



COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Council Questions – Standing Committee May 15, 2023

1. New Business – Fire Readiness

What is the source of the brush and debris in the roadsides, and what is the potential follow-up for the Copper Haul Road Project?

The brush piles are a result of work conducted through Yukon Government Wildfire's Fire Smart contract. Whitehorse Fire Department contacted Wildland Fire, who is aware of the issue and working with the contractor to address the situation as soon as possible.

2. Main Street Town Square Pilot Project

What is the estimate of electrical costs for the food trucks for the Main Street Town Square and what is the recovery charge?

Each food truck will have different electrical requirements based on their menu offerings (what kind of food, what kind of equipment they use). Based off of a higher use estimate, two food trucks operating the duration of the project could be \$2,600 (10 hours x 6 days x 11 weeks).

Costs for cable, connectors, and infrastructure/ materials to "hook up" the food trucks in the Town Square have been budgeted at \$10,000. Costs not yet considered include security or potential additional insurance for the electrical equipment on site for the project.

What is the value of the bagged meter charge for the Town Square?

In the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*, the bagged meter cost per day is \$26.25. For the anticipated 11 weeks of the Town Square initiative of a patio using three metered parking stalls, the fee would be \$78.75 which multiplied by 66 days results to \$5197.50 per patio -- \$15,592.50 for three.

As for the road closure, the revenue loss is estimated based on coin payment (not bagged meter fees) for fully utilized parking spaces, by which the estimated total lost revenue of the town square project equates to \$16,830 (\$1/hr x 8.5hr per day x 30 parking meters x 66 days).

Why is the existing sidewalk corridor required for Main Street patios in the Town Square?

Under the Lease, Encroachment and Property Use Policy on Sizing, Spacing and Conduct of Permit Area: Section 2.10.2 – *All permit areas utilizing a sidewalk must leave a minimum width of 1.6 metres of sidewalk free and clear from obstructions for pedestrian use.* This is largely based on public safety for fire and other access requirements.

How will the City be promoting the existing parkades downtown for public parking?

Development Services will be working with Communications to design signs that can be printed and installed in and around the Town Square. Signage and PSAs will be focused on promotion of the Town Square along with city parkades as parking options.