



COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Meeting date: November 22nd

1. What process is used to select Board of Variance members and are they eligible to serve multiple terms? What is the process to fill vacancies?

The Board of Variance Bylaw sets out the number of board members, the length of the appointment terms (5 years) and renewal options (members can be re-appointed to a second term). In this case, an internal recruitment process was used for these re-appointments based on professional qualifications and continued interest of members to serve. Should a vacancy come up between terms, a public recruitment process as with all boards and committees can be used including advertising in local newspapers and on the website.

2. Were there concerns raised in the Development Review Committee evaluation of the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment for 115 Range Road? Can minutes be provided from the Committee?

As noted in the Administrative Report, there were no significant concerns raised about the application by DRC. The Terms of Reference for the City's Development Review Committee (DRC) provide that the agendas and the minutes from meetings are confidential. Due to confidentiality of applications, DRC meetings are closed to the public, with applicants potentially attending to provide additional information on their application. Information collected through DRC minutes is communicated to applicants, specific to their projects, to indicate any issues or requirements, and to assist a project moving towards the approval stage. This information, including any significant concerns raised and addressed, or that require addressing, may be summarized and included in administrative reports for processes such as zoning amendments and conditional use approvals, to inform Council in the decision making process. Otherwise, the range of considerations and any issues raised at the Committee are dealt with at the Administrative level.

3. What are the three projects being recommended to receive the major Environmental Grants this year?

Whitehorse Tool Library, a non-for-profit, applied for a grant to improve the public awareness of the Whitehorse Tool Library and its services, and to continue building the inventory to provide more options for tool borrowing.



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Yukon Queer Society, a non-for-profit, has partnered with Yukon Women in Trades and Technology to apply for a grant to develop a series of workshops for LGBTQIA2S+ community members and construct four garden boxes. The construction phase will be used to run carpentry and build workshops for the LGBTQIA2S+ community. After the garden boxes are completed, YQS will run gardening programming year around. YQS is also requesting funding to install a bike rack on their property to promote cycling among nearby businesses.

Yukon Invasive Species Council has applied for a grant to help finance a seasonal project to promote, organize, and host “weed-pulls” for the community of Whitehorse. The pilot project will provide opportunities for residents and tourists to get involved in volunteering. The main invasive species targeted will be Sweet clover as this species is responding well to hand-pulling. It grows rapidly and attracts wildlife species to roadsides, making it a safety and visibility hazard for motorists.