

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2019-18 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillors Dan Boyd – Electronic Participation
Laura Cabott
Jocelyn Curteanu – Electronic Participation
Samson Hartland – Electronic Participation
Stephen Roddick
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
Assistant City Clerk Norma Felker

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

CALL TO ORDER

2019-18-01

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the change being the
addition of the YuDriv Project under New and Unfinished Business.

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Curtis proclaimed October 21 to 27, 2019 to be Waste Reduction
Week in the City of Whitehorse.

PROCLAMATION

2019-18-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated September 23,
2019 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

September 23, 2019

Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Curtis called three times for anyone to appear to address Bylaw
2019-18, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 1306 Centennial Street in the
Porter Creek Neighbourhood to allow for the development of a nine-unit
apartment building.

BYLAW 2019-18
ZONING AMENDMENT
1306 Centennial Street

Cam Kos expressed concerns regarding the impact of the proposed development on the look and feel of the neighbourhood and the increased amount of on-street parking. With an allowable height of 15 metres the development will have people looking down on adjacent properties. Mr. Kos suggested that the building height be limited to ten metres as was done with other developments in Porter Creek in recent years. He stated that homeowners lock themselves into big mortgages and should be able to expect that the neighbourhood will stay secure.

CAM KOS
Concerns Raised

Doug Graham expressed concern that the proposed bylaw will allow for the construction of 11 units even though the developer is planning to build only nine units. He suggested that a six-plex would be a much better fit with the appearance and character of the neighbourhood. Mr. Graham stated the belief that the proposed development will result in increased on-street parking, and noted that the access and egress points are onto a busy street. He suggested that the size of this development is inappropriate at this time.

DOUG GRAHAM
Concerns Raised

Bob Kostelnik stated the opinion that the reasons for supporting an increase in density in the area listed in the administrative report are not valid. The local school is at maximum enrolment and there is a waiting list. Some of the nearby commercial properties are not in business at this time. He suggested that there is a risk of having high-risk tenants at this development and raised concerns about such tenants relocating from the downtown area.

BOB KOSTELNIK
Concerns Raised

Scott Darling, the proponent, spoke in support of the project. He noted that there are commercial properties in the area including a gas station and a grocery store. The garage currently being built on the property complies with existing zoning regulations and all the required permits were in place before any building commenced. The intention is to have the garage be attached to the multi-family unit and house the services for the apartment building. The proposed height of the development will allow for a smaller footprint that will allow for parking and individual storage units on the property.

SCOTT DARLING
Proponent – In Support

Nick Sutton expressed concerns about impacts on his property as he lives right behind the proposed development.

NICK SUTTON

Len Janzen expressed concern about the height and density of the project and suggested that the size of the structures will block the sunlight for adjacent properties. He suggested that council members look at the impact that new construction has had on the vegetation on adjacent properties on Hawkins Street.

LEN JANZEN
Concerns Raised

Two written submissions were received, both opposed to the bylaw.

Submissions Received

Mayor Curtis declared the public hearing closed and advised that no further submissions on the issue will be considered by council except the report provided by administration.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Committee

2019-18-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Indoor Facility Allocation Policy be adopted as presented.

ADOPT INDOOR
FACILITY ALLOCATION
POLICY

Carried Unanimously

A committee member welcomed Arctic Winter Games representatives, particularly those from the Regional District of Wood Buffalo, the hosts of the next Arctic Winter Games.

A committee member thanked Bylaw Services for their service during the Climate Change Strike.

A committee member asked if the City has provided input into the proposed Yukon Parks Strategy. Administration advised that the documents were reviewed and no administrative concerns were raised. Council members and individual citizens were encouraged to respond to the proposed strategy.

NEW BUSINESS
For Information Only

Public Health and Safety Committee

There was no report from the Public Health and Safety Committee.

No Report

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

Corporate Services Committee

2019-18-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the 2019 to 2022 capital expenditure program be amended by increasing the Trail Plan Update Project number 740c00316 in the amount of \$35,000 for a total project budget of \$70,000, funded entirely by Gas Tax.

