

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2021-14 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021, 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 Valerie Braga  
Acting Director of Community and Recreation Services Krista Mroz  
Acting Director of Corporate Services Wendy Donnithorne  
Director of Development Services Mike Gau  
Director of Human Resources Lindsay Schneider  
Acting Director of Operations Jason Everitt  
Assistant City Clerk Norma Felker

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**2021-14-01**

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

**AGENDA**

Carried Unanimously

**2021-14-02**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated June 28, 2021 be  
adopted as presented.

**MINUTES**

June 28, 2021

Carried Unanimously

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Development Services Committee**

**2021-14-03**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the Infrastructure Reconstruction and Local Improvement Policy be  
adopted as presented.

INFRASTRUCTURE  
RECONSTRUCTION AND  
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT  
POLICY

Carried Unanimously

**Corporate Services Committee**

**2021-14-04**

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT the 2021 to 2024 Capital Expenditure Program be amended to create a new capital project titled "Acquisition of 7220 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue" for the purchase of escarpment land and the demolition of structures on that land in the amount of \$380,000, funded from the Land Bank Reserve; and

THAT Bylaw 2021-37, a bylaw to acquire title to the escarpment property located at 7220 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

AUTHORIZE THE  
ACQUISITION OF  
ESCARPMENT LAND  
AT 7220 – 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

Carried (5 – 2)

A Councillor expressed reservations about the process and whether the best value for taxpayers was achieved. It was suggested that demolition and clean-up costs should be deducted from the purchase price.

Discussion

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

Recorded Vote

Administration provided an update on procurement projects for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2021, including:

- Contract awards with a value of \$100,000 and over;
- Procurements with a value of over \$100,000 that have incorporated requirements related to economic, social and/or environmental sustainability in their solicitation documents;
- Procurements with an estimated value of \$500,000 or more.
- Non-Competitive, single source or sole source procurements with a value over \$50,000;
- Emergency procurements, including their value; and
- Instances of non-compliance with the policy and ensuing actions taken in each instance.

SEMI-ANNUAL  
PROCUREMENT UPDATE  
January to June 2021

For Information Only

A Councillor asked if capital and operating costs were considered with the purchase of the electric Zamboni units, and suggested that these issues should be an integral component of all capital purchases.

Discussion

In accordance with the Procurement Policy, a list of forthcoming procurements with an anticipated value greater than \$100,000 must be provided to council on a bi-monthly basis. Department managers reviewed their capital projects and operating requirements and have provided a list of anticipated procurements valued at over \$100,000 for July and August 2021. Only one procurement is scheduled, and that is the Website Redesign project.

FORTHCOMING  
PROCUREMENTS  
July and August 2021

For Information Only

**City Planning Committee**

There was only one item on the Planning Committee Agenda and that was a Zoning Amendment and Land Exchange Agreement with respect to the Tank Farm site. Following presentation of this issue at the Standing Committee meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>, the application for a zoning amendment and land exchange agreement was withdrawn by the property owner.

TANK FARM PHASE 1  
For Information Only

**City Operations Committee**

In response to questions raised, Administration provided an update on the actions being taken to deal with the over-abundance of algae in the Whistle Bend pond. This is an ongoing project for this year, and capital budget submissions are being developed for measures to minimize the growth of algae in future years.

UPDATE ON ALGAE  
PROLIFERATION IN  
WHISTLE BEND POND  
For Information Only

**Community Services Committee**

There was no report from the Community Services Committee.

No Report

**Public Health and Safety Committee**

In response to questions raised, Administration provided an update on measures being used to ensure public safety and protect low-lying properties in the event of flooding due to high water levels up-river from the City.

UPDATE ON HIGH  
WATER/FLOODING  
For Information Only

Administration provided further updates on the measures being taken and the areas identified as primary concerns as water levels continue to rise up-river and ground water levels in certain areas of the city continue to increase. Weekly updates will be provided to Council until the situation is resolved.

Discussion

Citizens were asked to communicate with Mayor and Council via phone or e-mail to identify areas of concern.

**BYLAWS**

**2021-14-05**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2021-25, a bylaw to acquire title to a parcel of land in Riverdale for the purpose of owning and operating Water Well #6, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

**BYLAW 2021-25**  
LAND ACQUISITION  
Water Well #6  
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

**2021-14-06**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2021-32, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw in accordance with second quarter changes, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2021-32**

FEEES AND CHARGES  
2Q Changes  
THIRD READING

**2021-14-07**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2021-37, a bylaw to authorize the acquisition of a parcel of escarpment land at 7220 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2021-37**

LAND ACQUISITION  
7220- 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
FIRST READING

**2021-14-08**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2021-37 be given second reading

Carried (5 – 2)

SECOND READING

A member of Council reiterated concerns regarding the cost of this acquisition and suggested that no mandate had been given for the purchase. Other members spoke of the need to get on with the work to ensure that the property becomes a safe and positive space.


Discussion

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

Recorded Vote

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**



Dan Curtis, Mayor



Norma L. Felker, Assistant City Clerk



ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2021-15 dated July 26, 2021.