



Minutes of the meeting of the Public Health and Safety Committee

Date	June 6, 2022	2022-13
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Kirk Cameron – Chair Mayor Laura Cabott Councillor Dan Boyd** Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Members Absent	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Deputy Mayor Ted Laking	
Staff Present	Jeff O’Farrell, Interim City Manager Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Tracy Allen, Director of Operations	

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Your Worship, the Public Health and Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. **Emergency Housing Situation** – For Information Only

Aja Mason from the Yukon Status of Women Council and Nina McKinnon from the Safe at Home Society addressed the Committee to request that the City join a coordinated response to the urgent need for housing options. It was noted that homelessness has almost doubled in recent months, and the number is expected to increase with the recent wave of evictions from hotels and motels to accommodate tourists. People without stable, long-term housing may have responded to individual emergent needs for temporary living spaces by camping under and on the clay cliffs. With the heightened concern surrounding the instability of the Whitehorse escarpment, camping in these areas is an increasingly unsafe option for people.

The delegates asked the City to immediately consider temporary suspension of certain provisions of the *Parks and Public Open Space Bylaw* to allow Robert Service Campground and the Takhini Arena to be reviewed and considered as centralized site

camping and accommodation areas. The also asked that Bylaw Officers and other front-line City staff be given harm reduction and trauma-informed training, stressing that creating options that prioritize safety and meet this emergency are both necessary and consistent with the City's commitment to the values in the Safe at Home Action Plan.

Administration confirmed that the City is working with the Government of Yukon to consider a number of short term options, and noted that the Mayor is scheduled to meet with the Minister this week to discuss the issue.

2. Escarpment Camping – For Information Only

Administration advised that no instances of camping on the escarpment have been identified, and noted that the amount of camping around the City is similar to previous years. The City is a government partner in the Safe at Home Initiative, and is part of a subgroup formed to identify solutions when hotel evictions started. The *Parks and Public Open Space Bylaw* specifies that camping in non-designated areas is an offence, but the City and Government of Yukon are considering short-term options if a demonstrated need is identified.

With respect to training for frontline staff, Administration advised that a number of programs are offered to City staff throughout the year, including conflict resolution, de-escalating, FN101, and naloxone training. A Committee member suggested that Administration work with the delegates to identify specific training programs that would be beneficial to ensure that staff are appropriately trained.

Administration noted that Robert Service Campground is not a viable option at this time due to the closure of the access road and trails in the area, and also due to the pending construction project.

In response to queries regarding zoning issues, Administration advised that usage triggers zoning applications and complaints drive enforcement issues.

3. Update on Road and Trail Closures – For Information Only

Administration advised that the closure of Robert Service Way is expected to continue for at least another week as sheet pilings and a berm are put in place. Crews are working on the escarpment to identify new tension cracks and seepage, and a significant crack in the Takhini area is being closely monitored.



Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee

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Your Worship, the Corporate Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Community Service and Municipal Charges Grants

Council annually allocates funds to assist non-profit, charitable and/or recreational organizations in the payment of municipal property taxes and other specific municipal charges. Grant allocations are recommended based on the tiered criteria contained in the Municipal Charges and Community Service Grants Policy. The City Grant-making Policy also stipulates a \$50,000 cap for all grants to any one organization in a given year. Applicants are required to submit their latest financial statements so that their applications can be assessed against the policy's criteria. All recommended grant allocations are consistent with the policies.

Administration confirmed that follow-up was done with the six previous recipients that did not apply this year.

The recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is

THAT Bylaw 2022-20, a bylaw to authorize the allocation of Community Service and Municipal Charges Grants for the year 2022, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

2. Selkirk Pump House Multi-Barrier Treatment Design Project

The 2022 to 2025 Capital Expenditure Program includes funds for the preliminary and detailed design portion of the Selkirk Pump House Multi-Barrier Treatment project. The City's drinking water is regulated under the *Public Health and Safety Act* by the Yukon Government (Environmental Health Services). The City operates with a permit issued under the associated *Drinking Water Regulations*.

Currently the City uses chlorination as a single barrier treatment method before drinking water is distributed. Ongoing monitoring and testing results indicate that additional treatment barriers will be required to protect the integrity of the system over the long term. In accordance with the requirements under the *Drinking Water Regulations*, Administration has completed a pre-design report to identify the optimal treatment system required to meet the most current drinking water regulations and overall treatment objectives.

