



Minutes of the meeting of the Public Health and Safety Committee

Date	May 2, 2022	2022-09
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall Councillor Kirk Cameron – Chair Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu – Vice-Chair	
Committee Members Present	Mayor Laura Cabott Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Michelle Friesen Deputy Mayor Ted Laking Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Absent	Jeff O'Farrell, Interim City Manager Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Tracy Allen, Director of Operations Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services Taylor Eshpeter, Manager of Engineering Services	
Staff Present		

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

1. New Business – Update on Escarpment Slide April 30, 2022

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.

Numerous agencies responded immediately to the event including the RCMP, Fire, Bylaw Services, Engineering, Operations, Parks, and YG Highways and Public Works. Immediately after the slides, personnel focused on securing the site to restrict access in an attempt to protect public safety in the event of further sliding.

An initial assessment also discovered “tension cracks” on the escarpment in the area of the slide, indicating the site is “active” and high-risk.

The City has retained a land slide specialist to contribute to a comprehensive assessment of the condition of the escarpment and to generate a determination of the cause of the April 30th slides. The entire escarpment will be assessed.

The City’s initial response to the escarpment slides has been to focus on site security/public safety, site monitoring/initial assessment, and providing information to the public.

When the site is deemed safe, the City can start removing debris and undertaking repairs. It was noted that the City will not be reopening Robert Service Way or the Millennium Trail between Yukon Energy and the SS Klondike Roundabout until it is safe and repairs have been made.

During the closure of Robert Service Way, commuters are being encouraged to adjust their travel routes, times and methods of times of travel. Whitehorse Transit routes and school bussing services have been adjusted to reflect the temporary road closure and these adjustments have been publicly communicated. The City will continue to communicate with YG and other responsible agencies along with the public as developments occur and with respect to the reopening of the roadway.

In response to questions from Council members, it was noted 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.

2. New Business – Update on Crime Prevention Activities

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 it’s request that the focus be broadened out to neighborhoods and subdivisions in addition to downtown.

3. New Business – Emergency Preparedness Week May 1-7, 2022

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.



Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee

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	Councillor Michelle Friesen – Chair	
	Councillor Kirk Cameron – Vice-Chair	
Committee Members Present	Mayor Laura Cabott	
	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	
	Councillor Dan Boyd	
	Deputy Mayor Ted Laking	
	Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Jeff O’Farrell, Interim City Manager	
	Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services	
	Lindsey Schneider, Director of Corporate HR	
	Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services	
	Mike Gau, Director of Development Services	
	Tracy Allen, Director of Operations	
	Taylor Eshpeter, Manager of Engineering Services	
	Peter O’Blenes, Manager of Property Management	
	Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services	

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

1. New Business – Notice of Motion

Councillor Murray presented a Notice of Motion to create a framework, including budget and terms of reference, for a new Inclusivity Advisory Committee, to be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting on May 9, 2022.

2. New Business – Status update on the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities

An update was requested from Administration on the City’s membership status with the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities (CIM). It was confirmed that the CIM has recently confirmed that the City remains in good standing and nothing is outstanding. The CIM has also provided member “toolkits” for review and consideration by the City. Members

also noted some of the background on the City membership in the CIM under its previous name (Coalition of Canadian Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination, or CCMARD). It was suggested that although it remains a member of the organization, the City consider formally “reconfirming” its membership with the CIM, given the relatively recent re-branding of the organization, and the positive message this would provide to the Whitehorse community. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to bring forward a recommendation to Council to do so.

The recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is

THAT Council formally reconfirm the City’s membership in the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities.



Minutes of the meeting of the City Planning Committee

Date	May 2, 2022	2022-09
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Committee Members Present	Mayor Laura Cabott Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Jeff O’Farrell, Interim City Manager Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Tracy Allen, Director of Operations Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services Pat Ross, Manager Land and Building Services Mélodie Simard, Manager Planning and Sustainability	

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

1. Development Incentive Application – 190 Olive May Way

A report was presented on an application the City has received for a housing development incentive for the construction of 18 apartment-style, market housing units at 190 Olive May Way in Whistle Bend. It was indicated that this development meets the criteria for the RCM2 Zone Development Incentive, and Administration is bringing the application forward for Council approval. A number of questions were clarified, including details on incentives following application, the minimum density requirements, which this development exceeds, and with respect to on-site parking and snow removal needs. It was noted that there would be one parking space provided for each dwelling on site.

The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

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

2. Sale and Land Disposition – 2020 2nd Avenue / Lowe Street

A report was presented about a proposed land sale at the corner of 2nd Avenue and Lowe Street. The owner of the property legally described as Lot 1, Block C, Plan 19005 LTO (2050 2nd Avenue) approached Administration in January, 2022 regarding the option to purchase a portion of adjacent road right-of-way. The property owner intends to construct a new building and requires onsite parking on Lot 1, however the large corner cut on the south east corner of the lot creates an irregular lot configuration which constrains the building design potential.

In response to questions from Committee members, it was confirmed that the sale would not impede the future use of railway as this is no longer needed, and that no technical or other site concerns were raised in the internal review by the Development Review Committee.

The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

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), be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

3. Zoning Amendment – 151 Black Street

The Committee reviewed a proposed zoning amendment in the downtown area. The owner of 151 Black Street has applied to rezone their property to allow the ground floor of their development to be used as offices and to allow for a single use on the site. The owners of the subject property have expressed intent to construct a two-story office building, with associated parking and landscaping. The office would accommodate up to ten staff and provide space for meetings and training opportunities for teachers to use outside of school hours.

This proposal is to also to reduce the “glazing”, or window size requirements on the ground floor from to 40%, and to eliminate the maximum windowsill height, or “placement” requirement. All other CMW zoning provisions would apply.

The Committee confirmed that this is on the edge of the zone defined as riverfront and would meet the zoning requirements for the area and OCP and Downtown Plan intent. It was also noted that the laneway would continue to be shared with others and there were no plans to remove it.

The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

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.

4. New Business - Commercial Land

An update was requested on commercial land development and availability in the City.

Administration provided updates on key land parcels including Tlingit Street which is anticipated to come back to Council in fall 2022 with options for potential disposition. In addition, the Whitehorse Operations Building adjacent lands, which will be designated in the OCP and then subject to further planning.

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.

5. 98 Hotel – Historic Site Designation

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 in the community and 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 any alternation if it was sold in future.



Minutes of the meeting of the Development Services Committee

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

1. City Hall project vision

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.



Minutes of the meeting of the City Operations Committee

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Committee Members Present	Deputy Mayor Ted Laking Councillor Dan Boyd –Chair Mayor Laura Cabott Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Jeff O’Farrell, Interim City Manager Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Tracy Allen, Director of Operations Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services	

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Your Worship, there is no report from the City Operations Committee.



Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee

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	Councillor Mellisa Murray – Chair	
	Councillor Michelle Friesen – Vice-Chair	
Committee Members Present	Mayor Laura Cabott	
	Councillor Dan Boyd	
	Councillor Kirk Cameron	
	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	
	Deputy Mayor Ted Laking	
	Jeff O’Farrell, Interim City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services	
	Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services	
Staff Present	Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR	
	Mike Gau, Director of Development Services	
	Tracy Allen, Director of Operations	
	Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services	

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

1. Pickleball Weekend Event

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.

2. Asian Heritage Month

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.

3. Jewish Heritage Month

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.

4. Red Dress Day – May 5, 2022

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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.



Laura Cabott, Mayor



Wendy Donnithorne, City Clerk



ADOPTED at the regular Council meeting May 9, 2022