

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2024-01 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, January 15, 2024, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Cabott
Councillors Dan Boyd
Kirk Cameron
Jocelyn Curteanu
Ted Laking
Mellisa Murray

ABSENT Councillor Michelle Friesen

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

2024-01-01

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

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

2024-01-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated
December 11, 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 3 and 5 Garden Road.

Conditional Use Application –
3 and 5 Garden Road

There were no members of the public present to speak, and no written submissions were received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to the Zoning Amendment for 1302 Centennial Street.

Zoning Amendment - 1302
Centennial Street

Mayor Cabott called for submissions with respect to the Zoning Amendment for 1302 Centennial Street.

Zoning Amendment - 1302
Centennial Street

Administration confirmed there were no written submissions received.

Written Submissions

Cam Kos, a resident of the area, raised concerns about the lack of obvious informational signage at the site, and spoke about how a large building as proposed is incompatible with the surrounding neighbourhood of small homes.

Cam Kos

Mayor Cabott called a second and third time for submissions with respect to the Zoning Amendment for 1302 Centennial Street.

Zoning Amendment - 1302
Centennial Street

Hearing no additional submissions come forward, Mayor Cabott declared the Public Hearing for the Zoning Amendment for 1302 Centennial Street now closed.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

Community Services Committee

Mayor Cabott thanked City staff for their work putting up seasonal lights, organizing light tours, and coordinating the New Years firework display.

Staff Acknowledgement

Public Health and Safety Committee

There was no report from the Public Health and Safety Committee.

Corporate Services Committee

The Procurement Policy requires that Council be provided with a semi-annual update on procurement projects. Administration provided a detailed listing of semi-annual projects from July to December 2023. There were no contract extensions/renewals and no instances of non-compliance noted. Administration provided additional information on several projects as requested by Committee members.

Semi-Annual Procurement
Report (July – December
2023) – For Information Only

2024-01-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-04, a bylaw to authorize the allocation of various grants for the year 2023 in the amount of \$1,253,365.23 be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

2023 Umbrella Grants Bylaw

Carried Unanimously

2024-01-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the procurement related to 2024 projects 320c00922 – Additional Street Sweeper and 320c01209 – Replacement Street Sweeper.

Commencement Report –
Street Sweepers

Carried Unanimously

2024-01-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-13, a bylaw to amend the 2024 to 2027 Capital Expenditure Program by increasing the 2024 Capital Budget for project 650c00321 Livingstone Lagoon Desludging in an amount up to \$735,335, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process; and
THAT Administration be authorized to commence the procurement for the project.

Re-budget and
Commencement Report –
Livingstone Lagoon
Desludging

Carried Unanimously

2024-01-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT travel expenses beyond those covered by AURC and AWG be authorized for Mayor Cabott to attend Arctic Frontiers, January 27 to February 2, 2024 and Arctic Winter Games March 13 to 16, 2024.

Mayor's Travel Expense
Authorization

Carried Unanimously

City Planning Committee

2024-01-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-09, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 2086 Second Avenue to allow for the development of a building with a maximum height of 25m, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Zoning Amendment – 2086
Second Avenue

Carried Unanimously

A report on a Conditional Use application to allow offices on the ground floor at 3 and 5 Garden Road was presented. The applicant has an agreement to purchase the two vacant properties to develop a single-storey 1,283m² office complex contingent on the approval of this Conditional Use application. Administration responded to questions on compliance with the Official Community Plan and the Zoning Bylaw, potential objection from surrounding property-owners, and details about the project.

Conditional Use Application –
3 and 5 Garden Road – For
Information Only

Stating he was speaking on behalf of a group of neighbourhood associations, non-government organizations and numerous individual residents, Skeeter Wright informed Council of a pending application for amendments to the Zoning Bylaw and the 2040 Official Community Plan regarding the regulation of mineral exploration and mining in the City. The delegate responded to questions, providing desired outcomes and details on the new circumstances that the delegate felt have led to the requested changes being needed.

Delegate Skeeter Wright,
McLean Residents'
Association – Mineral
Exploration and Mining in the
City

A Committee member asked about whether the City has jurisdiction to deny mineral exploration permits within the city. Information was provided on how the City's Zoning Bylaw and the 2040 Official Community Plan regulate development within the context of the Yukon Government's Quartz Mining and Municipal Acts. It was also explained that permit conditions are used to ensure environmental and public concerns are addressed. Administration confirmed that if the amendments proceed, the public would be able to participate in a Public Hearing to give their comments on the topic.

New Business – Mineral
Exploration in the City

A Committee member expressed a concern that even with the increase to building height limits coming forward in a future Zoning Bylaw rewrite, development may still be held up which will further impact the existing housing crisis. The member suggested that it may be time to reconsider height limits. Another Committee member agreed, stating that capacity can be increased within the city's core.

New Business – Building
Height Limits

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2024-01-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that the 2024 – 2026 Provisional
Operating Budget be amended to include funding for the 2026
Whitehorse Arctic Winter Games, funded from the Arctic
Winter Games trust account.

Budget Amendment – Arctic
Winter Games

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

2024-01-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-09, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 2086
Second Avenue to allow for the development of a building with
a maximum height of 25m, be given First Reading.

BYLAW 2024-09
Zoning Amendment –
2086 Second Avenue
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2024-01-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-04, a bylaw to authorize the allocation of
various grants for the year 2023 in the amount of
\$1,253,365.23, be given First Reading.

BYLAW 2023-04
2023 Umbrella Grants
Bylaw
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2024-01-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-04 be given Second Reading.

BYLAW 2023-04
2023 Umbrella Grants
Bylaw
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2024-01-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-13, a bylaw to amend the 2024 to 2027
Capital Expenditure Program by increasing the 2024 Capital
Budget for project 650c00321 Livingstone Lagoon Desludging
in an amount up to \$735,335, be given First Reading.

BYLAW 2024-13
Re-Budget – Livingstone
Lagoon Desludging
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2024-01-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-13 be given Second Reading.

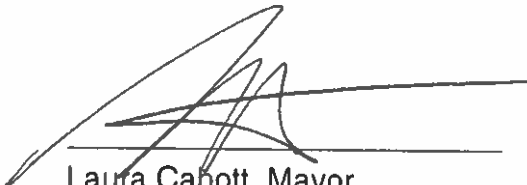
BYLAW 2024-13
Re-Budget – Livingstone
Lagoon Desludging
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13p.m.

ADJOURNMENT




Laura Cabott, Mayor


Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2024-02