

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2023-17 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, September 25, 2023, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Cabott  
Councillors Kirk Cameron  
Jocelyn Curteanu  
Michelle Friesen  
Ted Laking  
Mellisa Murray

ABSENT: Councillor Dan Boyd

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Jeff O'Farrell  
A/Director of Community Services Ryan Leef  
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga  
Director of Development Services Mike Gau  
Director of People and Culture Lindsay Schneider  
Director of Operations and Infrastructure Tracy Allen  
Manager of Legislative Services Wendy Donnithorne

Mayor Cabott called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**AGENDA**

**2023-17-01**

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

Carried Unanimously

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Laura Cabott announced September 30, 2023, as National Truth and Reconciliation Day, a day to promote education on the truth of residential schools and recognize the impacts they've had, and continue to have on Indigenous families and communities.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

**MINUTES**

**2023-17-02**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated August 28, 2023, and the Minutes of the Special Council meeting dated August 31, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS**

Delegate Diana Rothgeb presented Council with a request to delay the decision on the proposed speed limit reduction on Chilkoot Way through Bylaw 2023-24, and to reconsider the design of the area due to congestion issues.

Diana Rothgeb – Traffic  
Bylaw Amendment – Active  
Transportation Initiatives

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**City Operations Committee**

**2023-17-03**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council approve an amendment to the Traffic Bylaw to reduce the speed limit on Chilkoot Way between Two Mile Hill and Quartz Road to a maximum of 30km per hour.

Traffic Bylaw Amendment -  
Active Transportation  
Initiatives

Carried Unanimously

A Committee member raised questions about construction work happening on Black Street that has temporarily removed the sidewalk.

New Business – Black Street  
Construction

A Committee member requested an update on the Range Road and Mountainview Drive construction. Administration confirmed the project is on schedule and anticipated to be completed by the end of October 2023.

New Business – Range Road  
and Mountain View Progress

**Community Services Committee**

**2023-17-04**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council enter into an Honourary Sister City relationship with the City of Chortkiv, Ukraine under the Council Sister Cities Relationship Policy.

Sister City – Chortkiv,  
Ukraine

Carried Unanimously

A Committee member requested an update on “free transit” initiatives as provided for under the CASA Agreement, and any research on expected costs. Administration advised there have been discussions, but the City is not a party to the CASA, and that the annual costs of transit operations are set out in the City budget documents.

New Business – Transit  
CASA Agreement Update

A Committee member thanked the Yukon Family Literacy Centre for their work in the community and asked about City support for the organization.

New Business – Thank You  
to Yukon Family Literacy

**Public Health and Safety Committee**

A Committee member requested an update on a property on Lodgepole Lane. Administration provided information on efforts to date.

New Business – Lodgepole Lane

Mayor Laura Cabott gave an official statement on behalf of the City with respect to the "1 Million March 4 Children" rally and provided the City's strong support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community. A Committee member also voiced support for the City's statement and safety and inclusion of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community.

New Business – City Release  
Against "1 Million March 4  
Children" Rally

**Corporate Services Committee**

**2023-17-05**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council authorizes amendments totalling \$548,761 to reduce the 2023-2026 Capital Expenditure Program.

Capital Budget Variance  
Reporting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Carried Unanimously

The Committee was presented with the Second Quarter Operating Budget Variance Report and a forecast of operating results for the end of the 2023 fiscal year.

Operating Budget Variance  
Reporting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter– For  
Information Only

**2023-17-06**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council amend the 2023-2026 Capital Expenditure Plan and approve the creation of a new Capital Project in the amount of \$300,000 to purchase a spare electric pump and related parts for the Marwell Lift Station, funded by the Water and Sewer Reserve

Budget Amendment –  
Marwell Lift Station Pump

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Mellisa Murray presented a Notice of Motion to bring forward at the next Regular Council meeting on September 25, 2023, proposing that Council direct Administration to increase the 2023 Operating Budget under the Council Donation fund by \$5,000 to support the Arctic Inspiration Prize.

Notice of Motion – Mellisa  
Murray – Arctic Inspiration  
Prize

**City Planning Committee**

**2023-17-07**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2023-29, a Bylaw to amend  
the zoning of the Range Point Joint Master Plan site to allow  
for a diverse mix of housing developments, be brought forward  
for consideration under the bylaw process.

Zoning Amendment – Range  
Point Joint Master Plan

Carried Unanimously

A Committee member asked whether 419 Range Road was  
included in the federal strategy to divest underutilized  
properties so that they could be used for housing.  
Administration indicated they have been advised the property  
is not eligible as it is still in use as government offices.

New Business – Underutilized  
Property (Lot 419 Range  
Road)

A Committee member asked about the City initiative to revive  
underutilized property in the Downtown core. Administration  
noted that the project is being designed to include different  
incentive strategies for different circumstances and expects to  
bring forward new incentives and program amendments in  
2024.

New Business – Underutilized  
Property (Downtown)

**Development Services Committee**

A Committee member requested information on the public  
engagement process for the Main Street Town Square Pilot  
Project and on initial responses received from the community.

New Business – Main Street  
Town Square Public  
Engagement

A Committee member raised questions on behalf of youth that  
attended the Fridays for Futures Yukon climate rally.  
Administration confirmed that transit services continue to be  
available on the route to Yukon University and that downtown  
compost bins are being evaluated.

New Business – Fridays for  
Futures Yukon Rally  
Concerns

Committee members raised questions on the community  
housing situation based on the results of the recent Point in  
Time Survey by Safe at Home. Administration confirmed that  
the Housing and Land Development Advisory Committee is  
currently reviewing these issues and recommendations from  
the Advisory Committee can be expected later this year.

New Business – Point in Time  
Survey Results

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2023-17-08**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Administration be directed to increase the 2023  
Operating Budget under the Council Donation fund by \$5,000  
to support the Arctic Inspiration Prize.

Motion – Councillor Murray –  
Arctic Inspiration Prize

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Ted Laking presented a Notice of Motion to bring  
forward at the next Regular Council meeting October 10, 2023,  
proposing the City write to the federal Minister of Housing and  
Diversity and Inclusion to request federal lands in Whitehorse  
be made available for housing development.

Notice of Motion – Councillor  
Laking – Federal Land

**BYLAWS**

**2023-17-09**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2023-29, a Bylaw to amend the zoning of the  
Range Point Joint Master Plan site to allow for a diverse mix of  
housing developments, be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2023-29**  
Zoning Amendment –  
Range Point Joint Master  
Plan  
FIRST READING

**2023-17-10**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2023-24, a Bylaw to amend the City Traffic bylaw,  
be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2023-24**  
Traffic Bylaw Amendment  
– Active Transportation  
Initiatives  
FIRST READING

**2023-17-11**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2023-24 be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2023-24**  
Traffic Bylaw Amendment  
– Active Transportation  
Initiatives  
SECOND READING

**2023-17-12**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2023-23, a Bylaw to enter into a Lease  
Agreement with the Government of Yukon for the lease of  
approximately 6.39 hectares of vacant Commissioner's Land  
adjacent to Nisutlin Drive in Riverdale, for the purpose of  
maintaining City recreation, be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2023-23**  
Yukon River Recreation  
Lease  
THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**



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Laura Cabott, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wendy Donnithorne", written over a horizontal line.

Wendy Donnithorne, City Clerk

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2023-18