

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2024-03 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, February 12, 2024, 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**

**2024-03-01**

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

Carried Unanimously

**MINUTES**

**2024-03-02**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated  
January 29, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS**

Delegate Skeeter Wright appeared before Council and voiced concerns that Administration's alternative proposal to amend the Zoning Bylaw in respect to Mining Activities has legal implications that could cost residents. The delegate urged Council to reconsider the original application instead.

Skeeter Wright – Official  
Community Plan and Zoning  
Bylaw Amendments – Mining  
Activities

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Input Session was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to the 2024-2026 Operating Budget Bylaw.

2024-2026 Operating Budget  
Bylaw

There were no members of the public present to speak on the 2024-2026 Operating Budget Bylaw.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to the Zoning Amendment to 2086 Second Avenue.

Zoning Amendment - 2086  
Second Avenue

Mayor Cabott called for submissions with respect to the Zoning Amendment to 2086 Second Avenue.

Zoning Amendment - 2086  
Second Avenue

No written submissions were received and there were no members of the public present to speak on the Zoning Amendment to 2086 Second Avenue.

Mayor Cabott called a second and third time for submissions with respect to the Zoning Amendment to 2086 Second Avenue.

Zoning Amendment - 2086  
Second Avenue

Hearing no additional submissions come forward, Mayor Cabott declared the Public Hearing now closed.

Public Hearing Closed

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Development Services Committee**

**2024-03-03**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with the  
identified Riverfront area as the 2024 Town Square location.  
Carried Unanimously

2024 Town Square Program

A Committee member requested an update on the Yukon Government's study on gravel supply in and outside of city limits. It was confirmed that the results are currently under review by the Yukon Government.

New Business – Yukon  
Government Gravel Study

**City Operations Committee**

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

**Community Services Committee**

A Committee member recognized the start of the Chinese Year of the Dragon and thanked the Chinese Canadian Association of Yukon for their celebration on February 5, 2024.

New Business – Chinese  
New Year

A Committee member spoke about a meeting with the Fridays for Futures Youth Group, where the group expressed interest in the City's climate action plan. Attention was brought to the ongoing public engagement survey on the topic which closes February 16, 2024.

New Business – Fridays for  
Futures Youth Group

**Public Health and Safety Committee**

Delegate Aubin Tuzlak spoke to Council on the importance of dissuading violence and promoting resolution through kindness and understanding. The delegate emphasized that this is possible through the gathering of a global community dedicated to peace.

Delegate Aubin Tuzlak –  
Handling Conflict

**Corporate Services Committee**

**2024-03-04**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the procurement of project 240c00222 Crestview Water Improvements; and  
THAT this project be funded from the Capital Reserve until the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Canada Community Building Fund is in place.

Commencement Report and  
Budget Amendment –  
Crestview Water  
Improvements

Carried Unanimously

**2024-03-05**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Administration be authorized to commence the procurement for the project 360c00224 CGC Aquatic Centre Domestic Water Line Upgrade; and  
THAT this project be funded from Capital Reserve until the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Canada Community Building Fund is in place.

Commencement Report and  
Budget Amendment – Aquatic  
Centre Water Line Upgrade

Carried Unanimously

**2024-03-06**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council direct that the 2024-2027 Capital Expenditure Plan be amended to advance project 320c01713 Takhini Arena Furnaces to the 2024 budget year, funded from Capital Reserve until the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Canada Community Building Fund is in place.

Budget Amendment – Takhini  
Arena Furnace

Carried Unanimously

In April 2022, Council adopted a set of Strategic Priorities to guide corporate progress over the term of Council. A progress report as of January 2024 was presented. With over 50 actions and initiatives identified, Administration confirmed that progress has been achieved, is ongoing or is scheduled to be achieved in every area.

2022-2024 Strategic Priorities

**City Planning Committee**

**2024-03-07**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-07, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with Physio Plus for space at the Canada Games Centre, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Lease Agreement – Physio  
Plus at the Canada Games  
Centre

Carried Unanimously

**2024-03-08**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council direct that Administration's alternative bylaw, a bylaw to amend text within the Zoning Bylaw, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Official Community Plan and  
Zoning Bylaw Amendments –  
Mining Activities

Carried Unanimously

Marcus Harden, President of Gladiator Metals, appeared before Council as a delegate to speak against the proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw regarding mining activity. As prompted by Committee members, the delegate confirmed that nothing is being injected into the ground, and that consultation with First Nation governments has happened, and will happen at every stage.

