

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2020-24 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillors Dan Boyd
Laura Cabott – Electronic Participation
Jocelyn Curteanu
Samson Hartland
Stephen Roddick
Jan Stick

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager Mike Gau
Director of Community and Recreation Services Jeff O’Farrell
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Acting Director of Human Resources Lindsay Schneider
Director of Infrastructure and Operations Peter O’Blenes
Manager of Legislative Services Catherine Constable

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

CALL TO ORDER

2020-24-01

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

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Curtis proclaimed November 25th to December 10th to be the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence Campaign** in the City of Whitehorse.

PROCLAMATIONS

2020-24-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated November 09, 2020 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

November 09, 2020

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS

Keith Lay provided a submission on the proposed Capital Budget that asked for additional details with respect to a number of proposed projects. He also suggested that the budget should allocate funding for the completion of some of the initiatives outlined in the Chadburn Lake Management Plan and for the development of the next regional park management plan.

KEITH LAY – Capital
Budget Submission

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Curtis advised that a public hearing was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 2020-31, a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan to allow for the development of the area known as Whistle Bend Future Area C.

Since the meeting was not open to in-person public participation, Council relied on written submissions with respect to this bylaw. The public was advised how they could comment on the bylaw through public announcements, notice on the City’s website, and on signs posted at each site, as well as by notices on social media.

Nine written submissions were received, of which three were opposed, five raised concerns, and one had general comments on the issue.

Mayor Curtis declared the public hearing for Bylaw 2020-31 closed and advised that no further submissions would be considered by council except the report provided by administration.

BYLAW 2020-31
OCP AMENDMENT
Whistle Bend
Future Area C

PUBLIC HEARING
CLOSED

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mayor Curtis advised that a public input session was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 2020-36, a bylaw to adopt a capital expenditure program for 2021 to 2024.

Since the meeting was not open to in-person public participation, Council relied on written submissions with respect to this bylaw. The public was advised how they could comment on the bylaw through public announcements, notice on the City’s website, and on signs posted at each site, as well as by notices on social media.

Six written submissions were received with respect to various aspects of the proposed capital budget.

Mayor Curtis declared the public input session for Bylaw 2020-36 closed and advised that a report on the input received would be presented at the next Standing Committee meeting.

BYLAW 2020-36
CAPITAL BUDGET
2021 to 2024 Capital
Expenditure Program

PUBLIC INPUT
SESSION CLOSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corporate Services Committee

The Operations Building is the first and largest component of the City’s Building Consolidation Project. In 2017 council passed a bylaw authorizing the borrowing of funds for the Operations Building. Bylaw 2017-35 authorized borrowing in an amount not to exceed 18.8 million dollars over 20 years at a rate not to exceed 2.653%.

BORROWING OF FUNDS
For Information Only

The City is now ready to enter into a borrowing agreement to finance a portion of the construction costs. Based on updated cost projections, reserves levels, and borrowing costs, administration has updated the preliminary financing plan for the Building Consolidation Project. The revised budget of 54.6 million dollars for the Operations Building will be funded via Gas Tax, reserves funding and borrowing. The City will have the ability to pay off the loan at any time.

BORROWING OF FUNDS
For Information Only
(Continued)

A committee member expressed concern about borrowing when the City has strong reserves.

2020-24-03

It was duly moved and seconded THAT the 2020 to 2023 Capital Expenditure Plan be amended by increasing the 2020 budget for CGC Waste Heat Recovery project number 320c00910 in the amount of \$200,000, funded by Gas Tax to cover the additional costs; and

BUGDET AMENDMENT
AND CONTRACT AWARD
Waste Heat Recovery
Upgrades – Canada
Games Centre

THAT the 2021 and 2022 provisional operating budgets be decreased in the amounts of \$42,500 and \$85,000 respectively to reflect the anticipated energy savings; and

THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for the 2020 CGC Waste Heat Recovery Upgrade project to Budget Plumbing & Heating Inc. for a net cost to the City of \$494,333.00 plus GST.

Carried Unanimously

A committee member raised the issue of tax rate classifications for different land designations and requested that this be discussed in the forthcoming operating budget process.

