

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2023-02 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 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  
Director of Community Services Krista Mroz  
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga  
Director of Development Services Mike Gau  
Acting Director of People and Culture Kevin Lyslo  
City Clerk and 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**

**2023-02-01**

**AMEND AGENDA**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the Agenda be amended to include delegate Jeff Sloychuk,  
President of the Ukrainian Canadian Association of the Yukon.  
Carried Unanimously

**2023-02-02**

**AGENDA**

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

Mayor Cabott proclaimed the month of February, 2023 to be Black History Month.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**2023-02-03**

**MINUTES**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated, January 16,  
2023 be adopted as presented.

January 16, 2023

Carried Unanimously

**DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS**

Jeff Sloychuk was present to speak to the request from the City of Chortkiv, Ukraine to establish a “twin city” relationship with the City of Whitehorse.

Delegate - Jeff Sloychuk -  
The Ukrainian Canadian  
Association of the Yukon

Council members raised questions related to the number of Ukrainians who have come to the Yukon and whether there have been challenges for newcomers to find housing and employment. The delegate provided additional context to the requirements and challenges that newcomers face when arriving from Ukraine to the Yukon.

Discussion

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Services Committee**

A Committee member acknowledged the continued discovery of unmarked graves at former residential school sites, specifically the most recent discoveries by the Star Blanket Cree Nation and by the Wauzhushk Onigum Nation. The Committee member also presented supports available to individuals who have been impacted by residential schools.

Residential Schools – For  
Information Only

In response to the request from the City of Chortkiv, for Ukraine to establish a “twin city” relationship with the City of Whitehorse, Mayor Cabott presented a Notice of Motion for discussion at the next Regular Council meeting on January 30, 2023.

NOTICE OF MOTION  
Mayor Cabott

**Public Health and Safety Committee**

**2023-02-04**

VEHICLE FOR HIRE  
BYLAW AMENDMENTS

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2022-47, a bylaw to amend the *Vehicle for Hire Bylaw*, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

In response to a question raised by a Council member, Administration confirmed that they are presently working with the industry to seek alternate solutions regarding retention of recordings. Council members also highlighted the importance of the Bylaw as it relates to safety for all citizens in the community.

Discussion

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Cabott brought forward the issue of radon to raise public awareness, noting that the Yukon Lung Association is offering free radon testing until the end of March 2023.

RADON – For Information  
Only

**Corporate Services Committee**

**2023-02-05**

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council approve the proposed Work Plan from the Housing and Land Development Advisory Committee.

HOUSING AND LAND  
DEVELOPMENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE –  
Work Plan and Update

Council members highlighted the importance of the Committee to the City to implement and find solutions to the housing crisis in the Yukon. Council members also thanked the Committee Chair for the presentation on January 23, 2023.

Discussion

Carried Unanimously

**2023-02-06**

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2023-03, a bylaw to amend the 2022 to 2025 Capital Expenditure Program with respect to budget adjustments made throughout 2022, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process; and THAT Bylaw 2023-04, a bylaw to amend the 2022 to 2024 Operating Budget with respect to budget adjustments made throughout 2022, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

2022 UMBRELLA  
BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
(Capital and Operating)

Carried Unanimously

**2023-02-07**

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct that the City Seal be affixed to the 2022 Tax Lien Summary List to authenticate the list.

AUTHORIZATION OF TAX  
LIEN SUMMARY LIST

In response to questions raised by Council members, Administration confirmed the tax lien process and elaborated on the methods to notify property owners of any tax arrears. Administration also confirmed updates to the Tax Lien Summary List since January 23, 2023.

Discussion

Carried Unanimously

WRITE-OFF  
UNCOLLECTABLE  
ACCOUNTS

**2023-02-08**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2023-09, a bylaw to authorize the  
write-off of uncollectible accounts, be brought forward for  
consideration under the bylaw process.