Delegate Marcus Harden,  
President, Gladiator Metals –  
Advantages of Mineral  
Exploration to the Whitehorse  
Copper Belt

Regarding the proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw on mining activity, Jim Coyne, a representative of Kluane Drilling, spoke to Council about the impacts the amendments would have on the private sector and the negative message they would send to the mining community.

Delegate Jim Coyne, Kluane  
Drilling – Potential Impacts of  
Amendments to Private  
Businesses

A Committee member raised concerns over a greenbelt within Whistle Bend that appears to have been over-cleared. Administration confirmed that the City will be working with the developer to address the potential over-clearing, and explore the possibility of restoration.

New Business – Whistle  
Bend Greenbelt

Administration confirmed to Council that the City is working with the developer, being the Yukon Government, to address flooding issues on the Whistle Bend green street.

New Business – Drainage in  
Whistle Bend

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2024-03-09**

Following discussion, the original motion to allow 35 metres was amended to 40 metres; therefore, it was duly moved and seconded

THAT Council direct that a Bylaw be brought forward under the bylaw process to replace Section 15.8.7 of the Official Community Plan with the following wording: "The maximum building height allowed in the Mixed Use – Downtown Core designation will be 40 metres."

Motion – Councillor Laking –  
Building Height Maximum

Carried (5-2)

IN SUPPORT: Councillors Cameron, Curteanu, Friesen,  
Laking, and Murray

OPPOSED: Mayor Cabott and Councillor Boyd

**BYLAWS**

**2024-03-10**

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Bylaw 2024-23, a bylaw to amend text within the Zoning Bylaw regarding mining activities, be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2024-23**

Zoning Amendment –  
Mining Activities  
FIRST READING

**2024-03-11**

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Bylaw 2024-07, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with Physio Plus for space at the Canada Games Centre, be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2024-07**

Lease Agreement –  
Physio Plus at the Canada  
Games Centre  
FIRST READING

**2024-03-12**

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Bylaw 2024-07 be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2024-07**

Lease Agreement –  
Physio Plus at the Canada  
Games Centre  
SECOND READING

**2024-03-13**

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Bylaw 2024-05, a bylaw to amend the 2023 to 2026 Capital Expenditure Program with respect to budget adjustments made throughout 2023, be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2024-05**

Umbrella Capital Budget  
Amendment Bylaw  
THIRD READING

**2024-03-14**

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Bylaw 2024-06, a bylaw to amend the 2023 to 2025 Operating Budget with respect to budget adjustments made throughout 2023, be given Third Reading.

**BYLAW 2024-06**

Umbrella Operating  
Budget Amendment Bylaw  
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

**2024-03-15**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2024-08, a bylaw to enter into a lease agreement  
with the Downtown Urban Gardeners Society for a 0.34 ha  
lease area comprised of Lot 6 and a portion of Lots 7-9, Block  
144, Lots 1-5, Block 145, and a portion of Lane, Block 144,  
Plan 20148 LTO, be given Third Reading.

**BYLAW 2024-08**  
Lease Agreement  
Renewal – Downtown  
Urban Gardeners Society  
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

**2024-03-16**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2024-12, a bylaw to authorize the write-off of  
uncollectible accounts, be given Third Reading.

**BYLAW 2024-12**  
Write-Off Uncollectable  
Accounts  
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

**2024-03-17**

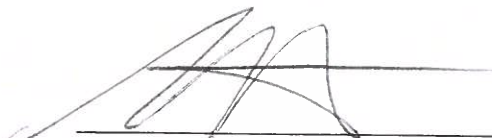
It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2024-17, a bylaw to authorize a local  
improvement charge for urban electrification at Lot 1619, Block  
105/D14, Plan 100044223, be given Third Reading.

**BYLAW 2024-17**  
Urban Electrification Local  
Improvement  
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**



  
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Laura Cabott, Mayor

  
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Corporate Services