



COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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1. Can the history of the vacant lots that were not initially developed in Mary Lake be provided?

This information could not be found in either YG or City files.

2. When was the last Mary Lake infill?

The majority of the neighbourhood was subdivided in 1985 and sold/built thereafter.

However, there were two notable additions to the neighbourhood after that point:

- 19 lots were added in 1994. Originally, there were no lots closer than approximately 500 metres from the Alaska Highway. The 1994 infill saw the addition of the several new lots on Fireweed Drive within this area as well as the development of Orchid Place. See attached drawing, which shows the original plan of subdivision for this 19 lot development.
- 7 lots on Marigold Place were added in 1995. This was done in conjunction with the addition of the Cowley Creek neighbourhood. However, the new cul-de-sac is considered part of Mary Lake.

3. How many lots are envisioned in Mary Lake?

The maps made available for the first round of public input identify 4 parcels, some of which could be subdivided into multiple lots. Input from residents, environmental, hydrological and geotechnical will inform the final proposal regarding the number of lots and boundary configurations. If no constraints were present a maximum of 11 lots could be proposed assuming a minimum 1 hectare parcel size.

4. Should the Environmental Grant Policy be considered under the Grant Making Policy?

This is not recommended. The following describes the differences in the policies and other changes that would be required if the two policies were merged.

- The Environmental Grant is excluded from the City Grant making policy by virtue of this clause in the Grant making policy: "This policy provides a universal framework for all City of Whitehorse grants funded by taxes (versus grants funded by outside sources or user fees)." The Environmental Grant is funded out of utility fees.
- There are other types of grants that are excluded, such as Diversion Credits, which are funded out of tipping fees, so a categorical inclusion of other types of grants is not recommended.



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- The Environmental Grant is largely consistent with the Grant making policy. There are two small inconsistencies outlined below.
 1. Only one grant per program area per year is allowed under the Grant making policy. This is being contemplated in the new enviro grant policy.
 2. Applications are limited to \$50k per Impact Area. This clause would require screening applicants to see whether they have received other grants within the Environment Impact Area, though it's unlikely because other types of environmental grants are uncommon at the City.
 - To make the Grant making Policy applicable to the Environmental Grant, administration could:
 1. Amend the Grant making Policy to apply to the Environmental Grant
 2. Amend the Reserve Fund bylaw to make the Environmental Grant to come out of taxes, not fees.
- 5. Can additional information be provided on the Health and Safety Symposium “Leading Through Innovation” that the Mayor is proposing to attend?**

The Mayor received an invitation from IAFF Local 2217 Whitehorse Fire Fighters Association to attend and participate in the John P. Redmond Health and Safety Symposium to be held August 6-10. This is a Health and Safety Symposium focussing on the fire ground and emergency scenes. There is a FIREOPS 101 day of simulated fire fighting experiences where they are looking for elected officials and administrators to play a role and share perspectives. There are also other sessions such as the National Threat Assessment and Preparedness, EMS Community Engagement and Social Interaction (including 20/20: Community Risk Reduction) and plenary sessions looking at lessons learned from recent events such as the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale Airport Shooting and the Fort McMurray Wildfire. Director O’Blenes will be attending as well to learn more about recent study outcomes, Personal Protective Equipment innovation and safety programs, standards and regulations.