedures (SOP's), following his discussion with our Public Works Manager regarding the Chlorine Room. The piping inside the Chlorine Room has been showing wear and tear and is in need of replacement. This is a safety issue and therefore, the information was provided to Council right away via email for consideration. The required funds are eligible for Gas Tax Funding. Council's reply was favorable. Once Council passes the motion to go ahead with this project, I'll be able to apply for funding. For Council's approval.

MOTION 2022-09-05

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Joann Aird

Whereas Chris Potvin of CMP engineering completed a preliminary inspection of the chlorine gas system at the Mayo Water Treatment Plant, and

Whereas it was determined that the chlorine piping, tubes, and solenoid safety valve, as well as the chlorine regulator and turbidity meter, and chlorine analyzer are in need of replacement because they have outlived their life expectancy, and

Whereas Special Operating Procedures (SOP's) for calibration of the chlorine analyzer and the turbidimeter are also required, and

Whereas Chris Potvin provided the Village with a proposal dated August 3, 2022 for his site visit to identify the most appropriate instruments, and for developing a comprehensive detailed specifications package to contractors, and for evaluating their bids, and

Whereas, Chris Potvin also provided the total estimated project costs to complete this work, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Village of Mayo Council agrees to proceed with this project and to hire Chris Potvin of CMP engineering to provide the services listed in his proposal of August 3, 2022 in the amount of \$9,915.00 plus GST, with the option of hiring him to train Village Staff on the Special Operating Procedures for an additional cost of a site visit and a 2-hour training session, and

Be it further resolved that the Village set aside an additional \$50,000.00 as indicated in Chris Potvin's proposal, for the equipment, parts, and labor for the plumber and the electrician to complete this project.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

f) Geothermal Policy Engagement

Since this future YG policy will affect the Village and its geothermal project (warm water wells, and potential district heating) in future years, and since Mayor Ellis was not at the last meeting, this item is still on the agenda for Council's review. All Yukon municipalities complained that the timeline to provide comments was too short, and YG extended the due date for comments to September 29, 2022.

Does Council have any comments at this time, or would it be better to provide comments once there is a draft act available for review?

Council stated that they would like to hear what is being proposed for this new policy and receive a draft document for comment, prior to it being finalized.

g) Landfill Update

Public Works Staff completed maintenance on the cattle guard and has purchased larger solar panels and several batteries to ensure the electric fence stays fully charged from May 1st to October 15th, as per our solid waste permit.

A few days after the cattle guard had been worked on a contractor with a large truck took out one of the metal posts on the cattle guard. This meant that the PW crew had to spend the next two days repairing it. The contractor will be billed for this.

Dave Albisser forwarded the draft interim regional agreement on August 23rd. He said that Alexco has agreed to haul Keno transfer station waste to the Mayo Landfill, free of charge to Keno residents and YG. Before we could charge tipping fees for this, we should sign this interim agreement. My initial review of this agreement brought more questions (start date beginning of winter, no job description or attendant, no attendant shed, no weigh scale, however in order to receive funds we need to keep proper records, etc.). Village Council and Staff need to review this draft interim regional waste management facility agreement in detail and discuss the implications before we can make an informed decision about this. For Council's discussion.

Council discussed this agreement. They stated they are not ready to sign this agreement. The Village needs to discuss future operations of the landfill, create a job description for a landfill attendant, find out if there is any interest in town to work at the landfill, consider using household waste pickup, etc. and with winter coming soon, there is not enough time to have everything in place that would be needed to proceed.

h) Request for vehicle rental space

We received a request from NND asking if they could rent the old Firehall for storing their water or sewer truck for the winter months. The old Firehall is very inefficient, and it still cost us \$15,500 to heat the facility in 2021 and the doors were not opened very often. If the garage doors would be opened every day in the winter months, this cost would increase significantly. For Council's discussion.

It was discussed and agreed that the space is not suitable for rental. And there is still an old Fire Truck and Village equipment stored at this facility.

i) Orientation of new Staff House

In preparation for checking site conditions of the lot where the new Village of Mayo Staff house will be placed, Council's input is needed in regards to the placement of the building on the lot. I have prepared a visual aid to guide Council's discussion.

Council reviewed and agreed to the orientation of the new Staff House, as presented.

j) Official Community Plan (OCP) Update

We are expecting to receive a new draft OCP at the end of August. I've been in contact with Dennis Shewfelt and he suggested that Council may want to change the designation on the OCP and Zoning maps for the proposed 7th Avenue development, north east of the J.V. Clark School, from community use to rural residential. For Council's information and review. Council discussed this and decided to change the designation in the new OCP and Zoning bylaw to rural residential in the 7th Avenue extension area, and that they would prefer option 3 that was presented for the new residential lot layout.

k) Canadian Permafrost Conference in Dawson, Aug, 22-26, 2022

Deputy Mayor Joann Aird attended the panel discussion about permafrost on August 24, 2022 on behalf of the Village. For Council's information.

Councilor Aird provided a brief update about the panel discussion.

l) Staff House – revised policy

As per Council's discussion at the last meeting, I have revised the Staff House policy for Council's review and possible approval.

