

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2023-01 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2023, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Cabott
Councillors Dan Boyd
Kirk Cameron
Jocelyn Curteanu*
Michelle Friesen
Ted Laking
Mellisa Murray

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Jeff O'Farrell
Acting Director of Community Services Krista Mroz
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Director of People and Culture Lindsay Schneider
Director of Operations and Infrastructure Tracy Allen
Manager of Legislative Services Wendy Donnithorne
Assistant City Clerk Rebecca Webber

* Indicates electronic participation

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cabott acknowledged the passing of Mr. Mel Stehelin. Mr. Stehelin served as a City Councillor for the years of 2003 to 2006. Council passed their condolences to the family of Mr. Stehelin.

CONDOLENCES

2023-01-01

AMEND AGENDA

THAT the Agenda be amended to correct the address of the Public Hearing item regarding a Zoning Amendment to read 19 Drift Drive and not 12 Drift Drive.

2023-01-02

AGENDA

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

2023-01-03

MINUTES

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated, December 12, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Cabott advised that there are two Public Hearings scheduled for this evening.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
SCHEDULED

Mayor Cabott called for submissions with respect to the Zoning Amendment for 19 Drift Drive. No written submissions were received and there was no one in attendance.

Public Hearing
ZONING AMENDMENT
19 Drift Drive

Mayor Cabott declared the Public Hearing for the Zoning Amendment with respect to 19 Drift Drive closed and that no further submissions on the issue will be considered by Council.

Public Hearing Closed

Mayor Cabott called for submissions with respect to the Zoning Amendment for 2 Klondike Road. No written submissions were received.

Public Hearing
ZONING AMENDMENT
2 Klondike Road

Two people made in person presentations.

Frank Bachmier explained that there has not been any housing development for senior citizens in over 10 years, noting there is presently 230 people on the waitlist for this form of housing. The delegate requested Council delay this application to allow time for negotiations between the Yukon Council on Aging and the Yukon Housing Corporation regarding development of housing for senior citizens.

Delegate – Frank Bachmier
Yukon Council on Aging

Christina Craig noted the opportunity to use this piece of land for affordable housing, noting that there is a need for this type of housing which is presently not being met.

Delegate – Christina Craig
Anti - Poverty Coalition

Mayor Cabott declared the Public Hearing for the Zoning Amendment with respect to 2 Klondike Road closed and that no further submissions on the issue will be considered by Council.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Committee

A Committee member acknowledged that January 22, 2023 is Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year. The Committee member explained that 2023 is the “Year of the Rabbit” which symbolizes longevity, peace and prosperity.

CHINESE NEW YEAR –
For Information Only

A Committee member noted that January 4, 2023 marks the first annual “National Ribbon Skirt Day”, where Indigenous women, girls and two spirited people across the country are encouraged to wear ribbon skirts to celebrate their culture, strength and connections as women.

NATIONAL RIBBON
SKIRT DAY – For
Information Only

Public Health and Safety Committee

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

No Report

Corporate Services Committee

In April 2022, after an intensive development process, members of Council adopted a set of Strategic Priorities to guide corporate progress over their term. An update on the progress towards these priorities was provided. The Committee also discussed the Housing and Land Development Committee, requesting that the Committee Chair attend a Council meeting to speak to the Committee’s work.

2022-2024 COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
UPDATE – For Information
Only

The Procurement Policy requires that Council be provided with a semi-annual update on procurement projects. Administration provided a detailed listing of semi-annual procurement projects. There were no contract extensions/renewals, and one instance of non-compliance during this period of time. Committee members requested additional information on specific projects and the procurement process which was provided by Administration.

SEMI-ANNUAL
PROCUREMENT
REPORT (July to
December) - For
Information Only

2023-01-04

2022 UMBRELLA GRANT
BYLAW

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2023-02, a bylaw to authorize the allocation of various grants for the year 2022 in the amount of \$1,131,855.56 be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Carried Unanimously

2023-01-05

COMMENCEMENT
REPORT – PARKS
BUILDING RENOVATION

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the procurement of the 139 Tlingit Street Energy Upgrades.