TAX CLASSIFICATIONS
For Information Only

City Planning Committee

There was no report from the City Planning Committee.

No Report

City Operations Committee

2020-24-04

It was duly moved and seconded THAT administration be authorized to set the weighting for local content at ten points in the request for proposals to be issued for design and construction administration services for the renovation of the Transit Building at 139 Tlingit Street.

LOCAL CONTENT
WEIGHTING
Transit Building Renovation
Request for Proposals

Carried Unanimously

A council member asked that a report providing details on the biomass unit be prepared for council between the design phase and the tendering of the construction contract for this renovation project.

Discussion

On behalf of the Cycling Coalition a Committee member asked about snow clearing for bike paths. Administration confirmed that city practices are based on the Trail Maintenance Policy and the Snow and Ice Control Policy. In response to questions raised, administration confirmed that the Snow and Ice Control Policy is due to be updated in the near future, and the Trail Maintenance Policy will be updated in 2021 following adoption of the new Trail Plan.

SNOW CLEARING FOR
BIKE PATHS
For Information Only

Community Services Committee

There was no report from the Community Services Committee.

No Report

Public Health and Safety Committee

2020-24-05

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Action #8 in the City of Whitehorse Wildfire Risk Reduction Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2024 be adopted as presented; and THAT the remainder of the City of Whitehorse Wildfire Risk Reduction Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2024 be adopted as a guiding document.

WILDFIRE RISK
REDUCTION STRATEGY
AND ACTION PLAN

Administration confirmed that it is not typical to break out a portion of the strategy, but proceeding in this manner gives administration a mandate to talk to other governments about the management of forests and fuels as a beginning point for future actions. Action #8 is pulled out to create a new program for the City that will lead to an agreement that sorts out the responsibilities of all parties.

Discussion

Mayor Curtis suggested that Councillor Cabott may be in a conflict of interest situation on this issue due to her involvement with the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board.

Discussion

A Council member stated that this is not the time and place to speak to the conflict issue. Councillor Cabott elected not to respond at this time.

Point of Order

A council member apologized for wording used at the last meeting about the course of action proposed, and explained that the intent was to focus on making the recommendations stronger. The member also suggested that timelines and reporting requirements should be included.

Discussion

2020-24-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the motion be amended to add a third clause that reads, “THAT
administration be directed to report back to Council within three
months with an update on actions, including timelines where possible.”

Amendment

Carried Unanimously

The main motion as amended was then voted on.

Carried Unanimously

Vote on Main Motion

In response to questions raised, administration confirmed that the
decision to require face masks at the Canada Games Centre and
Takhini Arena was made administratively after the Chief Medical
Officer of Health made the use of face masks mandatory at all schools
due to the increasing spread of the COVID-19 virus in Canada.

FACE MASKS REQUIRED
IN CITY PUBLIC SPACES
For Information Only

Committee members noted the importance of being able to interface
with the public and asked about allowing delegations back into council
chambers. Administration advised that keeping council chambers
closed to the public is the best option for helping to contain the spread
of the virus. However, research is ongoing into the various
technological options available in an effort to find a solution that works
with our system and our live-streaming and TV broadcast partners.

A committee member noted that a bill banning conversion therapy has
been passed by the Government of Yukon, and commended those
who advocated for it.

CONVERSION THERAPY
For Information Only

Development Services Committee

2020-24-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the allocation of Environmental Grants in the amount of
\$5,946.96 be approved as recommended by the review committee:

<u>Grant Recipient</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
I;aurore boreale	
French Language Articles	\$3,500.00
Morrison Hershfield	
Covered bike parking	\$1,000.00
Selkirk Elementary School Council	
Safe Dark Commuting Project	<u>\$1,446.96</u>
Total Grant Allocations	\$5,946.96

ENVIRONMENTAL
GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

2020-24-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2020-35, a bylaw to authorize an agreement for the lease
of accommodation space for the City of Whitehorse, having been read
a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2020-35

LEASE AGREEMENT
Accommodation Space

THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL MINUTES SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"N. L. Felker"

Norma L. Felker, Assistant City Clerk

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2020-25 dated December 7, 2020.