

## Mayor's Report for April 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council

I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful spring-like weather we are having and are busy starting their vegetable seeds. Gardening has begun, thank goodness.

I attended a Tourism Strategy Workshop in Haines Junction on March 26 and 27. June Hampton attended as well, it was very informative, with excellent facilitators. The workshop centered on the strengths of your community, what natural, cultural and recreational facilities to offer visitors to your community. It got my creative juices flowing for sure. Patti Balsille, our consultant working on developing a strategic plan for moving forward with tourism in our community, was also in attendance at the workshop. We talked about having a fun day for everyone in our community to get together and brainstorm about tourism for the future here in Faro.

CAO Lie and I spoke with Curtis Shaw, Vice-President of Northwestel, via telephone conference this past week regarding the scheduling of Faro's upgrade to 4G. He emailed us back that we are scheduled for the upgrade in the beginning of June. We thanked him for the update and we are all looking forward to finally having the upgrade coming soon.

We have posted across Canada the posting for recruitment of a CAO for Faro. Closing is on May 1, 2015 and hopefully we have some great candidates apply for the job.

Council is meeting with representatives from Yukon Government to go over Solid Waste Management and what Faro's plans are for Solid Waste Management as set out in our recently completed Solid Waste Management Plan document. We will also be discussing what Build Canada funds are available.

I have gone through all of the responses (there were 22 questionnaires filled out) from our residents regarding future land development in our community, great information and ideas. Watch for a mail-out next week reflecting the results of the questionnaire and the top three future land developments our residents would like council to move forward with.

Thanks once again to Council and Administration for all their hard work.