

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2023-21 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, November 27, 2023, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Cabott
Councillors Dan Boyd
Kirk Cameron
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
Director of Operations and Infrastructure *Tracy Allen

*Indicates electronic participation

Mayor Cabott called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

2023-21-01

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

Carried Unanimously

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Cabott announced November 30 to be the start of the 2023 Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign in the city of Whitehorse.

Salvation Army Christmas
Kettle Campaign (November
30)

Mayor Cabott proclaimed December 1 to be World AIDs Day, in the city of Whitehorse.

World AIDs Day (December
1)

Mayor Cabott proclaimed December 3 to be Day of Persons with a Disability in the city of Whitehorse.

Day of Persons with a
Disability (December 3)

MINUTES

2023-21-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated
November 14, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Input Session was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to the 2024 – 2027 Capital Budget Bylaw.

2024 – 2027 Capital Budget
Bylaw

Ramesh Ferris thanked Council for including pararamp infills in the proposed 2024 – 2027 Capital Budget and asked that they also consider including funding for stalls and bus stops that meet accessibility codes. He provided recommendations for an ideal stall.

Ramesh Ferris

Zak Endress appeared before Council in support of including funding in the budget for parking stalls, para-ramps, and bus stops are free of ice and snow.

Zak Endress

Nathan Miller thanked the City for changes to the budget process which allowed for early input on the 2024 – 2027 Capital Budget. He highlighted on recommendations from the Downtown Residents Association for the downtown core area. The recommendations included putting focus on densification, rebuilding the 2nd and 4th Avenue intersection, investing in a downtown playground, repurposing the site of the Municipal Services Building, and finally, improvements to the public space along the riverfront.

Nathan Miller, Downtown
Residents Association

Keith Lay asked a number of questions on items included in the 2024 – 2027 Capital Budget as detailed in his written submission. He asked for further information on the McIntyre Creek Management Plan, the Fleet and Transportation electric vehicles, the 2020 Trail Plan, the Wayfinding Plan, and the Running Track Perimeter Flooring at the Canada Games Center. Keith Lay also questioned about the lack of funding listed for the implementation of the Chadburn Park plan and park entrance signs.

Keith Lay

Mayor Cabott declared the Public Input Session for the 2024 – 2027 Capital Budget Bylaw closed.

Public Input Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Services Committee

A Committee member asked for information on the status of the Climate Mitigation Strategy, to which Administration responded that it is underway and anticipated to be brought forward to Council in summer 2024.

New Business – Climate
Mitigation Strategy

An update on the Underutilized Site Project was requested. Administration provided that discussions are in progress and that a Council and Administration Roundtable is planned for January to discuss. Policy changes are expected to begin as early as spring 2024.

New Business – Underutilized
Site Project

City Operations Committee

On behalf of residents, delegate Brenda Morrison presented traffic concerns on Eugene Avenue.

Delegate Brenda Morrison –
Traffic in New Whistlebend
Areas

A Committee member requested an update on the para-ramp infill project, focusing on how many were completed and their locations. Administration provided this information and gave further details about the 2022 and future years' plans. A follow-up will also be done to confirm information on the project budgets from years before 2022.

New Business – Para-ramp
Infill Project

As requested by a Committee member, details were given on eligibility for the neighbourhood traffic-calming project.

New Business –
Neighbourhood Traffic
Calming

Community Services Committee

2023-21-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Arctic Winter Games Hosting Agreement with the AWGIC and the 2026 Arctic Winter Games Host Society.

2026 Arctic Winter Games
Hosting Agreement

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Laura Cabott proclaimed November 20, 2023, to be Transgender Day of Remembrance in the city of Whitehorse, a day to honour the memory of lives lost to transphobic violence.

Proclamation – Transgender
Day of Remembrance

Mayor Laura Cabott proclaimed November 25 to December 10, 2023, to be the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign in the city of Whitehorse, a time to promote action to end violence against women and girls.

Proclamation - 16 Days of
Activism Against Gender-
based Violence

Information was requested on the status of the playground planned for the Phase 6 area of Whistlebend. Administration confirmed that the City is waiting for the land transfer from the Yukon Government. This is expected in the fall of 2024 and construction can then begin in 2025. Further details were

New Business – Whistlebend
Phase 6 Playground

provided on how amenities and features will be planned in the park.

Public Health and Safety Committee

2023-21-04

It was duly moved and seconded THAT the 2023 Food for Fines program be approved; and THAT a grant not exceeding \$12,000 for parking meter ticket or two-hour zone fines issued between November 29th and December 13th, 2023, be approved to the Food Bank, Kaushee's Place, and Skookum Jim Friendship Centre as part of the Food for Fines program.

