

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2019-23 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2019, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis
Deputy Mayor Laura Cabott
Councillors Dan Boyd
Jocelyn Curteanu
Samson Hartland
Stephen Roddick

ABSENT: Councillor Jan Stick

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager Valerie Braga
Director of Community and Recreation Services Jeff O'Farrell
Acting Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Director of Infrastructure and Operations Peter O'Blenes
Manager of Legislative Services Catherine Constable
Manager of Strategic Communications Myles Dolphin

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

CALL TO ORDER

2019-23-01

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

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

2019-23-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated November 25,
2019 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

November 25, 2019

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Budget Committee

Mayor Curtis presented the budget speech for the 2020 operating and maintenance budget and the provisional budgets for 2021 and 2022.

BUDGET ADDRESS
For Information Only

The operating budget totals just under 85 million dollars and includes a residential tax increase of 2.2% for 2020.

City Operations Committee

2019-23-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for consulting services for the detailed design of the Waste Management Facility Transfer Station Upgrades project to Tetra Tech Canada Inc. for a net cost to the City of \$189,495.84 plus GST.

CONTRACT AWARD
CONSULTING SERVICES
TRANSFER STATION
DETAILED DESIGN

Carried Unanimously

2019-23-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for the 2019 Supply of Transit Buses project to Nova Bus, a division of Volvo Group Canada, Inc., in the amount of \$1,076,000.00 plus GST; and

THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for the 2020 Supply of Transit Buses project to Nova Bus, a division of Volvo Group Canada, Inc., in the amount of \$1,076,000.00 plus GST, subject to approval of the 2020 Capital Expenditure Program; and

CONTRACT AWARD
SUPPLY OF BUSES

THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for the 2021 Supply of Transit Buses project to Nova Bus, a division of Volvo Group Canada, Inc., in the amount of \$1,076,000.00, adjusted by federal CPI plus GST, subject to the approval of the 2021 Capital Expenditure Program.

Carried Unanimously

A Committee member expressed appreciation for the public service announcements and messaging encouraging residents to clear their sidewalks, but noted that many residents are not following the rules about snow and ice control on sidewalks adjacent to their properties.

Administration confirmed that enforcement is done on a complaint basis and advised that 15 complaints have been investigated since early November of this year. The Committee member suggested that failure to enforce the bylaw discourages active transportation and use of transit services and stated the opinion that this is an equity issue in which the City is failing vulnerable citizens.

SNOW & ICE CONTROL
For Information Only

Community Services Committee

Mayor Curtis proclaimed December 5, 2019 to be 100 Days Out from the 2020 Arctic Winter Games.

PROCLAMATION

George Arcand and Moira Lassen presented the theme song for the 2020 Arctic Winter Games and provided an update on the progress of the planning and preparations. They advised that volunteers are still needed, and anyone interested in volunteering for the Games is encouraged to check out the website or contact the Games offices.

2020 ARCTIC WINTER
GAMES – 100 DAYS OUT
For Information Only

2019-23-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for Transit Real-Time Passenger Information and Electronic Payments Systems to DoubleMap, Inc. up to the amount of \$181,400 plus GST; and

CONTRACT AWARD
TRANSIT REAL-TIME
INFORMATION AND
E-PAYMENT SYSTEMS

THAT administration be authorized to enter into an agreement contract with DoubleMap, Inc. for support and maintenance of the Transit Real-Time Passenger Information and Electronic Payments systems for the three-year period from 2020 to 2022.

Carried Unanimously

A council member noted that the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition has questioned whether this the best investment of funds when it does nothing to support transit use for low income people. Council members discussed the issue of supporting low income riders. Administration confirmed that there are several agencies that purchase passes for use by clients. The Transit Master Plan does not address the issue of providing passes for users who cannot afford to pay.

Discussion

Public Health and Safety Committee

Melanie Davignon, Ian Parker and James Saunders, members of the Selkirk Street Elementary School Board, stated that with the addition of the new French Language school on Lewes Boulevard, Selkirk Street has become the primary access point to Selkirk Street School. The street is not well lighted, has no sidewalks, no bike lane, and no shoulders. There is a large amount of traffic to the school, especially in the mornings, and it is anticipated that this will only increase. When the new parking lot is built the safety issues will only get worse. They described the situation as an accident waiting to happen since the entrance to the school is a tight loop and vehicles are pulling out in both directions. Additionally, people are driving across open land and accessing the road where there are no proper intersections and very poor sightlines. They asked Council for support, including help influencing the Yukon government and the Department of Education in measures to prevent accidents.

SELKIRK STREET
SAFETY ISSUES
For Information Only

A Committee member asked about the short and long-term plans for Second Avenue, noting that it is the City's busiest thoroughfare, cutting through the heart of the downtown area where we want people to spend time. There have been a number of pedestrian-related accidents on Second Avenue in recent years, including two fatalities.

SECOND AVENUE
SAFETY ISSUES
For Information Only

Administration advised that the Second Avenue Corridor Study is 95% complete, and will result in a number of capital items for consideration, including some projects for 2020. In the interim, some additional signage has been erected and the Traffic and Sign Committee will be asked to address the issue.

