



COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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1. Do we actively pursue infractions of Bylaws 2013-35 and 9354 (regarding bicycles and skateboards) or is it only dealt with on a complaint basis?

The City has received no formal bicycle and/or skateboard complaints pursuant to the downtown business area in 2017. Bylaw is proactive in that the meter employees ride bikes to and from the downtown area patrolling the riverfront each way. They are expected to deal with any observed offences or call for a general duty investigator to assist. They also work within the Central Business District and deal with offences as observed or call for an investigator to assist. Meter employees actively discourage skateboarders from the downtown business area and direct them to the skateboard park area. In addition, Bylaw have a patrol constable who does bike and foot patrols along the Riverfront and the Millennium Trail areas. This officer enforces and ensures compliance while on patrol.

2. What happened to the City's bike patrol program?

The City still has this program but staffing challenges and a recent resignation have caused some difficulties with this program. Bylaw currently has their general duty officers conducting random patrols however, their first response is to other bylaw complaints. Bylaw is currently advertising for the patrol position and hope to fill it soon.

3. Are parking meter attendants authorized to address other bylaw infractions?

Meter employees are restricted to meters and all other observed offences get passed onto the general duty or traffic responders.

4. Can administration provide an update on the electronic speed signs being explored?

The City of Whitehorse, Street Sign and Traffic Committee has examined safety solutions to slow speeders down where traffic tends to exceed the posted speed limit. The City was made aware earlier this year that the Yukon Government obtained two solar LED speed signs which will be utilized during the school period and will be rotated to various school zones annually. In February 2017, the City of Whitehorse submitted a written request to YG to utilize the two LED speed signs. The City is currently working with the Yukon



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Government to utilize these signs in the summer months annually and are working on the requirements for the specialized installations for any contemplated locations.

5. Can administration provide info regarding rationale for selecting the lowest bidder on contracts?

Price is always a factor in evaluating submissions to a competitive procurement process at the City, but it is not always the determining factor for contract award. Examples of two different competitive processes are outlined below for clarification.

The City issues a Request for Tender primarily for high-value contracts used for the purchase of goods or construction where there is a clear set of specifications and the City wants to find the lowest price (a 2017 white ½ ton pickup with a specific motor). The award for this type of procurement is generally price based with the award going to the lowest bidder. This is consistent with the City's Purchasing & Sales Policy which references best value for taxpayer's dollars.

The City issues a Request for Proposal when we know what we want, and why, but wants to solicit competitive and creative input from proponents (playground equipment which should include a variety of children's activity centres). In this process proponents are asked to provide their best solution (the "how") to the proposal call and evaluation is conducted against a set of weighted criteria where price would not be the sole determining factor for contract award. Evaluation criteria may consist of proponent's qualifications, past performance, expected delivery date, references, what sorts of equipment are proposed for the playground, what materials are they made of, how much maintenance is required, is there a local distributor, price, etc.

6. Regarding the proposed infill sites, what is the change in lot yield after the latest technical review?

- Overall, the total number of lots was reduced from 40 lots to 25 lots.
- The proposed number of City lots was reduced from 20 lots to 9 lots
- The proposed number of YG lots was reduced from 20 lots to 16 lots