Food for Fines Program

Carried Unanimously

Representing Yukoners Concerned, delegate Angela Sabo made an informational presentation on the dangers of radon, its points of entry into human spaces, and how exposure risk can be lessened.

Delegate Angela Sabo,
Yukoners Concerned –
Dangers of Radon

Corporate Services Committee

2023-21-05

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council authorizes amendments totaling \$108,456 to decrease the 2023 to 2026 Capital Expenditure Program bringing the revised total to \$105,255,646.

Capital Budget Variance
Reporting (3rd Quarter)

Carried Unanimously

A review of operating expenditure projections and a forecast of operating results to the end of the 2023 fiscal year were provided. Overall department spending is controlled; the projected third quarter variance is under 1% of the City's total operating budget. Clarification was given for the excess in government transfers and on miscellaneous expense details.

Operating Budget Variance
Reporting (3rd Quarter) – For
Information Only

2023-21-06

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council approve Environmental Grant allocations in the amount of \$24,669.94.

Environmental Grant
Allocations

Carried Unanimously

2023-21-07

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2023-35, a bylaw to provide for the terms and conditions of employment for Management and Confidential Exclusion employees for the period January 1,

Management and
Confidential Exclusion
Employment Bylaw

2023, to December 31, 2025, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Carried Unanimously

City Planning Committee

2023-21-08

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 second and third reading under the bylaw process.

Carried Unanimously

Public Hearing Report –
Zoning Amendment – Range
Point Joint Master Plan

Delegate John McLeod, on behalf of Yukoners Concerned, addressed Council to bring their attention to land-use conflicts and health and safety concerns arising because of the conflict between the Quartz Mining Act and Gladiator Metals' recent exploration activities. He urged Council to work with the Yukon Government to resolve the land-use issues.

Delegate John McLeod,
Yukoners Concerned –
Gladiator Metals' Drilling
Program in Cowley Creek

A Council member emphasized that the delegate's presentation expanded on environmental and socio-economic interests and also brought attention to the challenge of educating the public on what current regulations allow.

Concerned with population growth preparedness, a Committee member requested an update on the Valleyview South Master Plan. Administration confirmed that discussions with Council will begin in February, and that the adoption of a master plan should happen shortly after.

New Business – Population
Growth and Valleyview South

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-21-09

Following considerable discussion, it was duly moved and seconded THAT the Mayor be directed to write a letter to the Minister and the NDP Caucus formally requesting that this \$1.5 million per year be made immediately available as part of a three-year commitment, including 2023, 2024 and 2025, in the form of transit passes distributed by the Yukon Government, in part to meet the commitment of the MMIWG2S+ Strategy, by providing free transit passes to non-government organizations and vulnerable groups and others; and THAT the Minister be asked to provide a formal response by December 12th, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

Motion – Councillor Murray –
Free Transit & MMIWG2S+
Strategy

2023-21-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the mandate of IAC be re-evaluated including its
framework and Terms of Reference; and
THAT as part of the re-evaluation, Council directs
administration to undertake community outreach, engagement
and collaboration in establishing a new framework and Terms
of Reference for the Committee.

Motion – Mayor Cabott –
Inclusivity Advisory
Committee Mandate Re-
evaluation

Carried (6-1)

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IN SUPPORT: Mayor Laura Cabott, Councillors Boyd,
Cameron, Curteanu, Friesen and Murray

OPPOSED: Councillor Laking

2023-21-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Administration be directed to review the feasibility,
including budgetary considerations, of developing an
honorarium policy for Council Advisory Committees.

Motion – Councillor Friesen –
Honorarium Policy for Council
Advisory Committees

Carried (4-3)

IN SUPPORT: Councillors Cameron, Curteanu, Friesen and
Murray

OPPOSED: Mayor Laura Cabott, Councillors Boyd and
Laking

BYLAWS

2023-21-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2023-35, a bylaw to provide for the terms and
conditions of employment for Management and Confidential
Exclusion employees for the period January 1, 2023 to
December 31, 2025, be given First Reading.

BYLAW 2023-35
Management and
Confidential Exclusion
Employment Bylaw
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2023-21-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2023-35 be given Second Reading.

BYLAW 2023-35
Management and
Confidential Exclusion
Employment Bylaw
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2023-21-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2023-21, 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 Second Reading.

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

Carried Unanimously

2023-21-15

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2023-29 be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2023-29

Zoning Amendment –
Range Point Joint Master
Plan

THIRD READING

2023-21-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2023-21, a bylaw to amend the Advisory
Committee Bylaw, be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2023-32

Advisory Committee Bylaw
Amendment

THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**



Laura Cabott, Mayor

Corporate Services