



**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Public Health and Safety Committee**

Date	August 1, 2022	2022-18
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Kirk Cameron – Chair Mayor Laura Cabott Councillor Dan Boyd Deputy Mayor Michelle Friesen Councillor Ted Laking Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Members Absent	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	
Staff Present	Jeff O’Farrell, Interim City Manager Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services	

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Your Worship, there is no report from the Public Health and Safety Committee.



## Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee

Date	August 1, 2022	2022-18
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Deputy Mayor Michelle Friesen – Chair Mayor Laura Cabott Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Ted Laking Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Members Absent	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	
Staff Present	Jeff O'Farrell, Interim City Manager Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services Svetlana Erickson, Manager of Financial Services	

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Your Worship, the Corporate Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

### **1. Upcoming Procurements (September and October) – For Information Only**

In accordance with the Procurement Policy, the Committee was presented with a report on the upcoming procurements for September and October with an anticipated value of greater than \$100,000.

There was some discussion around the costs of upgrading playgrounds to be more accessible. Administration noted that fully accessible playgrounds and playground structures are extremely expensive, such as with the new million-dollar fully accessible playground in Shipyards Park which was generously given to the City. When it is time for upgrades or replacements for play structures they're designed to be as inclusive as possible to meet the needs of a broad range of ages and abilities.

**2. Grant Request – Yukon Cares**

The Committee was presented with a grant request for \$4,978 to purchase a transit pass and admissions card to the Canada Games Centre for two new refugee families arriving in the Yukon later this year. These types of grants have been provided for new families coming to Whitehorse since 2016, and are intended to help welcome and support new citizens to the community.

**The recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is**

THAT Council approve a grant of \$4,978 funded from the Council donation account.



## Minutes of the meeting of the City Planning Committee

Date	August 1, 2022	2022-18
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Dan Boyd - Chair Mayor Laura Cabott Councillor Kirk Cameron Deputy Mayor Michelle Friesen Councillor Ted Laking Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Members Absent	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	
Staff Present	Jeff O'Farrell, Interim City Manager Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services Mélodie Simard, Manager of Planning and Sustainability Mathieu Marois, Senior Planner	

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Your Worship, the City Planning Committee respectfully submits the following report:

### **1. Puckett's Gulch – Delegate Presentation**

Peter Long spoke to the Committee about his concerns with the proposed zoning amendment and the following airport expansion into Puckett's Gulch. He was concerned about disruptions to and maintenance for the Airport Perimeter Trail. He noted that the area is extensively used by both people and wildlife, and worried that the expansion will disrupt normal access and activity on the trail.

### **2. Puckett's Gulch Zoning Amendment – Delegate Presentation**

Barrett Hatton from Yukon Government and Steven Bartsch of Associated Engineering presented the proposed airport expansion project. They explained the purpose and need for the project to bring the airport into compliance with new federal regulations, and potential impacts on the surrounding area. They confirmed that Yukon Government is committed to doing the detailed geo-technical work in the escarpment area to support extending the runway and bringing the airport up to standard.

The Committee raised a number of questions about compliance and timing, whether other design options were considered, potential impacts on trails in the area and if there would be an opportunity for additional trail improvements as part of the project. The Committee was particularly concerned about public awareness to date.

The delegates indicated that the airport was currently exempt from the new regulations, but could be ordered to comply at any time, and that other alternatives had been considered, but were either considered not feasible, were cost prohibitive or could result in a decrease in service. A public survey had been done as required to contact those in the surrounding area. The delegates also indicated that the required geotechnical work was only 30% complete to date, and that slope stabilization was a key aspect to be taken into account for the project.

### **3. Zoning Amendment – Puckett’s Gulch/Airport Expansion**

Administration presented an application to amend the zoning at Puckett’s Gulch to allow the transfer of land to the Government of Yukon to extend the airport runway, which would include relocating a trail, airside road, fence, and sewer line to bring the airport into compliance with federal aviation safety standards.

As the portions of the land parcels are currently owned by the City, further formal steps will be needed should Council approve the rezoning, to allow for the transfer of land, including amendment to Council’s policy on the escarpment lands and subdivision of the land. Administration noted that any environmental impact or geotechnical concerns in this highly sensitive environmental area would be addressed through a future land transfer and specific provisions of the required development agreement.

The Committee focussed on the need for more public information in the form of a public information session on the proposed zoning amendment ahead of Council’s public hearing scheduled for September 12, as could be required under the Zoning Bylaw.

#### **The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is**

THAT Council, direct that Bylaw 2022-31, a bylaw to amend the zoning of a portion of three parcels in the Puckett’s Gulch/Airport area be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

### **4. Public Hearing Report – Interim Mount Sima Quarry**

The Committee was presented with a public hearing report on the Bylaw to amend the zoning of a parcel of vacant Commissioner’s Land on Copper Haul Road to allow for an interim quarry use. No delegates spoke to the item at the public hearing and no other submissions were received with respect to this item.

