

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2023-13 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Cabott
Councillors Kirk Cameron, Deputy Mayor
Dan Boyd
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
Director of People and Culture Lindsay Schneider
A/Director of Operations and Infrastructure Taylor Eshpeter
Manager of Legislative Services Wendy Donnithorne

*Indicates electronic participation

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

CALL TO ORDER

2023-13-01

AGENDA

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

Carried Unanimously

2023-13-02

MINUTES

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated, June 26,
2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS

President Stacy Lewis and Executive Director Tracey Bilksy of Sport Yukon presented letters received from community groups in support of the opportunity for Whitehorse to host the Arctic Winter Games in 2026.

Stacy Lewis, President, and Tracey Bilksy Executive Director, Sport Yukon – Arctic Winter Games 2026

Tony Grabowski, a resident of the Holly Residential Area, came before Council to speak on the importance of the greenbelt to him, fellow residents, the community, and wildlife.

Tony Grabowski – Importance of Greenspace to Residents (Holly Residential Area Plan)

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Input Session was scheduled to hear submissions with respect to the Range Point Joint Master Plan.

Range Point Joint Master
Plan

Sarah Kroon, resident of the Range Point Joint Master Plan area, presented her support for the project.

Sarah Kroon

Jane Koepke, on behalf of Kwanlin Dün First Nation, presented details on the proposed design and development of the Range Point Joint Master Plan.

Jane Koepke, Kwanlin Dün
First Nation

Jane Koepke, on behalf of the Yukon Government, presented information on the design and creation of the Range Point Joint Master Plan and clarified site development approaches and budget plans.

Brian Crist and Jane
Koepke, Yukon
Government

Mayor Cabott declared the Public Input Session for the Range Point Joint Master Plan closed.

Public Input Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Operations Committee

A Committee member asked for an update on a project to install accessibility ramps in the city. Administration confirmed that eight locations have been identified in consultation with community partners, and that once the contract has been awarded, the locations be communicated to the public.

New Business –
Accessibility Ramp Infill
Project

A Committee member requested an update regarding a neighbourhood traffic calming pilot project. Administration confirmed locations and potential solutions within current budgets are currently under review.

New Business – Traffic
Calming Pilot

Committee members raised concerns regarding traffic in Whistlebend expansion areas, requesting information on initial evaluation of traffic impacts and strategies to relieve current pressures. Additional information was requested on the status of Whistlebend Phases 9, 10 and 11.

New Business –
Whistlebend Expansion
Extra Traffic

Delegate Brenda Morrison presented concerns with traffic volumes, related noise and safety from those using Eugene Avenue as a main access road.

Delegate – Brenda
Morrison – Eugene Avenue
to Witch Hazel Drive Traffic
Issues

Community Services Committee

2023-13-03

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Council advise Yukon Government that the City is prepared to host the 2026 Arctic Winter Games, subject to receipt of Yukon Government financial and other commitments by July 28, 2023; and

THAT Yukon Government financial commitments to provide funding would be for new funding specific to the Games; and

THAT Council authorizes Administration to enter into negotiations with the Arctic Winter Games International Committee to host the 2026 Arctic Winter Games in the Yukon.

Arctic Winter Games 2026
Hosting Opportunity

Carried Unanimously

Administration provided an update on the Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

New Business – Inclusivity
Advisory Committee

Myryja Friesen of Compassion Yukon, presented a follow up report on the outcomes of the Accessibility Olympics held this past spring.

Delegate – Myryja Friesen,
Compassion Yukon –
Accessibility Olympics
Review

Public Health and Safety Committee

A Committee member requested further information on the City's FireSmart and wildland fire preparedness initiatives including the use of emergency evacuation drills and plans in the community.

Administration confirmed that the City has participated in numerous exercises, and work on FireSmart initiatives with partners is ongoing.

New Business –
Community Interest in
FireSmart and Wildland
Fire Preparedness

Delegate Florian Boulais presented on conveying urgency and the importance of FireSmart through focused and innovative public communication methods.

Delegate – Florian Boulais
– Conveying Urgency and
Importance of FireSmart
Work

Corporate Services Committee

The semi-annual procurement update for January – June 2023 was presented.

Semi-Annual Procurement
Report (Jan - Jun 2023) –
For Information Only

2023-13-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Administration be authorized to commence the procurement for the Transit Hub project; and
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2023-22, a bylaw to amend the 2023 to 2026 Capital Expenditure Program by increasing the 2023 budget for project 360c00923 Transit Hub in the amount of \$1,900,000, funded from the Capital Reserve until external grant funding has been confirmed, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Commencement Report
and Budget Amendment –
Transit Hub

Carried Unanimously

2023-13-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Administration be authorized to commence the procurement for the City Hall Energy Efficiencies project.

Commencement Report –
City Hall Energy
Efficiencies

Carried Unanimously

2023-13-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council amend the 2023-2026 Capital Expenditure Plan and approve the creation of a new capital project for Range Road and McIntyre Creek Crossing Repair in the amount of \$100,000, funded by the Capital Reserve.

Budget Amendment –
Range Road and McIntyre
Creek Crossing Repair

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Friesen presented a Notice of Motion to bring forward at the next Regular Council meeting on July 10, 2023 that Council authorize a donation in the amount of \$5,000 to Blood Ties Four Direction Centre to support local harm reduction and awareness efforts.

New Business – Notice of
Motion – Council Donation
to Blood Ties

A Committee member requested an update on the clean-up of the Whistlebend Pond. Administration confirmed that the project is currently anticipated to come forward in the September procurement cycle.

New Business –
Whistlebend Pond Cleanup

City Planning Committee

There was no report from the City Planning Committee.

No Report

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-13-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council authorize a Council grant in the amount of \$5,000 to
Blood Ties Four Directions Centre to support our local harm
reduction and awareness efforts for the health emergency we
recognize and acknowledge our community is facing; and
THAT Council approve a budget amendment to the Council Donation
fund in the amount of \$5,000 to support the proposed grant.

Motion – Councillor Friesen
– Council Donation to Blood
Ties Four Directions Centre

Defeated (3-4)

Council members discussed a lack of clear policy criteria on the
Council Donation account.

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Kirk Cameron, Michelle Friesen and Mellisa
Murray

Recorded Vote

OPPOSED: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Dan Boyd, Jocelyn Curteanu
and Ted Laking

2023-13-08

Following discussion, it was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the
procurement of planning services for Project 720c00223 Holly
Residential Area Master Plan.

Supplemental
Administrative Report –
Holly Residential Area Plan

Defeated (2-5)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Laura Cabott, and Councillor Dan Boyd

OPPOSED: Councillors Kirk Cameron, Jocelyn Curteanu, Michelle
Friesen, Mellisa Murray and Ted Laking

Recorded Vote

BYLAWS

2023-13-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2023-22, a bylaw to amend the 2023 to 2026 Capital
Expenditure Program by increasing the 2023 budget for project
360c00923 Transit Hub in the amount of \$1,900,000, funded from the
Capital Reserve until external grant funding has been confirmed, be
given First Reading

BYLAW 2023-22
Budget Amendment –
Transit Hub
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2023-13-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2023-22 be given Second Reading.

BYLAW 2023-22
Budget Amendment –
Transit Hub
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2023-13-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2023-20, a bylaw to amend the 2023 to 2026 Capital
Expenditure Program by increasing the 2023 budget for Project
100c00122 Landslide in the amount of \$2,200,000, be given Third
Reading.


BYLAW 2023-20
Escarpment Budget
Amendment
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT





Laura Cabott, Mayor



Wendy Donnithorne, City Clerk

ADOPTED by Resolution at Meeting #2023-14