

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2019-11 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2019, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis  
Deputy Mayor Laura Cabott  
Councillors Dan Boyd  
Jocelyn Curteanu  
Samson Hartland  
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  
Manager of Strategic Communications Myles Dolphin

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**2019-11-01**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the changes being the addition of Peter Long as a delegate speaking to the proposed lane closure at Third Avenue and Hawkins Street, and the addition of a Notice of Motion from Councillor Roddick under New and Unfinished Business.

**AGENDA**

Carried Unanimously

**2019-11-02**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated May 21, 2019 be adopted as presented.

**MINUTES**

May 21, 2019

Carried Unanimously

**DELEGATIONS**

Doug Gilday addressed council on behalf of NGC Builders to provide an update on the requested lane closure. He noted that the company has learned a lot about lane closures during this process, and has now withdrawn the request as an alternate solution has been found for the majority of the construction period.

NGC BUILDERS  
Lane Closure at  
Third and Hawkins

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Mr. Gilday advised that there will be a need for short term closures at periodic intervals during the construction project, and the company is committed to working with affected residents and businesses to keep the inconveniences to a minimum.

Lane Closures at  
Third and Hawkins  
(Continued)

Peter Long advised council that his group hired NGC Builders for this construction project. The two houses that were previously located on the property will be replaced by 20 apartments, making the downtown area a better place. The final product will be a green building that includes barrier free construction and aging-in-place features that will be suitable for older persons as well as families.

PETER LONG  
Lane Closure at  
Third and Hawkins

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Community Services Committee**

Mayor Curtis proclaimed June 1, 2019 to be ***Intergenerational Day Canada*** in the City of Whitehorse.

Mayor Curtis proclaimed June 2019 to be ***Prostate Cancer Awareness Month*** and June 8<sup>th</sup> as ***Motorcycle Ride for Dad Day*** in the City of Whitehorse.

PROCLAMATIONS  
For Information Only

### **Public Health and Safety Committee**

In response to a query from a Committee member, administration advised that it is unclear whether or not the City has the authority to institute a fire ban. The Government of Yukon unquestionably has that authority.

FIRE DANGER ISSUES  
For Information Only

It was suggested that Council consider requesting that a fire ban be initiated in light of current local conditions.

Sean Secord addressed the Committee to express his thanks for the proclamation for Motorcycle Ride for Dad Day and Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. He stated that prostate cancer is the number one health issue for men in Canada, and support for initiatives such as the Ride for Dad help to destigmatize the issue, raise awareness, encourage testing, and ultimately save lives.

THANKS EXPRESSED  
For Information Only

**Development Services Committee**

**2019-11-03**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2019-09, a bylaw to provide for local improvement charges with respect to the Cook Street West reconstruction project, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process; and

BRING FORWARD AND  
AMEND COOK STREET  
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT  
CHARGES BYLAW

THAT Bylaw 2019-09 be amended at second reading in accordance with instructions given by Council at the regular council meeting on April 8, 2019.

Carried Unanimously

**2019-11-04**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for consulting services for the Groundwater Protection Plan Update project to BluMetric Environmental for a net cost to the City of \$83,550 plus GST.

CONTRACT AWARD  
GROUNDWATER  
PROTECTION PLAN  
UPDATE

Carried Unanimously

**Corporate Services Committee**

Deputy Mayor Cabott declared a conflict with the next item of business and left Council Chambers during discussion of the matter.

Conflict Declared

**2019-11-05**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2019-14, a bylaw to authorize grants for community services and municipal charges for the year 2019, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD  
GRANT BYLAW FOR  
COMMUNITY SERVICE &  
MUNICIPAL CHARGES

Carried Unanimously

Deputy Mayor Cabott returned to Council Chambers.

Conflict Over

**2019-11-06**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the 2019 to 2022 capital expenditure program be amended by temporarily funding the 2019 modular litter fences project from the capital reserve in the amount of \$95,000; and

CONTRACT AWARD AND  
BUDGET AMENDMENT  
SUPPLY OF MODULAR  
LITTER FENCES FOR  
LANDFILL SITE

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**2019-11-06** (Continued)

THAT the 2019 to 2022 capital expenditure program be amended by increasing the 2019 modular litter fences project in the amount of \$31,120, funded from the capital reserve to cover the additional costs; and

THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for the supply, delivery and initial installation of the Modular Litter Fences Project to North Fraser Plumbing for a net cost to the City of \$126,120 plus GST.

Carried Unanimously

CONTRACT AWARD AND  
BUDGET AMENDMENT  
SUPPLY OF MODULAR  
LITTER FENCES FOR  
LANDFILL SITE  
(Continued)

**City Planning Committee**

**2019-11-07**

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Bylaw 2019-15, a bylaw to amend the zoning for phase 7 of the Whistle Bend Subdivision, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Carried Unanimously

BRING FORWARD  
ZONING AMENDMENT  
WHISTLE BEND PHASE 7

Council members asked for clarification on a number of issues with respect to future development, including access to trails and green spaces, landscaping options, and accommodations for transit service, school buses and parking. Administration confirmed that the developer will be required to fire smart the adjacent forested area.

Discussion

**City Operations Committee**

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The builder of a new residential development at the corner of Third Avenue and Hawkins Street requested permission to utilize the laneway behind the subject lot as a location for a construction crane. The intended purpose of the closure was to increase the available construction laydown area and improve the overall safety of the construction site.

It was anticipated that the lane closure would be required for a period of one year. In accordance with the relevant bylaw, authorization for a temporary lane closure would require a resolution of council.

