

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2022-09 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager Jeff O'Farrell
Acting Director of Community Services Landon Kulych
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Director of Operations Tracy Allen
Manager of Legislative Services Wendy Donnithorne

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

CALL TO ORDER

2022-09-01

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Agenda be amended to add a new item of business with
respect to the Parking Patio Project, and that it be dealt with as the
second item under New and Unfinished Business.

AMEND AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

2022-09-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

ADOPT AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

2022-09-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated April 25, 2022
be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

April 25, 2022

Carried Unanimously

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Health and Safety Committee

Administration provided an update on the Escarpment slide which occurred on Saturday April 30th along Robert Service Way, immediately south of Downtown. A large section of the escarpment released, tearing out the White Pass train tracks, a guard rail, and a light standard as it crossed the Robert Service Way and the Millennium trail before coming to a stop on the Yukon River ice. Several small slides followed the initial slide. It was estimated that the volume of debris from the slide was between 3,000 and 4,000 cubic metres.

ESCARPMENT SLIDE
Robert Service Way – For
Information Only

It was noted by Administration that additional maintenance would be provided on other transportation routes to support more commuters, that further geohazard risk assessment was already planned for the escarpment area, and that it is too early to know what the required capital investment will be as a result of the slides.

Councillor Laking raised the issue of continued property crime activity in the community and noted the advocacy role of the City and importance of the issue reflected in Council strategic priorities. Administration noted that preliminary work has been done and is now positioned to move ahead. The Mayor provided an additional update on recent meetings with government and agency partners, where the City’s commitment to support crime prevention efforts was reinforced and its request that the focus be broadened out to neighborhoods and subdivisions in addition to downtown.

UPDATE ON CRIME
PREVENTION – For
Information Only

Councillor Cameron noted that the first week of May is Emergency Preparedness Week, a national awareness initiative that encourages people to take simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies. He noted that this year’s theme is to Plan, Prepare, and Be Aware which is meant to help people take action to protect themselves and their families during emergencies. All citizens were encouraged to know the risks, to make a plan, and prepare an emergency kit. It was noted as especially important here with the two main risks being flooding and fires as we head into summer.

EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS WEEK –
For Information Only

Corporate Services Committee

Councillor Murray presented a Notice of Motion to create a framework, including budget and terms of reference,

NOTICE OF MOTION

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for a new Inclusivity Advisory Committee, to be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting on May 9, 2022.

NOTICE OF MOTION

2022-09-04

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council formally reconfirm the City’s membership in the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities.

COALITION OF INCLUSIVE MUNICIPALITIES

Carried Unanimously

City Planning Committee

2022-09-05

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council approve an RCM2 Zone Housing Development Incentive with respect to the construction of 18 apartment style housing units at 190 Olive May Way in Whistle Bend.

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE APPLICATION
190 Olive May Way

Carried Unanimously

2022-09-06

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2022-18, a bylaw to authorize the sale and disposition of a portion of the road right-of-way as shown on Plan 19005 LTO adjacent to Lot 1, Block C, Plan 19005 LTO (2050 2nd Avenue/Lowe Street), be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

SALE AND LAND DISPOSITION
2020 2nd Avenue/Lowe Street

Carried Unanimously

2022-09-07

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2022-17, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 151 Black Street to allow for an office use to fully occupy the ground floor, a development providing a single use, and a reduction of glazing requirements as required under current design guidelines, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

ZONING AMMENDMENT
151 Black Street

Carried Unanimously

Administration provided updates on key commercial land parcels including Tlingit Street which is anticipated to come back to Council in fall 2022 with options for potential disposition.

COMMERCIAL LAND –
For information only

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In addition, it was noted the Whitehorse Operations Building adjacent lands, which will be designated in the Official Community Plan and then subject to further planning.

COMMERCIAL LAND –
For Information Only

It was also noted that there were several areas that continue to be subject to decisions for residential use such as Wasson Place, and that future plans for this area, which is owned by Yukon government, will be part of the required “Tank Farm” Master Plan.

Ryan West presented a petition showing community support to designate the 98 Hotel as a historic site. Mr. West also provide details about the hotel’s background and history as the rationale for his proposal. He also clarified in response to Committee questions, that he does not represent the owners and they are neither for or opposed to a formal designation. He also understood that a designation may protect both the building and business from alternation if it was sold in future.

HISTORIC SITE
DESIGNATION -
98 Hotel – For Information
Only

Development Services Committee

Forest Pearson presented a new vision and concepts for the City Hall renovation project, which included moving the transit hub into the core of the downtown at 3rd and Main at the site of the current parking lot. This could see City offices with potential housing above, and developing 3rd Avenue into a “green street” with enhanced transit and pedestrian infrastructure as a community asset. It could also redirect transit off of 2nd Avenue and allow for more progressive development of the area. In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Pearson added that the “green street” corridor on 3rd Avenue could be from Black Street to Lowe Street, and allow for some limited vehicle access for residents, and noted that single lane streets have been said to “fragment” communities.

CITY HALL PROJECT
VISION – For Information
Only

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee

No Report

Community Services Committee

Councillor Friesen wanted to showcase the great experience that was had by members at the “pickleball” event at the Canada Games Centre over the weekend, noting that it was not only a very fun and physical event, and highly recommended, but also recognized the positive and enthusiastic City staff coaching the event.

PICKLEBALL WEEKEND
EVENT – For Information
Only

Councillor Murray recognized May, 2022 as Asian Heritage Month, and a time to recognize the important contributions of Asian people to the City and community.

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH
– For Information Only

Councillor Laking recognized May, 2022 as Jewish Heritage Month, and a time to recognize the important contributions of Jewish people to the City and community.

JEWISH HERITAGE
MONTH – For Information
Only

Councillor Friesen recognized the upcoming Red Dress Day on Thursday, May 5, 2022, a day to commemorate murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls in the Yukon and across Canada.

RED DRESS DAY
May 5, 2022– For
Information Only

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2022-09-08

Following discussion by Council, it was duly moved and seconded, THAT Council direct Administration to create the framework including the budget and draft terms of reference, for the Inclusivity Advisory Committee to include the following, but are not limited to:

1. Make recommendations to Council on the use of gender neutral and non-discriminatory language in City Bylaws;
2. Advise Council on the inclusiveness and effectiveness of existing programs and services;
3. Advise Council on the implementation of the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities toolkits and resources; and
4. Make recommendations to Council on strategies and initiatives to provide an inclusive, diverse, positive and healthy environment within the City of Whitehorse and our community.

INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Carried Unanimously

2022-09-09

Following discussion by Council, it was duly moved and seconded, THAT Council approve amendments to Section 2.10.6 and 2.10.7 and as required of the Lease, Encroachment and Property Use Policy to set location and space criteria for parking patios in the downtown area as follows:

PARKING PATIO POLICY
AMENDMENTS

1. That parking patios be a maximum width of 1.8m for parallel parking stalls and 4.0m for angled parking stalls, measured from the curb face; and

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2. That parking patios are prohibited from 2nd and 4th Avenues; and
THAT Administration be directed to update the Lease, Encroachment
and Property Use Policy to reflect these changes, which will take
effect immediately upon Council approval.

PARKING PATIO POLICY
AMENDMENTS
Continued

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Mayor

City Clerk

ADOPTED by Resolution at Meeting #2022-12