Carried Unanimously

2023-01-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the three procurements related to 2023 Project 500c00623 - Additional Equipment – Snow and Ice Control.

COMMENCEMENT
REPORT – SNOW AND
ICE CONTROL
EQUIPMENT

Carried Unanimously

2023-01-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT travel expenses be authorized for Mayor Cabott and Councillor Curteanu to attend the Sustainable Communities Conference 2023 being held in Ottawa, Ontario and for Mayor Cabott to attend additional intergovernmental meetings.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR AND
COUNCIL TRAVEL

Carried Unanimously

2023-01-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Deputy Mayor appointments be adjusted and approved as follows:

2023 DEPUTY MAYOR
APPOINTMENTS

Deputy Mayor

- Councillor Mellisa Murray: November 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
- *Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu: January 1, 2023 to February 28, 2023*
- Councillor Michelle Friesen: March 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023
- Councillor Ted Laking: May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023
- Councillor Kirk Cameron: July 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023
- *Councillor Dan Boyd: September 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023*

Carried Unanimously

City Planning Committee

2023-01-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2022-32, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 25.8 hectares of vacant Commissioner’s land comprising Phases 10 and 11 of Whistle Bend, from FP – Future Planning to public and residential zones, be brought forward for Second and Third Reading under the bylaw process.

PUBLIC HEARING
REPORT – ZONING
AMENDMENT - Whistle
Bend Phases 10 & 11

A Council member reiterated concerns raised at the Standing Committee meeting on January 9, 2023 regarding traffic, the pace of development and power infrastructure.

Discussion

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Carried (5-1) Recorded Vote

IN FAVOUR Mayor Cabott, Councillors Boyd, Cameron, Curteanu,
Friesen and Murray

OPPOSED Councillor Laking

2023-01-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2022-43, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 16.2 hectares of vacant Commissioner’s land comprising Phases 12 and 13 of Whistle Bend, from FP – Future Planning, residential, and public zones to residential, mixed-use, and public zones, be brought forward for Second and Third Reading under the bylaw process.
Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING
REPORT – ZONING
AMENDMENT - Whistle
Bend Phases 12 & 13

2023-01-11

It was duly moved and seconded following discussion that the following amendments to the proposed OCP be included and approved as follows:

THAT Council directs that the proposed “Whitehorse 2040: Official Community Plan” be amended in accordance with the Administrative Recommendations detailed in the Administrative Report dated January 9, 2023; and

THAT notwithstanding the first clause, that the Administrative Recommendation to update Policy 15.9.7 and to add Policy 15.9.8 not be approved; and

THAT notwithstanding the first clause, that the Administrative Recommendation to change Map 5 to designate a portion of the land in the Stevens area as a Natural Resource Extraction not be approved; and

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2022-40, a Bylaw to adopt the 2022 Official Community Plan, “Whitehorse 2040” be brought forward for Second Reading under the bylaw process.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY
PLAN

Carried (5-2) Recorded Vote

IN FAVOUR Councillors Cameron, Curteanu, Friesen, Laking and
Murray

OPPOSED Mayor Cabott and Councillor Boyd

A Committee member requested an update around commercial land development in the City noting that there is continued frustration from the business community regarding land availability.

COMMERICAL LAND
DEVELOPMENT – For
Information Only

Mr. Trickett presented his concerns around land development in the City of Whitehorse, particularly Copper Ridge, and was of the view that all taxpayers should have the opportunity to access land in the City.

Delegate – Matthew Trickett – Copper Ridge Land Development

A Council member noted the opportunity following the delegate presentation to reinforce the work being done by the City towards Reconciliation and inclusion, and that language in Chambers needs to be respectful by everyone, avoiding discrimination or stereotypes.

Discussion

Development Services Committee

Councillor Laking presented a Notice of Motion to bring forward at the next Regular Council meeting on January 16, 2023 proposing that Administration return to Council with analysis on developing a one-year pilot project to convert a portion of Main Street into a pedestrian town square for the months of June, July and August.