Development Services Committee

John Glynn-Morris addressed the Committee to advise of a new project designed to create an authentic and home-grown Yukon Story. He explained that 57 companies around the world are leveraging the Yukon brand, telling stories and benefitting from the name. The aim of the proposed project is to strengthen and diversify the Yukon economy by exploring curation of the Yukon brand to enable benefits to Yukoners.

THE YUKON STORY
For Information Only

Matthew Trickett addressed the Committee to state that people have been warning about the dire consequences of global cooling, global warming and climate change for decades. He asked why we should believe this alarmism and stated the opinion that the United Nations has no place in politics in Canada.

CLIMATE CHANGE
For Information Only

Corporate Services Committee

Brian Earl asked if the City could provide any support with respect to his work in the Bahamas following Hurricane Dorian. He explained that he is a member of a non-profit group called Operators Without Borders who go to devastated areas to assist in restoring water services. Operators have the knowledge and experience to help utilities in less developed nations and make a tremendous difference to the lives of thousands.

REQUEST FOR
SUPPORT –
HUMANITARIAN ISSUES
For Information Only

Mr. Earl volunteered his time and also paid his own travel and accommodation expenses in order to provide the assistance required. Many companies assist employees who volunteer to do this work by granting time off either with pay or by matching unpaid leave with paid time off or allowing vacation time at the period needed. Some companies assist with travel expenses. He stated that any support the City can provide would be much appreciated.

2019-23-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for the Supply of Computer Equipment to Klondike Business Solutions in the amount of \$278,000 plus GST and:

CONTRACT AWARD
SUPPLY OF
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

THAT administration be authorized to establish a supply agreement contract with Klondike Business Solutions for purchases of computer equipment covering the three-year period from 2020 to 2022.

Carried Unanimously

2019-23-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2019-24, a bylaw to adopt the 2020 to 2023 Capital Expenditure Program, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
CAPITAL BUDGET
BYLAW

Carried Unanimously

In response to questions raised, administration confirmed that:

- unused 2019 fire smart funds will be re-budgeted to 2020;
- bear-resistant carts cost three times more than regular carts; and
- under the current schedule no new Schwatka Lake docks will be available until 2022.

City Planning Committee

There was no report from the City Planning Committee.

No Report

BYLAWS

2019-23-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2019-16, a bylaw to authorize the sale and transfer of land to allow for a lot expansion at 2 North Star Drive, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2019-16
LAND SALE & TRANSFER
2 North Star Drive
THIRD READING

Carried (4 – 2)

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

Recorded Vote

Some council members expressed concern about selling public utility lands for private use and suggested that less permanent options would be better for accommodating the property owner's needs.

Discussion

2019-23-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2019-17, a bylaw to authorize local improvement charges to provide for the electrification of the property located at 10 Haldane Place, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2019-17

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT
10 Haldane Place – Electric
THIRD READING

A council member expressed a desire to revisit the policy that provides for this type of local improvement.

Discussion

2019-23-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2019-22, a bylaw to authorize an agreement with the Yukon Film Society for the lease of the heritage property known as Pioneer Hotel 1 (Jenni House), having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2019-22

LEASE AGREEMENT
Pioneer Hotel 1
THIRD READING

2019-23-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2019-23, a bylaw to authorize and agreement with the Yukon Literacy Coalition for the lease of the heritage property known as Pioneer Hotel 2 (Hatch House), having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2019-23

LEASE AGREEMENT
Pioneer Hotel 2
THIRD READING

2019-23-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2019-25, a bylaw to amend the contribution agreement between the City of Whitehorse and the Challenge Disability Resource Group with respect to the Cornerstone Building Project, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2019-25

AMEND CONTRIBUTION
AGREEMENT
Cornerstone Building
THIRD READING

2019-23-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2019-24, a bylaw to adopt a capital expenditure program for the years 2020 to 2023, be given second reading.

BYLAW 2019-24

2020 TO 2023 CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE PLAN
SECOND READING

2019-23-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2019-26, a bylaw to adopt the Operating and Maintenance
Budget for 2020 and the provisional budgets for 2021 and 2022, be given
first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2019-26
2020 TO 2022
OPERATING BUDGET
FIRST READING

2019-23-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2019-27, a bylaw to levy taxes for 2020, be given first
reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2019-27
2020 TAX LEVY
FIRST READING

2019-23-18

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2019-28, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw
in accordance with budget changes, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2019-28
FEES AND CHARGES
AMENDMENT (Budget)
FIRST READING

Mayor Curtis reminded everyone that council will be in recess until the
New Year. The next meeting will be the Standing Committee Meeting
on January 6, 2020.

COUNCIL RECESS
For Information Only

On behalf of all members of council Mayor Curtis wished everyone a
Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
For Information Only

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL MINUTES SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"N. L. Felker"

Norma L. Felker, Assistant City Clerk

ADOPTED at the regular council meeting on January 13, 2020