

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2021-03 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Linda Rapp
Director of Community and Recreation Services Jeff O’Farrell
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
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

2021-03-01

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

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

2021-03-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated January 25, 2021
be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

January 25, 2021

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corporate Services Committee

2021-03-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-01, a bylaw to adopt the 2021 operating and
maintenance budget and the 2022 and 2023 provisional budgets, be
brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process;
and
THAT the associated Tax Levy Bylaw 2021-02 and Fees and Charges
Amendment Bylaw 2021-03 also be brought forward for second and
third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
OPERATING BUDGET
AND ASSOCIATED
BYLAWS

Carried Unanimously

2021-03-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the 2021 to 2024 capital expenditure plan be amended by increasing the 2021 asphalt surface overlay project in the amount of \$210,000.00, not including GST, funded by a contribution agreement with the Government of Yukon to cover the costs of additional work within the Alaska Highway right-of-way; and

BUDGET AMENDMENT
AND CONTRIBUTION
AGREEMENT FOR
ASPHALT SURFACE
OVERLAY PROJECT

THAT the mayor be authorized to sign the contribution agreement with the Government of Yukon with respect to the additional work within the Alaska Highway right-of-way and the responsibilities for the costs associated with the additional work.

Carried Unanimously

2021-03-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT revised temporary practices for the conduct of standing committee and regular and special council meetings during the COVID-19 public health emergency be adopted as presented.

AMEND TEMPORARY
MEETING PRACTICES
(COVID-19 Related)

Some members of council expressed concern that the revised practices eliminate the option of written submissions being read into the record by a staff member. It was suggested that a portion of the community would be unable to participate at meetings without this option being available. It was also suggested that this option should be considered when the Council Procedures Bylaw comes forward for a full review.

Discussion

2021-03-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT section 4 of the revised temporary meeting practices be amended by renumbering the existing section as 4(b) and adding a new subsection 4(a) as follows:

“4 (a) Delegates may provide their comments in writing ahead of the meeting and have their written submissions read into the record by a staff person. In the event that a written submission would take longer than five minutes to be read into the record, staff may summarize the submission to fit the five-minute time frame. Written submissions must be received by 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting in order to be included.”

Amendment

Carried Unanimously

The main motion as amended was then voted on.

Carried Unanimously

Vote on Main Motion

Key progress reports were received for the period of October through December 2020 on the council priorities of:

- Environmental Stewardship
- Infrastructure Renewal
- Housing
- Transportation
- Public Safety

QUARTERLY REPORT
(4th Quarter of 2020)

For Information Only

Anticipated focus reports for the period of January through March 2021 were received from all departments in the Community and Recreation Services, Corporate Services, Development Services and Infrastructure and Operations divisions.

City Planning Committee

2021-03-07

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2021-15, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with Whitehorse Beverages to provide cold vending services at the Canada Games Centre, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
LEASE AGREEMENT
COLD BEVERAGE
VENDING SERVICES
(Canada Games Centre)

Carried Unanimously

2021-03-08

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2020-34, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 1308 Centennial Street in the Porter Creek neighbourhood to allow for the development of an eight-unit multiple residential complex, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
ZONING AMENDMENT
(1308 Centennial Street)

Carried (6 – 1)

Some council members expressed concerns about issues such as parking and light pollution, and the impacts of increased densification on the infrastructure in the area. It was suggested that these and other issues raised by the public could be addressed in ways other than by denying this application.

Discussion

One councillor spoke against the proposed development but indicated a desire to bring the bylaw forward under the bylaw process.

One councillor stated direct opposition to increased densification in this neighbourhood.

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Boyd, Cabott, Curteanu,
Roddick and Stick
OPPOSED Councillor Hartland

Recorded Vote

City Operations Committee

2021-03-09

It was duly moved and seconded THAT administration be authorized to set the weighting for local content at ten points in the requests for proposals to be issued for consulting services for the following eight projects:

- 240c01116 City-Wide Water and Sewer Study
- 240c00320 Utility Stations and Force Main Condition Assessment
- 240c00311 Range Road South Lift Station
- 240c00621 McIntyre Drive Traffic Calming
- 240c01621 Snow Dump Management Plan
- 240c01721 Groundwater Monitoring Well Installations
- 240c01821 Utility Bylaws Update
- 650c00121 2023-2033 Solid Waste Management Plan

AUTHORIZE LOCAL
CONTENT WEIGHTING
(Engineering Projects)

Carried Unanimously

Community Services Committee

There was no report from the Community Services Committee. No Report

Public Health and Safety Committee

In response to taxi safety issues raised, administration reviewed some of the safety requirements in the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw. The bylaw was developed after considerable consultation and collaboration with women’s advocacy groups, and is one of the City’s most detailed bylaws. It also includes significant fines for non-compliance.

TAXI SAFETY ISSUES
For Information Only

Administration advised that passenger safety is taken very seriously and that Bylaw Services works collaboratively with the RCMP to do spot checks and inspections to ensure compliance with the bylaw. Although no complaints have been filed with City regarding the issues reported in the media, administration has reached out to various women’s groups since the articles appeared.

