



Porter Creek D: Preliminary Work to Proceed

Following extensive consultation efforts, City Council voted on December 12 to move forward with the planning and pre-design of a potential road connection and residential area (Porter Creek D) for the Middle McIntyre Creek area.

The residential component of the proposal encompasses an area of 80 ha, which is serviceable by existing infrastructure (water lines, power lines, and roads) and rests adjacent to McIntyre Creek Park – a protected greenspace 3,620 ha (36 km²) in size.

The Middle McIntyre Creek area has been identified in the City's *Official Community Plan* (OCP) for potential development since the 1990s. The proposal is being explored as part of the Whitehorse Growth Strategy, which tries to sustainably control growth by keep new development close to existing infrastructure and services.

In 2011, the City recorded associated values through meetings with a working group of stakeholder groups and two First Nations. A Wildlife Corridor Study was carried out by Environmental Dynamics

Inc (EDI), and a public Open House and comment period were held.

Planning and pre-design efforts will include further consultation to provide details on the style and extent of development possible in the area. The next phase of consultation is set to begin mid-year, and will continue until next winter.

For more information and to view the EDI report, visit us online at www.whitehorse.ca/growthstrategy or contact Kinden Kosick, Senior Planner.

Whistle Bend Update

Whistle Bend is being built in 6 phases. As the construction continued for Phases 1 and 2, public consultation for Phases 3 to 5 was carried out this Fall. The City's goal was to collect comments on housing choice, transportation, street design, building efficiency, neighbourhood character, and other design elements for the next phases of our city's newest neighbourhood.

The interactive web platform, CrowdBrite, was successfully introduced into the process as an innovative new tool for consultation. Participants were able to post virtual sticky-notes on a live canvas of Whistle Bend to indicate their ideas, questions, and responses, and to suggest examples and activities (pictured above). The site was well used with a total of 127 comments posted.

Thanks to all who participated!

Lot sales for Phases 1 and 2 are anticipated for Fall 2012. For more information contact Kinden Kosick, Senior Planner.

Renewal of Downtown Infrastructure

The upgrade of aging municipal infrastructure is an ongoing process that keeps City Planners and Engineers busy year-round. Upgrades occur through the City's Local Improvement (LI) process, and are implemented through cost-sharing agreements between the City and property owners (as per the Local Improvement Charge Policy).

LI projects are important for ensuring that public spaces remain functional and safe. During a project, subsurface works (meaning water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer services) are brought up to

current City standards for performance and efficiency. Upgrades to surface works (meaning roads, sidewalks, and curbs) allow the City to meet safety and universal accessibility goals.

In 2011, upgrades were completed for Hanson St (from 5th Ave to 6th Ave) and Black St (from 4th Ave to 6th Ave). Both projects consisted of:

- replacing water mains in the rights-of-way
- replacing "bleeding" water systems with re-circulating services on private property



Hanson St



Hanson St at 5th Ave

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- building sidewalks and curbs
- asphaltting road surfaces
- installing street lights
- restoring landscaping disturbed during construction

The sanitary sewer main on Hanson St was replaced and the street was closed-off at 6th Ave with a cul-de-sac design. Additionally, the lane between Hanson St

and Lambert St was paved at the request and expense of property owners.

Both projects were completed under budget, though a few weeks later than anticipated due to weather and a busy construction season. Subsurface works were completed by Castle Rock Enterprises, and surface works were by Skookum Asphalt.

Still to come: The next phase of the Black St re-construction (from 6th Ave to the escarpment) will be carried out in Spring 2012. Improvements to the Marwell area are also slated for Spring, with an LIC Bylaw having passed on December 12. Consultation is additionally underway for improvements to the Hillcrest area.

For more information contact Erica Beasley, Planner.

Zoning Bylaw Rewrite: Questionnaire Complete!

In 2010, the City adopted a new *Official Community Plan* (OCP). Planning and Development Services is now in the process of updating the Zoning Bylaw to reflect new values captured in the revised plan. While OCP consultation provided general direction on many issues, further public input has been required to detail the needed changes.

In October, Planning kicked-off a four week consultation period with a questionnaire that featured 24 questions relating to:

- urban chickens
- group homes
- halfway houses

- child care centres
- minimum unit sizes
- laneway houses
- building heights
- multiple housing in Old Town
- vacant sites near the escarpment
- housing near recreation areas (golf courses and ski hills)
- recreational vehicle storage

A total of 540 questionnaires were received. **Thanks to all who responded!**

Planning is reviewing the results, and will proceed in drafting options for Council and public review in early 2012. For more information contact Mike Ellis, Planner.



Comings and Goings

It's been a busy year, with many projects on the go. The Department has grown once again by welcoming Glenda Koh to the Planning staff. Our newest Planner brings over ten years of policy and planning experience to the team. **Welcome aboard, Glenda!**

We also send out a big **thank you** to Joy Janssens, Customer Service Rep., for her many years of service in the Department. After 26 years with the City, Joy is taking a very well deserved retirement. We wish her the best in this exciting new chapter.

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