Carried Unanimously

**2023-02-09**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council direct that the remaining funds from the 2022 Capital  
Budget for Project 320c01117 Service Building be re-budgeted to 2023  
into three separate projects, Whitehorse Operations Building  
expansion for \$15,254,000, City Hall energy efficiencies for \$8,390,000  
and Transit Hub for \$900,000; and  
THAT Administration be authorized to commence the procurement for  
the Whitehorse Operations Office Expansion.

COMMENCEMENT  
REPORT AND BUDGET  
AMENDMENT -  
Whitehorse Operations  
Building Expansion

In response to questions raised by Council, Administration confirmed  
the budget for this project and explained that timelines for other  
projects will be brought forward to Council later this year.

Discussion

Carried Unanimously

**City Planning Committee**

**2023-02-10**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2023-01, a bylaw to amend the  
zoning of 10 Finch Crescent from RR – Restricted Residential  
Detached to RRx – Restricted Residential Detached (Modified), be  
brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

ZONING AMENDMENT –  
10 Finch Crescent

Carried Unanimously

**Development Services Committee**

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

**City Operations Committee**

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2023-02-11**

On January 23, 2023, Mayor Cabott gave notice of her intention to bring forward a motion to enter into a Sister City relationship with Chortkiv, Ukraine and on January 30, 2023 moved as follows:

Motion

It was duly moved and seconded

WHEREAS the City of Whitehorse enters into Sister City relationships to promote economic development, educational, cultural and friendship exchanges between cities;

AND WHEREAS it is understood that it takes time and effort to establish and maintain those relationships, requiring support and participation of Mayor and Council, Administration and the citizens of Whitehorse;

AND WHEREAS the City of Chortkiv, Ukraine, population of approximately 36,000 people and located in Western Ukraine has requested to establish a “twin city” relationship with the City of Whitehorse to promote mutual partnership and exchange of experience between the two cities including economic development, cultural tourism, art, sports and education.

BE IT RESOVED THAT Mayor and Council direct Administration to:

- 1. Review and apply applicable *Guidelines to Review When Selecting a Sister City within the Selection & Maintenance – Sister Cities Policy* in regards to Chortkiv’s request;
- 2. Undertake an analysis of the City’s current Sister City relationships, our capacity to add an additional city and the community support for Chortkiv’s request; and
- 3. Make recommendations to Mayor & Council on Chortkiv’s request including the level, if any, of Sister City.

Council members noted the impact that the conflict in Ukraine has had on the world, and the importance of supporting and standing in solidarity with Ukraine.

Discussion

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAWS**

**2023-02-12**

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2023-01, a Bylaw to amend the zoning at 10 Finch Crescent, be given First Reading.

**BYLAW 2023-01**  
ZONING AMENDMENT –  
10 Finch Crescent  
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

**2023-02-13**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2022-47, a Bylaw to amend the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, be  
given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2022-47**  
VEHICLE FOR HIRE  
AMENDMENT  
FIRST READING

**2023-02-14**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2022-47 be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2022-47**  
VEHICLE FOR HIRE  
AMENDMENT  
SECOND READING

**2023-02-15**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2023-03, a Bylaw to amend the 2022 to 2025 Capital  
Budget Bylaw, be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2023-03**  
UMBRELLA CAPITAL  
BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
FIRST READING

**2023-02-16**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2023-03 be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2023-03**  
UMBRELLA CAPITAL  
BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
SECOND READING

**2023-02-17**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2023-04, a Bylaw to amend the 2022 to 2025 Operating  
Budget Bylaw, be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2023-04**  
UMBRELLA OPERATING  
BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
FIRST READING

**2023-02-18**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2023-04 be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2023-04**  
UMBRELLA OPERATING  
BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
SECOND READING

**2023-02-19**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2023-09 be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2023-09**  
WRITE-OFF  
UNCOLLECTABLE  
ACCOUNTS  
SECOND READING

**2023-02-21**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2023-02 a Bylaw to authorize the allocation of grants for  
the year 2022 now be given Third Reading.

**BYLAW 2023-02**  
**UMBRELLA GRANT**  
**BYLAW**  
**THIRD READING**

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**



  
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Laura Cabott, Mayor

  
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Wendy Donnithorne, City Clerk

ADOPTED by Resolution at Meeting #2023-03