NOTICE OF MOTION – Pedestrian Town Square

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-01-12

MOTION – Pedestrian Town Square Pilot Project

Following discussion by Council, it was duly moved and seconded that the motion be amended to read as follows:

WHEREAS the last two years have created economic hardship for the tourism, food, beverage, hospitality sectors, arts and culture sectors; and

WHEREAS innovative initiatives such as the City of Whitehorse’s pop-up patio program have been developed locally in recent years to help provide new economic opportunities in the City; and

WHEREAS other cities across Canada and elsewhere around North America and Europe are exploring the concepts of pedestrian-only streets either on a permanent or seasonal basis to facilitate the addition of vibrancy to the downtown core; indeed, some cities have had pedestrian-only streets for some many years now; and

WHEREAS a recent study in the City of Toronto discovered that during the summer of 2021 the expansion of curbside patios generated nearly 50 times more revenue for local businesses compared to the lost revenue from the lost parking spots; and

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WHEREAS in an effort to reimagine and reinvigorate the downtown core Council’s 2022-2024 Strategic Priorities includes an action item that reads, “Review opportunities to enhance the downtown core reflecting its place as the centre of our Capital City”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to return to Council with an analysis on developing a one year pilot project to convert Main Street between Front Street and Second Avenue into a pedestrian town square for the months of June, July, and August; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this town square concept be consulted on with the affected business and organizations community and include considerations such as:

- 1. The ability of existing businesses to extend and expand their operations and patios;
- 2. Potential partnership with the arts and/or music community to facilitate regular outdoor music opportunities;
- 3. Temporary additions of picnic tables, greenery, and umbrellas; and
- 4. THAT analysis be conducted on how to better promote and utilize the several city parking lots in the downtown core for the public to supplement the lost parking spaces; and
- 5. THAT if this proposal were to move forward, a report will be developed by Administration after the conclusion of the town square pilot project to inform Council and the community on the impacts, successes, and challenges resulting from the pilot project.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

2023-01-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2023-02, a Bylaw to amend the 2022 Umbrella Grants Bylaw be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2023-02
UMBRELLA GRANT
BYLAW
FIRST READING

2023-01-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2023-02 be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2023-02
UMBRELLA GRANT
BYLAW
SECOND READING

2023-01-15

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2022-32, a Bylaw to amend the zoning for the area known as Whistle Bend Phase 10 and Phase 11, be given Second Reading.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2022-32
ZONING AMENDMENT –
WHISTLE BEND PHASE
10 &11
SECOND READING

2023-01-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2022-32, having been read a first and second time, now be given Third Reading.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2022-32
ZONING AMENDMENT –
WHISTLE BEND PHASE
10 &11
THIRD READING

2023-01-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2022-43, a Bylaw to amend the zoning for the area known as Whistle Bend Phase 12 and Phase 13, be given Second Reading.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2022-43
ZONING AMENDMENT –
WHISTLE BEND PHASE
12 &13
SECOND READING

2023-01-18

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2022-43, having been read a first and second time, now be given Third Reading.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2022-43
ZONING AMENDMENT –
WHISTLE BEND PHASE
12 &13
THIRD READING

2023-01-19

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2022-50, a bylaw to amend Advisory Committee Bylaw 2017-28, having been read a first and second time, now be given Third Reading.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2022-50
INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
COMMENCEMENT
THIRD READING

2023-01-20

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2022-40, a Bylaw to adopt the Official Community Plan be given Second Reading.

BYLAW 2022-40
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY
PLAN
SECOND READING

Carried (6-1)

Recorded Vote

IN FAVOUR Mayor Cabott, Councillors Cameron, Curteanu,
Friesen, Laking and Murray
OPPOSED Councillor Boyd

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24p.m.

ADJOURNMENT





Laura Cabott, Mayor



Wendy Donnithorne, City Clerk

ADOPTED by Resolution at Meeting #2023-02