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TEMPORARY  
LANE CLOSURE  
Third and Hawkins  
For Information Only

Administration determined that closing the lane to vehicle traffic would not impact emergency response services or residential waste collection. However, residents and businesses adjacent to the lane raised concerns that the proposed closure of the lane would impact access for delivery vehicles and commercial waste pickup, and cause serious safety concerns by forcing such vehicles to back onto Second Avenue when exiting the lane.

Standing Committee members discussed the concerns raised and postponed a decision to the next regular Council meeting pending the receipt of additional information, asking Administration to follow up.

Administration directed the builder to investigate measures to mitigate the issues raised by citizens. The builder took those issues into consideration and worked with the Yukon Occupational Health and Safety Branch which has now authorized the builder to proceed without requiring a full lane closure. A driving width of three metres will remain open, sufficiently wide to address the access and safety concerns that were raised.

The builder has withdrawn the request for a full lane closure and no further action of Council is required. Under the applicable bylaw, the City engineer may authorize a partial lane closure.

Administration confirmed that full lane closures will be periodically required during the construction period, but these would all be for periods of seven days or less and will be handled administratively. Each application will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, and a primary requirement of each permit will be consultation with affected residents and businesses as well as all emergency services and waste handlers.

Councillor Roddick presented a Notice of Motion as follows.

TAKE NOTICE that at the regular council meeting on June 24, 2019 I will bring forward a motion that reads:

WHEREAS the City of Whitehorse has taken important action to reduce carbon emissions and build resilience to climate change, and has developed a solid foundation of plans, strategies, and actions that address these challenges; and

WHEREAS the North is experiencing unprecedented and accelerating climate change that contributes to wildfires, extreme weather events and long-term impacts that affect municipal infrastructure and threaten the health, well-being, and property of Whitehorse residents; and

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TEMPORARY  
LANE CLOSURE  
Third and Hawkins  
For Information Only  
(Continued)

Discussion

NOTICE OF MOTION

NOTICE OF MOTION  
Councillor Roddick  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS growing recognition of the urgency, severity, and financial costs of climate change for municipalities has galvanized cities across Canada to formally declare climate change emergencies as a means of acknowledging, enhancing and accelerating climate action;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Whitehorse officially declares a climate change emergency for the purpose of enhancing and accelerating action on our commitment to protect our community, economy, and ecosystems from the impacts of climate change as we advance our strategic priorities; and

THAT administration be directed to enhance the City's response to current and future impacts of climate change by:

- (1) Improving coordination of actions that reduce our vulnerability to climate change by establishing an internal climate change adaptation task force; and
- (2) Within council's strategic priorities, identifying actions that accelerate the implementation of existing climate plans and strategies, and developing new budgetary proposals to advance this work for council's consideration in the 2019-2020 budget cycle; and

NOTICE OF MOTION  
Councillor Roddick  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
EMERGENCY  
(Continued)

THAT administration be directed to enhance municipal efforts to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions by:

- (1) Improving accountability for the 2019 – 2021 budget cycle by including a 'carbon budget' that identifies, where applicable, the carbon emissions associated with each capital budget line item and the total relative impact of the capital budget on the City's emission reduction goals;
- (2) Continuing and focusing engagement on climate change with the Government of Yukon and the Whitehorse business community to explore opportunities for ambitious new collaborative actions through the forthcoming *Yukon Climate Change, Energy and Green Economy Strategy*.

**BYLAWS**

**2019-11-08**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2019-09, a bylaw to provide for local improvement charges with respect to reconstruction of a portion of Cook Street from Fourth Avenue to the escarpment, be given second reading.

**BYLAW 2019-09**  
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT  
Cook Street West  
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

**2019-11-09**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2019-09, a bylaw to provide for local improvement charges with respect to reconstruction of a portion of Cook Street from Fourth Avenue to the escarpment, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

**BYLAW 2019-09**  
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT  
Cook Street West  
THIRD READING

**2019-11-10**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Local Improvement Charges Bylaw 2019-09 be amended as follows:

- (1) Delete all references to the dollar figure \$485,050.18 and substitute therefore the dollar figure \$632,409.49;
- (2) Delete all references to the dollar figure \$6,914,949.82 and substitute therefore the dollar figure \$6,767,590.51; and
- (3) Amend section 14 to show the public hearing date as Monday, May 6, 2019.
- (4) Delete the existing Schedule "A" and substitute therefore a new Schedule "A" dated April 8, 2019.

Amendment

Carried Unanimously

The main motion, being third reading of the bylaw, was voted on and Carried Unanimously as amended.

Vote on Main Motion

Deputy Mayor Cabott declared a conflict of interest with respect to Bylaw 2019-14 and left Council Chambers.

Conflict Declared

**2019-11-11**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2019-14, a bylaw to authorize grants for community service and grants for property taxes and other municipal charges for the year 2019, be given first reading.

**BYLAW 2019-14**  
GRANTS BYLAW  
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

**2019-11-12**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2019-14 be given second reading.

SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

Deputy Mayor Cabott returned to Council Chambers.

Conflict Over

**2019-11-13**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2019-15, a bylaw to amend the zoning for Phase 7 of the  
Whistle Bend Subdivision, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2019-15**

ZONING AMENDMENT  
Whistle Bend Phase 7  
FIRST READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

ORIGINAL MINUTES SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"C. J. Constable"

Catherine J. Constable  
Manager, Legislative Services

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2019-12 dated June 24, 2019