Development Services Committee

Administration advised that the fuel abatement project in the Mary Lake area is being done by the Yukon government in collaboration with the City. The work commenced without a plan in place to mitigate local impacts. The City’s trail plan coordinator is working with Yukon staff to ensure that future projects will avoid similar issues, and efforts will be made to provide alternative trails.

FUEL ABATEMENT
PROJECT IN MARY LAKE
For Information Only

BYLAWS

2021-03-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-04, a bylaw to a bylaw to authorize the allocation of various grants for the year 2020, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-04

2020 UMBRELLA
GRANT BYLAW
THIRD READING

2021-03-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-07, a bylaw to authorize the write off of uncollectible accounts, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-07

WRITE OFF BYLAW
(Uncollectible Accounts)
THIRD READING

2021-03-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2020-08, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with respect to the special waste transfer station at the City's Waste Management Facility, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-08

LEASE AGREEMENT
(Special Waste
Transfer Station)
THIRD READING

2021-03-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-12, a bylaw to provide rules governing council procedures, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-12

COUNCIL PROCEDURES
THIRD READING

2021-03-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2020-34, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 1308 Centennial Street in the Porter Creek neighbourhood to allow for the development of a multi-family housing complex, be given second reading.

Carried (5 – 2)

BYLAW 2020-34

ZONING AMENDMENT
(1308 Centennial Street)
SECOND READING

Some council members expressed reservations about concerns raised by neighbouring property owners, but noted that anticipated impacts can be mitigated at the development permit stage. The need for housing was cited as a reason to allow the development to proceed.

Discussion

One council member noted that this rezoning application is for a project similar to the one brought forward for the adjacent property in 2019. He stated the opinion that council should be looking at the greater picture rather than proceeding with spot re-zoning, and expressed concern that the cumulative impacts of increased density could adversely impact the existing neighbourhood.

One councillor stressed the need for a comprehensive neighbourhood plan for this area. He expressed support for densification policies in general and acknowledged that this area may support increased density, but stated his opposition to spot re-zoning, especially when it is used multiple times in one neighbourhood.

Discussion

A councillor also suggested that tools to mitigate potential impacts should be in place before a rezoning application is approved, and expressed the opinion that any infrastructure upgrades required to support significant density increases should be the responsibility of the developer.

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Cabott, Curteanu, Roddick and Stick
OPPOSED Councillors Boyd and Hartland

Recorded Vote

2021-03-15

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2020-34, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 1308 Centennial Street in the Porter Creek neighbourhood to allow for the development of a multi-family housing complex, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2020-34

ZONING AMENDMENT
(1308 Centennial Street)
THIRD READING

Carried (5 – 2)

A council member suggested that infrastructure capacity should be reviewed in areas where significant density increases are proposed.

Discussion

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Cabott, Curteanu, Roddick and Stick
OPPOSED Councillors Boyd and Hartland

Recorded Vote

2021-03-16

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2021-01, a bylaw to adopt the 2021 operating and maintenance budget and the provisional budgets for 2022 and 2023, be given second reading.

BYLAW 2021-01

OPERATING BUDGET
(2021 TO 2023)
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2021-03-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-01, a bylaw to adopt the 2021 operating and maintenance budget and the provisional budgets for 2022 and 2023, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

Members of council spoke in support of the budget, noting that it is based on the lowest tax increase in over a decade. It was noted that the City's finances have taken some hits during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the City has been able to maintain services due to a strong financial position.

Discussion

Council members expressed thanks to senior governments for funding provided to the City, and to administration for their work to keep operations and services running in spite of the pandemic.

BYLAW 2021-01
OPERATING BUDGET
(2021 TO 2023)
THIRD READING

2021-03-18

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-02, a bylaw to levy taxes for the year 2021, be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

2021-03-19

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-02, a bylaw to levy taxes for the year 2021, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried (6 – 1)

A council member noted that land uses have changed and a variety of new uses have been introduced, but no new tax classifications have been added. The council member stated opposition to a tax bylaw that does not account for different uses of property.

Discussion

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Boyd, Cabott, Curteanu,
Hartland and Stick
OPPOSED Councillor Roddick

Recorded Vote

BYLAW 2021-02
2021 TAX LEVY
SECOND READING

2021-03-20

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-03, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw in accordance with operating budget changes, be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-03
AMEND FEES & CHARGES
(Budget Changes)
SECOND READING

2021-03-21

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-03, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw
in accordance with operating budget changes, having been read a first
and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-03

AMEND FEES & CHARGES
(Budget Changes)
THIRD READING

2021-03-22

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-15, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement for the
provision of cold beverage vending services at the Canada Games
Centre, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-15

LEASE AGREEMENT
(Cold Vending - CGC)
FIRST READING

2021-03-23

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-15 be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously


BYLAW 2021-15

SECOND READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT





Dan Curtis, Mayor



Norma L. Felker, Assistant City Clerk

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2021-04 dated February 22, 2021.