BUDGET AMENDMENT –
TRAIL PLAN UPDATE

Carried Unanimously

2019-18-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Council and Administration Roundtable Policy be adopted
as presented.

ADOPT COUNCIL AND
ADMINISTRATION
ROUNDTABLE POLICY

Carried Unanimously

The suggestion was made that the annual reporting statistics required
under the Procedures Bylaw should be expanded to include attendance
stats for Council and Administration Roundtable meetings.

Discussion

Third quarter progress reports were received from the City Manager,
Strategic Communications, and the various departments from the
Corporate Services, Community and Recreation Services,
Infrastructure and Operations and Planning and Sustainability
Services divisions.

THIRD QUARTER
PROGRESS REPORTS
For Information Only

City Planning Committee

2019-18-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the subdivision of approximately 9.1 hectares of land be
approved for the creation of new residential lots, lane, roads and a
greenbelt for the area known as Whistle Bend Phase 7, as shown on
the proposed subdivision sketch, subject to the condition that the
Government of Yukon enter into a Development Agreement with the
City of Whitehorse for the construction of underground utilities, roads
and lanes to service the proposed subdivision area and other areas of
Whistle Bend Subdivision.

SUBDIVISION APPROVAL
WHISTLE BEND PHASE 7

Carried Unanimously

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2019-18-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Administration be authorized to waive the public bidding process
for the supply of detailed design, construction inspection, and contract
administration for the Mount McIntyre Ski Bridge repair project; and

SOLE SOURCE
CONTRACT AWARD –
CONSULTING SERVICES
SKI BRIDGE REPAIR

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2019-18-07 (Continued)

THAT Administration be authorized to award the contract for detailed design, construction inspection, and contract administration for the Mount McIntyre Ski Bridge repair project number 240c00819 to Morrison Hershfield for a net cost to the city not to exceed of \$85,000.00 plus GST.

SOLE SOURCE
CONTRACT AWARD –
CONSULTING SERVICES
SKI BRIDGE REPAIR
(Continued)

Carried (5 – 2)

In response to concerns raised, administration confirmed that the recommended contractor is the one hired for the initial work on this project. This contract is for design and contract administration only; a competitive process will be used for the construction portion of the project.

Administration confirmed that the repaired bridge would be built at the same height as the existing bridge, but mitigating measures will be applied to minimize the risks of future damage. The repaired bridge will be fully insurable. Proceeding with the repair option under the aggressive schedule proposed will allow for the work to be done in time for the Arctic Winter Games.

Discussion

A member of council suggested that rushing a decision will leave the City with a sub-standard product, and that the best solution would be to build a new bridge that meets standard height requirements.

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Curteanu, Hartland, Roddick and Stick

Recorded Vote

OPPOSED Councillors Boyd and Cabott

In response to questions raised, administration advised that the YuDriv Project is the new software that is being implemented by the Yukon Motor Vehicles Branch (YG). The City currently accesses data from Motor Vehicles in order to collect on outstanding parking tickets.

The implementation date is scheduled for November 4, 2019. Administration has been working with YG and the City's electronic data management software provider to address integration issues that will result with the new software.

YUDRIV PROJECT
For Information Only

The current software used by Motor Vehicles is integrated with the City's data management software and works seamlessly. Staff testing of the YuDriv software indicates that it will require each vehicle owner's information to be looked up and then copied and pasted into our system. This means that staff time required for entering parking tickets will more than double.

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Administration views the implementation of YuDriv as a step back in technology with respect to process and staff time. YG staff believe that the new software will provide numerous efficiencies, and they are unable to modify their plans to meet the City's needs.

YUDRIV PROJECT
For Information Only
(Continued)

Administration has been attempting to address the City's issues with YG, but no resolutions have been found. It is now felt that all efforts to work with YG staff on this issue have been exhausted.

Mayor Curtis asked council members if they approved of setting up a meeting with the Minister and staff in an attempt to find a resolution for this issue. The consensus of council was to arrange such a meeting.

Discussion

Administration was requested to set up a meeting with the Minister and relevant staff as soon as possible.

Meeting Setup Requested

BYLAWS

There were no bylaw readings on the agenda.

No Readings

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 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 #2019-20 dated October 28, 2019