The pre-design report recommends the design and construction of a multi-barrier treatment system at the existing Selkirk Pump House. The next stage of this process is to complete preliminary and detailed engineering design. The contract will be structured such that the City will have the ability to pause or terminate services at any phase and only pay for services completed.

In response to questions raised, Administration confirmed that, given the size and scope of the project, a Fairness Advisor could be considered with this contract, and a project update could be provided.

The recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is

THAT Administration is hereby authorized to commence the procurement for the preliminary and detailed engineering design of the Selkirk Pump House Multi-Barrier Treatment project.



Minutes of the meeting of the City Planning Committee

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Your Worship, the City Planning Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Interim Mount Sima Quarry

An application has been received to rezone a parcel of vacant Commissioner's Land on Copper Haul Road to allow for a quarry operation as an interim use before long-term industrial development of the area. To ensure the interim use does not restrict future development, the proposed zoning will restrict the quarry use to a five-year interval with the possibility to extend the use for four additional five-year intervals to a maximum of 25 years. The proposed zoning will require an updated final grading plan for each extension to ensure a developable area is kept available for future use prior to closure of the quarry.

On-site activities will include active quarrying of stone, sand, and gravel, as well as crushing, stockpiling, use of heavy equipment, and transport of aggregate off-site. Activity on-site would generally occur between April 1 and October 31 each year, but crushing would be limited to a two to three-week period. Hauling would occur

throughout the annual operation period as demand for material necessitates. No permanent buildings or structures will be on-site and access will be from an existing cleared access route off Mount Sima Road.

The area surrounding the Whitehorse Copper Mine site is considered ideal for quarry activities since it is relatively central and easily accessible from the Alaska Highway, as well as located away from residential areas, significant wildlife corridors, and other conflicting land uses. There are also numerous other quarry operations nearby.

The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

THAT Bylaw 2022-23, a bylaw to amend the zoning of a parcel of vacant Commissioner's Land on Copper Haul Road to allow for an interim quarry use, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

2. Quartz Claim Staking Moratorium

An Order-In-Council was established in 2012 to restrict quartz claim mineral staking inside City limits for a period of five years. The five-year time period was established to provide the parties with the opportunity to assess how the management of the excluded area was working and any other conditions that could result in a change to the boundaries. In 2017, the Government of Yukon extended the restriction for an additional five-year period.

Administration is recommending that the City apply for an additional five-year extension. The proposed extension will serve to provide clarity around staking activity in the City until further consultation is conducted through future land use planning initiatives with the Government of Yukon, First Nations governments and industry stakeholders. The extension would also allow time for the City's current Official Community Plan review and update process to be completed. This document will provide guidance and certainty on future land use decisions within the municipal boundaries, including a re-write of the Zoning Bylaw.

The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

THAT the Government of Yukon be requested to extend the current prohibition order restricting quartz claim mineral staking in the City of Whitehorse for an additional five-year period.

3. Land Disposition – 5th and Rogers Parcels – For Information Only

A 1996 Order-In-Council placed all streets, roads and lanes within municipal boundaries under the jurisdiction of the City of Whitehorse. In 2014 the City approved a subdivision and subsequent consolidation of lots along 5th Avenue between Rogers Street and Hoge Street to prepare a development parcel for the Government of Yukon.

In 2016, a revised plan for this area was approved by the City to accommodate the construction of the St. Elias Group Home at the end of Hoge Street. The Government of Yukon is now proposing to subdivide the 5th and Rogers parcel into three lots, one for a development parcel, one for a geotechnical berm, and one for the existing St. Elias Group Home. As part of this initiative, the property owner has indicated that additional administrative processes are required to complete the land titles plan registration process associated with this subdivision. The Government of Yukon has asked for a transfer of the portions of Hoge Street and lane in order to proceed with development and complete the necessary registration processes with the Land Titles Office.

Administration has now determined that the transfer of jurisdiction for the portions of street and lane to the Government of Yukon was accomplished when the original parcel was authorized for subdivision and consolidation in 2014 and 2016 pursuant to the provisions of the *Subdivision Control Bylaw*. This means that a land disposition process is not required and the proposed bylaw has been withdrawn.