MOTION 2022-09-06

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Joann Aird

Whereas the Village of Mayo Council decided to revise the 2016 policy to regulate the use of the Village of Mayo Staff House, and

Whereas Council reviewed the revised Staff House Policy, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Village of Mayo Council approves the Staff House Use Policy, number 2022-01.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

m) **Reservoir update**

Budget Plumbing and WSP were on site mid-July to thoroughly inspect the old reservoir. They discovered that there are some issues with the old reservoir, however they proceeded filling the old reservoir over a number of days to check on the structural soundness of the reservoir. We expect to hear more once the Engineer has finished his report. For Council's information.

Mayor Ellis would like to default to the Staff's expertise in this area.

n) **Water/Sewer Project Work**

I had forwarded WSP's email why NND requested information about the Village's past water/sewer projects, and reports. This information will assist WSP who are working for NND to prepare for water/sewer upgrades in the East End area. Now that we received this explanation, I trust that Council will approve of this information exchange.

There are some unfinished issues left from Norcope's most recent water/sewer work on Second Avenue, and YG has been in contact with Norcope for completion, which may not happen until 2023.

o) **Annual Lagoon Inspection**

The annual lagoon inspection took place on August 25, 2022. Some maintenance is required on the access road, the perimeter road and the fencing. However, the overall inspection of the lagoon was satisfactory. For Council's information.

p) **Fall Feast**

Mayor Ellis asked me to contact NND to inquire about putting on a Joint Council fall feast. For Council's information.

An email was sent to NND regarding this but we have not heard back yet.

q) **United Way Fundraiser**

We received a letter from YG that on September 16, 2022 will be the kick off for the United Way fundraising campaign. Council has in past years provided a cash donation of \$200. Does Council want to do this again?

MOTION 2022-09-07

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Joann Aird

Whereas the Village of Mayo Council received a request for donation towards the United Way Fundraising Campaign, and

Whereas Council would like to support the United Way, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Village of Mayo Council agrees to donate \$200 (two hundred) to the United Way.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

r) Binet House

The Binet House Museum closed for the season on August 31, 2022. We had 620 visitors this summer. Final claim for the remainder of the approved funding will be submitted at the end of September 2022. For Council's information.

s) Joint Council meeting

I reached out to NND to inquire which day would be good for scheduling another Joint Council meeting. October is too busy, NND suggested November 3 or 17 for the next Joint Council meeting. Which day would work best for Village Council?
Council chose November 3rd as the next Joint Council meeting date.

t) Yukon Parks

We received a request for a meeting with Yukon Parks to discuss future upgrades at Five Mile Lake and Ethel Lake. When would Council like to schedule this meeting?
Council would like to schedule this meeting for the evening of September 14th or 15th.

u) Yukon Energy Tour

Chris Milner sent an email that YEC Operations Team is finishing up some road works as well as slope stabilization work behind one of the buildings. Therefore, they need to postpone Council's tour of the hydro plant. For Council's information.

v) Feedback sought on four-year term of office

We received an email from the Director of YG Community Affairs, that a public information gathering survey is anticipated to be posted on EngageYukon.ca in September. Council is asked to promote this survey in Mayo and to encourage individual community members and council members to respond to it. The information collected will be used to advise Cabinet on the options to amend the Municipal Act to extend the term of office to four years for mayors and municipal and local advisory councils. For Council's information.

w) Meeting with Alexco/Hecla

The Hecla acquisition of Alexco is scheduled to close on September 7, 2022. Brad Thrall has contacted us to organize a meeting on September 13, 2022 with Hecla CEO Phil Baker and other executives. We have proposed to meet with them at 4 pm. For Council's information.

x) Inquiry about walking trail

We received an email stating that there should be a walking trail from Mayo to the Airport Subdivision. For Council's information and discussion.

Council stated that this area is outside Village boundaries and there is already an existing walking trail, the Mayo River Dike Road and Lover's Lane which leads almost to the Bedrock in the Airport Subdivision. There are several very swampy areas along the highway to the Airport and establishing a walking trail here would be very difficult. However, Council would be in support of YG placing more street lights along this stretch of the highway.

y) Housing Summit

There will be a Housing Summit on October 4, 2022, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Yukon Inn in Whitehorse. For Council's information.

No one from Council is able to attend this housing summit.

MOTION **2022-09-08**

Moved by: Brent Chapman **Seconded by:** Joann Aird

THAT: The Chief Administrative Officer's Report of September 7, 2022, be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

- ii) **Clerk-Treasurer Report**
 - a) **Comparative Income Statement as at July 31, 2022**

MOTION **2022-09-08**

Moved by: Brent Chapman **Seconded by:** Joann Aird

THAT: The Comparative Income Statement for the month of July, 2022 be approved.

In Favour: 4 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

- b) **Comparative Income Statement as at August 31, 2022**

MOTION **2022-09-10**

Moved by: Brent Chapman **Seconded by:** Joann Aird

THAT: The Comparative Income Statement for the month of August, 2022 be approved.

In Favour: 4 Opposed: 0

CARRIED

- 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) **RCMP Report for August, 2022**
Heard previously.

b) Fire Fighter Incentive for August, 2022

MOTION 2022-09-11

Moved by: Brent Chapman

Seconded by: Joann Aird

THAT: The monthly firefighter incentive in the amount of \$100 be paid to Rylee Genier for the month of August 2022 as chosen by a random draw from the list of eligible volunteer fire fighters.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

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**
Nothing presented.
12. **New and Unfinished Business**
Barbara Barchen asked Council which group they would like to donate the table rental money to from Community garage sale that was held in the Community Hall earlier this year? Council would like the \$190.00 to go towards the Mayo drop-in arts group to purchase supplies.
13. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer