



CAO Report

TO: Mayor Bowers and Members of Council

DATE: November 3, 2015

Good evening Mr. Mayor and members of Council,

Here is a summary of some of the things I've been up to, involved with, and will be doing over the coming weeks.

Economic Development

- The Opportunities North 2015: Shaping the Future conference in Whitehorse, October 26-29 was a success. The event was excellent networking event for me to speak to various YG representatives and politicians, including Premier Pasloski, and business leaders. I was invited to fill in for the Mayor of Skagway on a municipal issues panel, which included a councillor from Edmonton, Deputy Mayor of Yellowknife, and Mayors of Whitehorse and Inuvik. We discussed our common and disparate infrastructure and economic development challenges. Also during the conference, YG introduced their new tourism marketing and videos. Some of this media will be available for us to use.

Tourism

- Continuing to work the Faro Guide 2016 and mapping. A draft of the guide will be presented at a future council meeting for feedback.
- Investigating signage placement options along Yukon highways.

Solid Waste Management

- AYC Draft document is circulating and will be presented to council for their endorsement later this month.
- No further developments on potential Ross River transfer arrangements/fees.

Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences (CAO in Whitehorse on these dates)

- Yukon Asset Management Conference, November 5 & 6. Travel and accommodation costs covered by YG. Attending with Mayor Bowers.
- New Elected Officials Training is November 12-14.
- AYC CAO Meeting, December 4; AYC Board Meeting, December 5.
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Fire Smart

- Project continues. There have been some staffing challenges. YG Regional Protection Manager has been on site twice to evaluate the project and is very satisfied with the progress and quality of work. However, due to the thickness of the brush in the area the crew will not be able to complete the entire program area this year.

Fire Department

- I met with Mike Marcuson, Deputy Fire Marshal while I was in Whitehorse to discuss issues and concerns with the Faro Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Marcuson clarified that the FFD is independent of the FMO's mandate but does provide considerable support, training and mentoring that we can take advantage of.

Public Works

- New ventilation system (required for OHS compliance) has been partially installed at the shop. Awaiting electrical contractor to complete the work.

Emergency Management Plan

- The final draft of the Town's EMP has been distributed to Council for review before releasing to community agencies for comment.

Mine

- Grum Building Sale agreement submitted to YG. Awaiting their sign off.
- Stephen Mead will address Council on November 17th and be available to answer questions at that time.
- Had conversation with Eric Buchstein of Tlicho and Brad Beaumont of Yukon College regarding possible joint trades training opportunities with the Town. I suggest Council consider forming a liaison committee to explore this opportunity further.

Other

- Participating in monthly teleconferences with other Yukon CAOs to discuss common issues, practices, joint procurement (for example, arena start-up will be earlier next year to take advantage of lower electric rates), YG programs. Concern was raised that the Yukon Infrastructure Plan does not reflect community priorities.