4. Public Input Report – Conditional Use at 1.5 Chadburn Lake Road

The Yukon Breeze Sailing Society has applied to expand an existing conditional use at km 1.5 Chadburn Lake Road in order to accommodate growth in their programming. The Society wishes to install three additional shipping containers and a fenced area within their existing licence area. The Zoning Bylaw requires that intensification of an existing conditional use be approved by Council following a public input session.

Six written submissions were received at the public input session, all opposed to the proposed expansion. Concerns raised included aesthetic impacts, allowing exclusive use of public land, and parking issues.

While City plans and policies are generally supportive of recreational uses in the area, there are several aspects of the proposal which do not satisfy the City's objectives. The *Official Community Plan* and the *Chadburn Lake Park Management Plan* both require that any development in the area be complementary to the natural setting. The proposal as submitted does not adequately mitigate the negative impacts of the proposed development.

The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

THAT the Yukon Breeze Sailing Society application for conditional use approval to allow an expansion of an existing Outdoor Participant Recreation Services use at km 1.5 Chadburn Lake Road is hereby denied.

5. Public Input Report – Conditional Use at 44A Stope Way

The owners of the property located at 44A Stope Way in Copper Ridge have applied to use their residential garage for storage and sorting for their business. A home-based business in a garage is classified as a 'Major Home-Based Business' in the Zoning Bylaw and is permitted as a conditional use under the current zoning of the property.

A public input session was held on May 24, 2022, and no submissions were received. The application is consistent with the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw. Since no concerns were raised through the conditional use application process or from Administration, no conditions are recommended.

The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

THAT the application for conditional use approval to allow a major home-based business at 44A Stope Way is hereby approved.



Minutes of the meeting of the Development Services Committee

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Your Worship, there is no report from the Development Services Committee.



Minutes of the meeting of the City Operations Committee

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Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee

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Your Worship, the Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Proclamations – For Information Only

Mayor Cabott proclaimed June 2022 to be *National Pride Month* and June 11, 2022 to be *Motorcycle Ride for Dad Day* in the City of Whitehorse.

2. Pee Wee Hill Alternate Trail – For Information Only

Keith Lay addressed the Committee on behalf of Active Trails Whitehorse Association to allege that the construction of the alternate Pee Wee Hill trail defies logic, reverses without appropriate consultation a previous City commitment with regard to the original trail, and does not follow the requirements concerning new trail construction outlined in the Chadburn Lake Park Management Plan, the 2020 Trail Plan, and the City's Trail Development Policy.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Lay stated that there needs to be a better way for citizens to get information to Council. He also stated the opinion that, despite a commitment made in 2017, Administration implemented a fix that does not work and now that fix needs to be corrected.

3. National Indigenous History Month – For Information Only

Councillor Friesen advised that June is National Indigenous History Month, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples. She encouraged everyone to listen, learn and think about the need for Truth and Reconciliation.

4. Impact of Free Transit Service – For Information Only

In response to questions raised, Administration advised that since free transit service went into effect on May 18th there has been a 19% increase in ridership on Whitehorse Transit. However, since the free service was implemented without advance notice due to the traffic issues caused by the closure of Robert Service Way, there was no opportunity to implement means to measure whether or not free transit service would have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

A Committee member congratulated Transit drivers and staff on their response to the increased ridership and route changes.

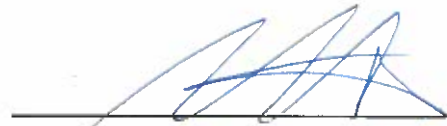
5. Damage to Grey Mountain Trail Network – For Information Only

In response to a query from a Committee member, Administration advised that the recent damage done to a portion of the Grey Mountain Trail Network occurred during the drilling of groundwater monitoring wells. The equipment used for the project was heavier than anticipated, and this is what caused the damage. Initial remediation focussed entirely on safety, but the City is committed to remediation that will return the area to recreational value.

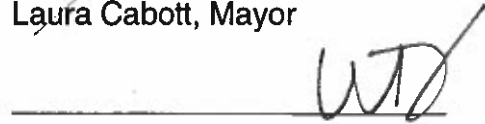
6. Council Member Activities – For Information Only

The Committee was advised that Councillors Curteanu and Laking attended the annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities this past weekend on behalf of the City of Whitehorse, and that Councillor Murray was recognized at the conference for her work to engage citizens through TikTok and social media.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Laura Cabott, Mayor



Wendy Donnithorne, City Clerk



ADOPTED at the regular Council meeting dated June 13, 2022