



COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Council Questions – Standing Committee October 3, 2023

1. New Business – Chilkoat Greenway Bicycle Lane

a. *What is the total cost of this project, and what is the cost of the Jersey Barriers?*

The total approved budget for this project, which was carried over from 2022, is \$1,350,000. The estimated cost of the “Jersey Barriers” (to provide safety dividers between the bike lane and vehicle lanes) is \$125,000. Budget spent on the project to date is approximately \$550,000.

b. *What has been the nature of the engagement process with businesses in the area? Were other options included?*

The City conducted public engagement on the Chilkoat Way concept and shared information through multiple venues including in-person meetings, email correspondence with user groups, Council meeting updates, use of the City’s Engage Whitehorse page, public service announcements and social media, and use of on-site signage.

The majority of public engagement to date has been done between April 2023 and now. The rapid implementation style of this project is intended to capture feedback to inform any needed adjustments and final design.

Administration investigated several options in planning the project, including a shared alley behind Walmart and Canadian Tire, a one-way protected bike lane on Chilkoat Way, and a two-way trail on 2nd Avenue.

2. Council Remuneration Bylaw – 2024 to 2028 Term of Council

a. *What is the purpose of Section 10 of the proposed bylaw regarding the requirement for the Deputy Mayor to be appointed by Council Resolution?*

Section 10 of the proposed Council Remuneration Bylaw confirms eligibility for additional remuneration for Councillors when performing the role of Deputy Mayor and recognizes that the assignment of Deputy Mayor and Reserve Deputy Mayor roles are approved by Council Resolution as part of annual Council appointments.

3. Selkirk Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

a. *What is the range of a Class D design cost estimate?*

The range of professional Class D design cost estimates has been found to vary from 25%-35% depending on the industry and a number of factors based on the project.