#### **The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is**

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2022-23, a bylaw to amend the zoning of a parcel of vacant Commissioner’s Land on Copper Haul Road to allow for an interim quarry use, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

**5. Public Hearing Report – KDFN Parcel C-112B**

The Committee was presented with a public hearing report on a Bylaw to amend the zoning of Kwanlin Dün First Nation (KDFN) Settlement Land Parcel C-112B for Phase I and Phase II of a proposed residential development.

Two written submissions were received, both with concerns about the development. No delegates spoke to the item at the public hearing.

Concerns were raised that the proposed development will impact how the site is currently used, specifically that a snow storage site and recreational opportunities could be lost. It was confirmed that access for snow storage could be maintained, and also that the land parcels were intended for development since the neighbourhood was first planned in 1990. Adjacent property owners should have had access to this information when they purchased their property. Access to the trails west of the development will be maintained with connector walkways and other trails will be rerouted.

**The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is**

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2022-26, a bylaw to amend the zoning of KDFN Settlement Land Parcel C-112B-2, and a portion of KDFN Settlement Land Parcel C-112B-1 and C-112B-3 to allow for a residential development, be brought forward at second and third reading under the bylaw process.

**6. Zoning Amendment – 26 Azure Road**

The Committee was presented with an application to amend the zoning of a portion of 26 Azure Road from RP – Residential Mobile Home Park to RS – Residential Single Detached. Rezoning the subject site to RS would not deviate from the existing residential uses in the surrounding community and would enable the owners to make use of the unused area for housing.

The RS zone was chosen as there is no other appropriate use or zone given the size and shape of the area. Rezoning to RS to allow the development of a dwelling is therefore considered the most efficient use of the area.

**The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is**

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2022-30, a bylaw to amend the zoning of a portion of 26 Azure Road for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling with a fee simple ownership, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

**7. Official Community Plan: Whitehorse 2040**

The Committee was presented with “draft two” of the proposed Official Community Plan: Whitehorse 2040 (the OCP). All members noted the importance of the Plan as the key City planning document, and appreciation for the time and effort by all involved to this point.

Along with the draft OCP, Administration provided information on the development of the plan, background studies, comprehensive public engagement to date (over 2000 comments), and expected next steps for the review and approval process. The main

policy directions, themes, and implementation requirements including studies, bylaws and future projects, were also outlined as part of the introduction to Committee.

Committee members highlighted a number of key elements and issues reflected in the Plan and for further discussion including:

- Appreciation for representation of First Nations, including the land acknowledgement and history;
- the focus on equity and inclusion;
- questions about population growth estimates used in the plan and the need to be prepared for more development sooner;
- Concern over continued reliance on Whistlebend and Porter Creek for growth, which will increase traffic issues;
- the focus on active transportation routes and development of urban centres;
- a need for housing development across housing types consistent with Council's Strategic Priorities and for commercial land planning;
- Recognition that any potential transportation corridor through the proposed McIntyre Creek park would be determined following the transportation studies;
- The importance of the upcoming public review, and hearing from the community.

**The recommendation of the City Planning Committee is**

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2022-40, a bylaw to adopt the 2022 Official Community Plan, "Whitehorse 2040", and repeal the 2010 Official Community Plan, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.



**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Development Services Committee**

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Members Absent	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	
Staff Present	Jeff O'Farrell, Interim City Manager Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services	

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Your Worship, there is no report from the Development Services Committee.





## Minutes of the meeting of the City Operations Committee

Date	August 1, 2022	2022-18
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Ted Laking – Chair Mayor Laura Cabott Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Kirk Cameron Deputy Mayor Michelle Friesen Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Members Absent	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	
Staff Present	Jeff O’Farrell, Interim City Manager Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services	

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Your Worship, there is no report from the City Operations Committee.



## Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee

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Members Absent	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	
Staff Present	Jeff O'Farrell, Interim City Manager Krista Mroz, Acting Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Corporate HR Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Wendy Donnithorne, Manager of Legislative Services	

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Your Worship, the Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

### **1. New Business – Emancipation Day – August 1, 2022**

In 2021, the House of Commons designated August 1<sup>st</sup> as Emancipation Day in Canada. This date in 1834 marked the abolition of slavery across the British Empire. A Committee member invited everyone to learn about the history of Black and African people in Canada and the discrimination and inequality many people still face today.

### **2. New Business – Council Donation Account**

A Committee member asked for additional clarification on what the Council Donation budget for 2022 had been used for to date, which was provided.

### **3. New Business – Indigenous Safety Summit**

A Committee member to acknowledged the Indigenous Community Safety Summit running from August 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.



Laura Cabott, Mayor



Wendy Donnithorne, City Clerk



ADOPTED at the regular Council meeting dated August 8, 2022