

VILLAGE OF MAYO
Minutes of Special Council Meeting
of Friday, March 27, 2020
Village of Mayo Council Chambers

Present

Council:

Mayor Scott Bolton (by phone)
Councilor Blair Andre (by phone)
Councilor Carol Knight (by phone)
Councilor Joann Aird (by phone)
Councilor Trevor Ellis (by phone)

CAO:

Margrit Wozniak

Absent:

Public Works Manager, Scott Hamilton
Clerk/Treasurer, Jennifer Brooker

1. Call to order

Mayor Scott Bolton called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 2020-03-16

Moved by: Blair Andre

Seconded by: Carol Knight

THAT:

The agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 4

Opposed: 0

CARRIED

Councilor Aird joined the meeting.

3. Items to be discussed:

a) Letter from NND to Premier Silver regarding Mining and Prospecting in the Yukon, dated March 25, 2020.

Council discussed the content of the letter NND sent to Premier Silver, with copies sent to the Minister of Energy Mines & Resources, Ranj Pillai, and the Minister of Northern Affairs, Dan Vandal. The letter had also been posted to facebook. A copy of the letter was sent to the Village of Mayo for information.

Council was surprised that that NND had sent such a strong letter to the Premier. When NND Council attended the Village of Mayo Council meeting on March 23, 2020 via conference call, Council had understood that NND would share their draft letter to YG with them prior to sending the letter.

Council stated that the Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health had just issued the order on March 22, 2020 that all persons entering Yukon from another Province, or Territory, must self-isolate for 14 days upon entering Yukon.

YG had classified Mining as an essential service. Mines such as Victoria Gold, Alexco, and Placer Miners should be given the option to comply with the orders of the Chief Medical Officer.

It would be best to work with the Mines, informing them to limit their visits to the community, to phone in their orders for supplies, to pick them up at the back door of the stores, would be acceptable.

YG EM&R issued a notice to Miners that they are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon their entry to Yukon. This notice is on the EMR website.

Mechanisms are in place to inform miners about the new rules.

Many people depend on the jobs in mining to pay their bills.

Council can see both sides, the economic side of the importance to keep mines operational and keeping the citizens of Mayo safe and hoping to keep the covid-19 virus out of the community. There are also community people who recently traveled and are supposed to self-isolate but are not doing so.

Victoria Gold has protocols in place to pre-screen employees, to ensure they have not recently traveled, etc.

Council was concerned about NND's statement that if people travel to another Yukon community and return home to Mayo, NND wants them to self-isolate for 14 days before going to the store, etc. This will be difficult for people to do. If Whitehorse did the same, we would have to self-isolate for 14 days in Whitehorse before we could attend our appointments, etc.

This was not part of the order from the Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Council wants to safeguard the citizens of Mayo, however, they also support the freedom of community residents to travel within Yukon.

Council is considering writing a letter to YG asking YG to be pro-active and to consider all reasonable requests to safeguard the community. Council would like to review and discuss the draft letter and make a final decision afterwards.

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer