

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2022-03 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Cabott
Deputy Mayor Dan Boyd
Councillors Kirk Cameron
Jocelyn Curteanu
Michelle Friesen
Ted Laking
Mellisa Murray

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager Jeff O’Farrell
Acting Director of Community Services Landon Kulych
Director of Corporate Human Resources Lindsay Schneider**
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Director of Operations Tracy Allen
Assistant City Clerk Norma Felker
Technical Support Specialist Lloyd Borres

***Indicates Electronic Participation*

Mayor Cabott called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

2022-03-01

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

ADOPT AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

2022-03-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated January 31,
2022 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

January 31, 2022

Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Cabott advised that public input into the 2022 to 2024 Operating Budget is scheduled at this meeting. Since Council Chambers is closed to in-person public participation due to the COVID-19 virus, Council will rely on written and audio-only submissions for this bylaw.

OPERATING BUDGET
PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Cabott called for submissions with respect to Bylaw 2022-01, a bylaw to adopt the 2022 Operating Budget and the Provisional Budgets for 2023 and 2024.

BYLAW 2022-01
2022–2024 Operating Budget

Philip Fitzgerald stated the opinion that the budget document did not provide a complete analysis and supporting numbers for some items, so taxpayers can't ascertain the magnitude of the changes proposed. He expressed concern about the increasing size of the operating budget and the lack of figures for reference with respect to the city's workforce. He also noted that the budget contains no measures to help housing affordability.

Philip Fitzgerald

Mr. Fitzgerald asked a number of questions about different aspects of the budget, and suggested that changes should be made to the Senior Utility Rebate and Senior Property Tax Deferral Programs. He further suggested that there would be merit to investigating the use of more property codes in the Tax Bylaw to recognize the diversity of properties in Whitehorse.

Richard Legner stated that a well-maintained bicycling infrastructure is the key factor to increasing cycling in winter cities, and expressed the hope that this concept would be reflected in the operating budget.

Richard Legner

A written submission from Beatrix Goltz urged support for year-round maintenance of the active transportation network.

Submissions Read

A written submission from the Grey Mountain Primary School Council requested that the issue of snow clearing in front of all schools in the City be included in the review of snow and ice control policies. The School Council also requested that new push-buttons and flashing lights be installed at the intersection in front of Grey Mountain Primary before the start of the 2022 – 2023 school year.

Submissions Read

Six e-mail submissions were also received. These will be summarized in the Public Input Report.

Submissions Received

Mayor Cabott declared the public input session for Bylaw 2022-01 closed and advised that a report on the input received would be presented at the next Standing Committee meeting.

Public Input Closed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corporate Services Committee

2022-03-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the remaining funds from the 2021 capital budget for the Range Road South Lift Station project be re-budgeted to 2022 in an amount up to \$2,314,249; and

RANGE ROAD SOUTH
LIFT STATION PROJECT

.../continued

2022-03-03 (Continued)

THAT the 2022 to 2025 Capital Expenditure Program be amended by increasing the 2022 budget for the Range Road South Lift Station project in the amount of \$500,000, funded from the Water and Sewer Reserve until an amended Gas Tax Transfer Payment Agreement has been approved; and

RANGE ROAD SOUTH
LIFT STATION PROJECT
(Continued)

THAT Administration be authorized to commence the procurement for the Range Road South Lift Station project.

Carried Unanimously

2022-03-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the 2022 to 2025 Capital Expenditure Plan be amended by adding a new capital project titled ‘Snow and Ice Control Policy Review’ for the purpose of completing a comprehensive review of the City’s existing policy, in the amount of \$100,000, funded from the General Reserve.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL
POLICY REVIEW PROJECT
BUDGET AMENDMENT

Carried Unanimously

City Planning Committee

2022-03-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2022-10, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with the Frostbite Music Society for a parcel of land within Shipyards Park, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD LEASE
AGREEMENT BYLAW
Frostbite Music Society
(Chambers House)

Carried Unanimously

2022-03-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-38, a bylaw to amend the zoning of Lot 1216 Robert Service Way to allow for public utility and commercial/industrial uses, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD ZONING
AMENDMENT BYLAW
Lot 1216 Robert Service Way

Carried Unanimously

2022-03-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-39, a bylaw to change the zoning of 115 Range Road from Airport to Highway Commercial, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD ZONING
AMENDMENT BYLAW
115 Range Road

Carried Unanimously

2022-03-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-42, a bylaw to establish the zoning for Phase 9 of
Whistle Bend, be brought forward for second and third reading under
the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD ZONING
AMENDMENT BYLAW
Whistle Bend Phase 9

Carried Unanimously

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

City Operations Committee

Committee members discussed a number of issues arising as a result of the unprecedented snowfall and the difficulties being experienced by residents as City crews struggle to meet the demand for snow removal. In particular, many issues have arisen around accessibility. It was noted that in some instances there may be no adequate access to bus stops or to the signal button used to implement safety signals at crosswalks. The snow accumulation has also limited access to business fronts and has prevented people from leaving their homes.

Administration advised that City crews have been working overtime for more than a month, and contractor resources are being used to supplement City resources. In accordance with existing policy, priority one and two roads are cleared first, and with back-to-back heavy snow falls the crews typically return to the priority roads before they proceed to clear roads with lesser priority. Other options are being examined, including additional potential use of contractors at snow dumps to increase the capacity of City crews to work on snow removal.

Snow Removal Issues
For Information Only

A suggestion that a Council and Administration Roundtable meeting be convened to discuss issues and options was not supported by the majority of Committee members, recognizing that time and resources would be better spent on snow removal work.

A Committee member acknowledged and applauded the active participation of citizens in clearing sidewalks in their neighbourhoods and assisting neighbours who are experiencing difficulties due to the accumulation of snow.

Community Services Committee

There was no report from the Community Services Committee.

No Report

Public Health and Safety Committee

A Committee member noted that a Council and Administration Roundtable meeting has been scheduled to discuss the recent Tax Safety Report. This meeting will provide Council members with an opportunity to discuss the recommendations and suggestions for implementation.

TAXI SAFETY REPORT
For Information Only

Administration provided an update on some recent actions by the City to support the efforts of the Government of Yukon and organizations such as Blood Ties in the battle against the opioid crisis. The issue is on the agenda for Administration’s next Total Management meeting to discuss options available to provide support going forward.

OPIOID CRISIS
For Information Only

In response to questions raised, Administration advised that the renovation of the High Country Inn is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year. It is a complicated process to convert hotel rooms into residences, and the permitting process will take time. At this point, Administration has no knowledge of the anticipated schedule for consultation with the public about the project.

SAFE AT HOME
BUILDING PROJECT
For Information Only

BYLAWS

2022-03-09

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2022-05, a bylaw to amend the 2021 to 2024 Capital Expenditure Program with respect to budget adjustments made throughout 2021, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2022-05
UMBRELLA CAPITAL
BUDGET AMENDMENTS
THIRD READING

2022-03-10

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2022-06, a bylaw to amend the 2021 to 2023 Operating Expenditure Program with respect to budget adjustments made throughout 2021, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2022-06
UMBRELLA OPERATING
BUDGET AMENDMENTS
THIRD READING

2022-03-11

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2022-07, a bylaw to write off uncollectible accounts, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2022-07
WRITE OFF ACCOUNTS
THIRD READING

2022-03-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-38, a bylaw to amend the zoning of Lot 1216 on Robert Service Way to allow for public utility and commercial-industrial uses, be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-38

ZONING AMENDMENT
Lot 1216 Robert Service Way
SECOND READING

2022-03-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-38, a bylaw to amend the zoning of Lot 1216 on Robert Service Way to allow for public utility and commercial-industrial uses, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-38

ZONING AMENDMENT
Lot 1216 Robert Service Way
THIRD READING

2022-03-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-39, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 115 Range Road from Airport to Highway Commercial, be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-39

ZONING AMENDMENT
115 Range Road
SECOND READING

2022-03-15

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-39, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 115 Range Road from Airport to Highway Commercial, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-39

ZONING AMENDMENT
115 Range Road
THIRD READING

2022-03-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-42, a bylaw to a bylaw to establish the zoning for the area known as Whistle Bend Phase 9, be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-42

ZONING AMENDMENT
Whistle Bend Phase 9
SECOND READING

2022-03-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-42, a bylaw to a bylaw to establish the zoning for the area known as Whistle Bend Phase 9, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-42

ZONING AMENDMENT
Whistle Bend Phase 9
THIRD READING

2022-03-18

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2022-10, a bylaw to authorize an agreement with Frostbite
Music Society for the lease of a parcel of land in Shipyards Park, be
given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2022-10
LEASE AGREEMENT
Frostbite Music Society
FIRST READING

2022-03-19

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2022-10, a bylaw to authorize an agreement with Frostbite
Music Society for the lease of a parcel of land in Shipyards Park, be
given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2022-10
SECOND READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT





Laura Cabott, Mayor



Wendy Donnithorne, City Clerk

ADOPTED at the Regular Council Meeting dated February 28, 2022.