



COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Council Questions – Regular Council August 28, 2023

1. Yukon River Recreation Lease

- a. *Can the City acquire the Yukon River Recreation lease agreement area instead of leasing it?*

Yes, the City could propose to acquire the lease agreement area from the Government of Yukon. However, there are a number of considerations for the City.

Transfer of the land would be complicated and could cost in the range of \$30,000 to purchase. In comparison, over the 30-year term of the renewed lease, the lease fees will total \$4,500.

Another consideration is an increased responsibility and maintenance for land and infrastructure in the overall area, which the City has not pursued to date, instead continuing with a lease arrangement focussed on recreational activities within the City's mandate.

The owner of the property may also have a greater responsibility for the safety of the public and other potential users, than would a lease holder. While the City does currently maintain the trail in this area as part of the intended recreation purpose (and focus of the lease agreement), there could be other operating and maintenance considerations with the Yukon River bordering the lease area, which the City would have to take on.