



**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Development Services Committee**

Date	February 5, 2024	2024-03
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Dan Boyd - Chair Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu *Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Ted Laking *Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services *Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Tracy Allen, Director of Operations and Infrastructure Stephanie Chevalier, Economic Development Coordinator, Development Services	

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Your Worship, the Development Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

**1. 2024 Town Square Program**

Following the 2023 Main Street Pilot Project, staff undertook significant engagement with the public and business community to prepare for 2024's Project. Administration has prepared two potential location options for the 2024 Town Square based on feedback received and presented them to Council for endorsement. Further information was provided on topics such as the discussion with local businesses, non-government organizations and indigenous groups, the plausibility of a partial closure on Main Street, use of the alleyways, and on anticipated event programming.

**The Recommendation of the Development Services Committee is**

THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with the identified Riverfront area as the 2024 Town Square location.

**2. New Business – Yukon Government Gravel Study**

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.



**Minutes of the meeting of the  
City Operations Committee**

Date	February 5, 2024	2024-03
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu - Chair	
	Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Dan Boyd	
	Councillor Kirk Cameron	
	*Councillor Michelle Friesen	
	Councillor Ted Laking	
	*Councillor Mellisa Murray	
	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff Present	Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services	
	*Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture	
	Mike Gau, Director of Development Services	
	Tracy Allen, Director of Operations and Infrastructure	

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Your Worship, there is no report from the City Operations Committee.



## Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee

Date	February 5, 2024	2024-03
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	Councillor Kirk Cameron – Chair Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu *Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Ted Laking *Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services *Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Tracy Allen, Director of Operations and Infrastructure	

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Your Worship, the Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

### 1. New Business – Chinese New Year

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.

### 2. New Business – Fridays for Futures Youth Group

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.



**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Public Health and Safety Committee**

Date	February 5, 2024	2024-03
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Kirk Cameron - Chair	
	Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Dan Boyd	
	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	
	*Councillor Michelle Friesen	
	Councillor Ted Laking	
	*Councillor Mellisa Murray	
	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff Present	Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services	
	*Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture	
	Mike Gau, Director of Development Services	
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Your Worship, the Public Health and Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report:

**1. Delegate Aubin Tuzlak – Handling Conflict**

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.



## Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee

Date	February 5, 2024	2024-03
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Ted Laking - Chair Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu *Councillor Michelle Friesen *Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services *Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Tracy Allen, Director of Operations and Infrastructure Taylor Eshpeter, Manager, Engineering Services Peter O'Blenes, Manager, Property Management	

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Your Worship, the Corporate Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

### 1. **Commencement Report and Budget Amendment – Crestview Water Improvements**

A commencement report was presented to authorize the procurement of construction services to upgrade the water network in the Crestview neighbourhood. Funding for this project is included in the approved 2024-2027 Capital Expenditure Program and an application will be submitted to the Canada Community Building Fund to fund the full budget amount. The project will be funded from reserves until a transfer payment agreement is in place. Further information was provided on mitigations to community traffic disruptions, and the project's relation to previous upgrades done to the water network.

### **The Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is**

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.

**2. Commencement Report and Budget Amendment – Aquatic Centre Water Line Upgrade**

A commencement report was presented to authorize the procurement of an upgrade to the Canada Games Centre Aquatic Centre's domestic water line. Funding for this project is included in the approved 2024-2027 Capital Expenditure Program and will be funded primarily from the Canada Community Building Fund. The project will be funded from reserves until a transfer payment agreement is in place. Additional details were given on the schedule and technicalities of the project.

**The Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is**

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.

**3. Budget Amendment – Takhini Arena Furnace**

A budget amendment is required to advance the procurement of new Takhini Arena Furnaces from the 2025 Provisional Budget to the 2024 Capital Budget for \$385,000. The work was originally scheduled to begin in 2025, but due to increased risk to public health and safety and property, the situation meets the definition of an emergency under the City's Procurement Policy. The City Manager has approved awarding a contract based on the results of an invitational tender in 2024, and budget authorization is now required from Council. Administration confirmed the anticipated lifespan of Takhini Arena, and the potential impact to ice times from the furnace replacements.

**The Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is**

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.

**4. 2022-2024 Strategic Priorities Update – For Information Only**

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.



## Minutes of the meeting of the City Planning Committee

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	Councillor Dan Boyd - Chair Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu *Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Ted Laking *Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services *Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Tracy Allen, Director of Operations and Infrastructure Peter Duke, Manager, Planning Services	

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Your Worship, the City Planning Committee respectfully submits the following report:

### **1. Lease Agreement – Physio Plus at the Canada Games Centre**

Since 2005, Physio Plus has been operating within the Canada Games Centre to provide physiotherapy services to the community. The existing lease agreement expires in April 2024, so a new lease agreement has been negotiated and put before Council for approval. The new lease has a term of approximately 18 months, concluding at the end of October 2025. Details on common area costs, and on maintenance and snow clearing were provided in response to Committee questions.

### **The Recommendation of the City Planning Committee is**

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.

### **2. Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments – Mining Activities**

An application was submitted for text amendments to the Official Community Plan and the Zoning Bylaw, with the intention to protect groundwater resources and minimize disturbances to recreational and residential areas by preventing mineral exploration and

extraction within city limits. Currently, mineral exploration and extraction is permitted in limited areas of the city. The proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan and the Zoning Bylaw would prohibit any new mining activities in areas of the city where it is currently allowed. An alternative amendment to only the Zoning Bylaw was also presented that would not result in a complete prohibition of mining activities but further regulate them, provide opportunity for more public involvement, and designate Council as the final decision-making body. Clarification was provided on the timelines of both options and the multi-organizational processes should the amendments go forward. Administration also gave details on grandfathering current claims, increasing the public groups notified, and on the potential for proponent-led public input events.

**The Recommendation of the City Planning Committee is**

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.

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

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.

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

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.

**5. New Business – Whistle Bend Greenbelt**

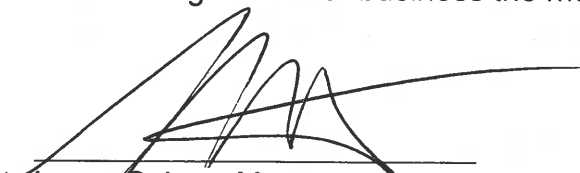
A Committee member raised concerns over a greenbelt within Whistle Bend that appears to have been over-cleared. Administration confirmed that the City will be working with the developer to address the potential over-clearing, and explore the possibility of restoration.

**6. New Business – Drainage in Whistle Bend**

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.



There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

  
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Laura Cabott, Mayor

  
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