

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2023-19 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, October 23, 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

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

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

2023-19-01

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

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

2023-19-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated
October 10, 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 Conditional Use Application for 22 Metropolit Lane.

Conditional Use Application –
22 Metropolit Lane

There were no members of the public present to speak on the Conditional Use Application for 22 Metropolit Lane.

Mayor Cabott declared the Public Input Session for the Conditional Use Application for 22 Metropolit Lane closed.

Public Input Closed

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to the Range Point Joint Master Plan Zoning Bylaw Amendment.

Public Hearing

Mayor Cabott called for submissions with respect to Range Point Joint Master Plan Zoning Bylaw Amendment.

Zoning Bylaw Amendment –
Range Point Joint Master
Plan

There were no members of the public present to speak on the Range Point Joint Master Plan Zoning Bylaw Amendment and no written submissions were received.

Mayor Cabott called a second and third time for submissions with respect to Range Point Joint Master Plan Zoning Bylaw Amendment.

Zoning Bylaw Amendment –
Range Point Joint Master
Plan

Hearing no additional submissions, Mayor Cabott declared the Public Hearing for Range Point Joint Master Plan Zoning Bylaw Amendment now closed.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Operations Committee

2023-19-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council approve amendments, as proposed, to
Appendix "A", "B" and "C" of the Snow and Ice Control policy.
Carried Unanimously

Snow and Ice Control Policy
Update

A Committee member questioned if waste removal pickup in the Downtown area, specifically on Hawkins Street, could occur in back alleyways as to not obstruct parking spots on the main roads. Administration advised that the City's waste collection routes were designed primarily for efficiency, and that the City does not use alleyways downtown due to many having low-hanging overhead electrical lines which present a danger when operating collection vehicles. Further, Administration confirmed that alleyways are not a priority for snow clearing.

New Business – Waste
Removal on Hawkins

Community Services Committee

A Committee member asked Administration about plans for the Jekyll Street playground and surrounding trails. It was confirmed that due to the continued geotechnical risk, the current plan is for the park and trails to remain closed and fenced off for the safety of the public. Options are being explored for new safe playground sites.

New Business – Jekyll Street
Playground

A Committee member requested an update on water seepage from the Robert Service Way escarpment. Administration provided assurances that a geotechnical assessment was completed, and that the minor seepage does not pose a significant concern.

New Business – Escarpment
Update

Public Health and Safety Committee

A Committee member brought attention to the second annual Accountability Forum on Yukon's MMIWG2S Strategy and highlighted that a full community approach to the issue includes supporting actions by municipal governments. Another Committee member highlighted further initiatives the City could undertake in support of the Strategy.

New Business – MMIWG2S
Accountability Forum

Corporate Services Committee

Council was informed of the upcoming procurement projects with an anticipated value greater than \$100,000 for November and December.

Upcoming Procurements
(November/December) – For
Information Only

2023-19-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT travel expenses be authorized for Mayor Cabott to attend meetings in Ottawa, Ontario with government officials in the fall or early winter of 2023.

Mayor Travel Expense
Authorization

Carried Unanimously

2023-19-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council approve the allocation of \$84,896.34 in Recreation Grants as recommended by the Recreation Grant Task Force.

Fall Recreation Grant
Allocations

Carried Unanimously

A Committee member sought clarification in regard to the safety of the community's water source given a letter recently received from the Minister of Community Services. Administration confirmed that despite indications that the wells are under the influence of surface water, the City's drinking water is not contaminated at this time. Further information was given on City reserves and potential future project funding.

New Business – Selkirk
Aquifer

City Planning Committee

Council was presented with a report on an application for Conditional Use approval to allow a 136 m² caretaker suite on 22 Metropolit Lane. Notice was given of a public input session on this topic scheduled at the next Regular Council meeting on October 23, 2023.

Conditional Use Application –
22 Metropolit Lane – For
Information Only

Development Services Committee

As a result of news from British Columbia regarding new legislation on short-term rentals, a Committee member asked if the British Columbia data could be used in place of a local study. Administration answered that the results of the B.C. study are useful but cannot fully apply to the Whitehorse situation. However, the City's Housing and Land Development Advisory Committee intends to come forward to Council with short-term rental recommendations in the next few months.

New Business – Short-Term
Rental Legislation

BYLAWS

2023-19-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Section 9(5) Bylaw 2023-21, a Bylaw to provide for remuneration for the Mayor and Councillors for the 2024 to 2028 Term of Office, be amended as follows:

- (5) Councillors with dependents living in their home who are younger than 13 years of age will be eligible to claim a childcare allowance for all official meetings of Council. For the purposes of this Bylaw:
 - (a) *The childcare allowance will be set at an hourly rate of \$20 an hour per child; and*
 - (b) Official meetings include Standing Committee and Regular Council meetings, Council and Senior Management meetings, training related to City business, and all local meetings, events, or business functions where Council or the Mayor and City Manager requires the attendance of Council members.

BYLAW 2023-21
Council Remuneration
Bylaw
THIRD READING

AND THAT Sections 17, 18, and 22 of Bylaw 2023-21 be amended as follows:

17. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 16 of this Bylaw, the Mayor will not be required to obtain the prior approval of Council for expenses related to travel outside of Whitehorse provided the total amount is anticipated to be less than \$1,500. In such circumstances, prior to travel, the Mayor shall submit the expense approval required under the Council Expense Policy and provide notice to Council that they are attending those meetings.

18. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 16 of this Bylaw, when Councillors are attending the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) scheduled meetings that may require travel to other Yukon communities, the Mayor and City Manager may approve request for funding or reimbursement of expenses incurred that are anticipated to be less than \$1,500. In such circumstances, prior to travel, the Councillors shall submit the expense approvals required under the Council Expense Policy and provide notice to Council that they are attending those meetings.

22. The daily stipend may be claimed for periods when Councillors are engaged in representing the City at a business function or event, attending non-regular meetings related to City business, or participating in training related to City business. The stipend shall be paid at a rate of \$50 per hour up to a maximum of 8 hours.

AND THAT Bylaw 2023-21, a Bylaw to provide for remuneration for the Mayor and Councillors for the 2024 to 2028 Term of Office, be given Third Reading.

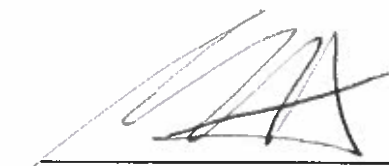
Carried (6-1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Laura Cabott, Councillors Kirk Cameron, Jocelyn Curteanu, Ted Laking, Mellisa Murray, and Michelle Friesen

OPPOSED: Councillor Dan Boyd

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**





Laura Cabott, Mayor



Corporate Services