



CAO Report

TO: Mayor Carreau and Members of Council

DATE: October 6, 2015

Good evening Madame Mayor, members of Council. My first few weeks here in Faro have been busy but very enjoyable as I get to know the Town's operations, staff and citizens. Here is a summary of some of the things I've been up to, involved with, and will be doing over the coming weeks.

Trails and Canada 150

- Van Gorder Trail was reopened with a temporary repair to the footbridge. An application will be made for funding to rehabilitate the trail and bridge under the Canada 150 program.
- A report with recommendations on projects to put forward for Canada 150 will be forthcoming at a future Council meeting.

Fire Smart

- "Fire Smart Project 2015" will tentatively begin on October 13th, pending fulfilment of the required positions. This year's project involves brush, tall grass, debris and hazard tree removal from the area below the Lower and Middle Bench. Some in-situ burning of debris will occur. The area was marked by YG staff last week.

Economic Development

- Nineteen attendees from the Economic Development Association Conference toured the town on Sept. 21, and seemed to enjoy the experience and our hospitality very much. The group was given presentations about the past, present and future prospects for the town. Their conclusion is that Faro is, and will continue, to be tied to the mine, as ongoing remediation and water treatment over the next decades will provide local employment and opportunities.
- Ian will be attending the Opportunities North 2015: Shaping the Future conference in Whitehorse, October 26-29.

Landfill Fire

- The construction debris pile at the landfill was set alight on Saturday, September 26. RCMP notified Town staff, who responded by erecting barricades a safe distance from the blaze and monitored the situation. A burn was already planned for later this fall.

AYC Solid Waste Management Workshop

- I attend these workshops on September 17th and 25th in Whitehorse. AYC will prepare a report to be circulated to member municipal Councils by the end of October. The goal of the work the CAOs have done through this process is to propose a high-level operational and funding framework (MOU) to make landfill operations consistent across the Territory. Municipalities like Faro do not currently have an attended landfill operation or have a set schedule of tipping fees for users. The framework will outline a sustainable way forward for us to better control our landfill operation, through gating, staffing, and charging appropriate fees, and enabling waste diversion programs, with funding support initially from YG that moves towards a stewardship funding model implemented over a 5 year period.

AYC Board Meeting

- Mayor Carreau and I attended the AYC Board Meeting and Gala in Whitehorse on September 26th.
- Kirsti Muller, acting Director of Community Services while Ian Davis is on leave, provided an update on changes to the Municipal Act. Her department is also looking for feedback or guidance on driving their mandate for the next 3 years.

Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences

- I will be attending the Yukon Asset Management Conference, November 5 & 6.
- I will be attending Volunteer Firefighter Training in Ross River, October 5 to 8 (daytime)
- In discussion with Yukon College and Mine about joint training opportunities for our staff and local skilled trades training.

Other

- You'll see me here and there around town as I conduct an inventory and visual assessment of some of our current infrastructure and state of repair. With this information, I am developing some much needed new mapping of the Town that will eventually become part of a geographic information system.
- *Save the date: **New Elected Officials Training is November 12-14*** in Whitehorse