

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2024-07 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, April 8, 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
A/Director of Community Services Mélodie Simard
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
A/Director of Development Services Peter Duke
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

2024-07-01

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

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

2024-07-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated March
25, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS

Delegate Keith Lay brought forward concerns with the proposed Official Community Plan Administrative Amendments, and recommended that the City take time to add and improve various definitions that appear in City documents such as greenspace, greenbelt, and active and passive recreation.

Keith Lay – Official
Community Plan
Administrative Amendments

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to Official Community Plan Amendment at 200 Lobird Road.

Official Community Plan
Amendment - 200 Lobird
Road

Mayor Cabott called for submissions with respect to Official Community Plan Amendment at 200 Lobird Road.

Official Community Plan
Amendment - 200 Lobird
Road

Anthony Lundgard, while in support of developing more units in Lobird, raised concerns about increased traffic from the development. The speaker also touched on safety concerns of the neighbourhood such as a lack of street lighting.

Anthony Lundgard

With a background in sustainable living studies, Beau Blakely spoke in support of the proposed development at 200 Lobird Road so that the residents could have the opportunity to grow their own food.

Beau Blakely

Felix Robitaille spoke in support of the proposed development at 200 Lobird Road as it would bring diversity to the housing stock of the city. The delegate also expressed that the lifestyle that comes with a country-residential lot has been historically favoured by community members.

Felix Robitaille

Zoe Morrison of Stantec Architecture spoke in support of the proposed development at 200 Lobird Road. The speaker confirmed that Stantec Architecture and Lobird Living have worked to minimize the impacts the development will have on the future South Growth Area, and pointed out that a portion of the area is undevelopable for the high-density development the City has planned for the area.

Zoe Morrison, Stantec
Architecture

Dwight Chalifour, owner of Lobird Living and the applicant of the Official Community Plan amendment, shared photos of similar developments and an example of the individual water system proposed for the lots. The speaker also confirmed that traffic impacts will be minimized due to the separated road and lower number of units.

Dwight Chalifour, Lobird
Living

Mayor Cabott called a second and third time for submissions with respect to Official Community Plan Amendment at 200 Lobird Road.

Official Community Plan
Amendment - 200 Lobird
Road

Hearing no additional submissions come forward, Mayor Cabott declared the Public Hearing for Official Community Plan Amendment at 200 Lobird Road now closed.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

City Operations Committee

A Committee member requested an update on the status of the Robert Service Way escarpment and roadway changes. Administration responded that monitoring has confirmed ground thawing has begun, and more activity is expected within the next few months. To mitigate smaller slides, traffic lanes have been shifted away from the escarpment and lock blocks to contain debris have been installed.

New Business – Robert
Service Way Update

As requested by a Committee member, Administration confirmed that an initial list of areas to consider for traffic-calming projects has been compiled based on feedback from the community, with the next step being to consider priorities and proposed solutions.

New Business – Traffic-
Calming Initiatives

Community Services Committee

2024-07-03

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-27, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with Desycan to provide seasonal food concession services at the Frank Slim Building in Shipyards Park, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Lease Agreement – Frank
Slim Building Concession
Services

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Laura Cabott proclaimed April 7, 2024, to be Green Shirt Day in the city of Whitehorse, a day to honour the victims of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash and encourage Canadians to register as organ donors.

Proclamation – Green Shirt
Day (April 7, 2024)

Public Health and Safety Committee

2024-07-04

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-19, a bylaw to regulate Vacant and Abandoned Buildings, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Vacant and Abandoned
Buildings Bylaw

Carried Unanimously

As requested by a Committee member, Administration provided information on a Lodgepole Lane property, confirming that Bylaw Services continues to monitor safety, that a charge has been laid under the Maintenance Bylaw, and that an update will be available at the conclusion of the court process.

New Business – Lodgepole
Lane

Delegate Gabriele Watts emphasized the importance that all members of the community know how to react in an emergency, urged Council to develop an awareness campaign alongside the Yukon Government so that those who have not been reached by previous attempts can be made aware and asked Council to provide an update on the Wildfire Risk Reduction Strategy and Action Plan.

Delegate Gabriele Watts –
Fire Smart and Emergency
Preparedness

Corporate Services Committee

There was no report from the Corporate Services Committee.

No Report

City Planning Committee

2024-07-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-22, amendments to the Official Community Plan, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Official Community Plan
Administrative Amendments

Carried Unanimously

As requested by a Committee member, Administration confirmed that the Public Hearing Report on the Zoning Amendment regarding mining activities has been postponed to April 15, 2024.

New Business – Mining
Activities Update

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2024-07-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the federal government work with agreement signatories and municipalities to maintain the CCBF as a source of direct, predictable, long-term funding for local infrastructure priorities;
THAT the federal government commit, in Budget 2024, to the next generation of infrastructure programs, including a new program for water and wastewater infrastructure and an increase to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund; and
THAT the federal government convene provinces, territories and municipalities to negotiate a “Municipal Growth Framework” to modernize the way that municipalities are funded in order to enable Canada’s long-term growth.

Motion – Mayor Cabott –
Federal Infrastructure
Funding

Carried Unanimously

2024-07-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-19, a bylaw to regulate Vacant and Unoccupied Buildings, replace Bylaw 2024-19, a bylaw to regulate Vacant and Abandoned Buildings, and that it be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process; and
THAT the bylaw process includes a Public Input Session.
Carried Unanimously

Vacant and Abandoned
Buildings Bylaw

BYLAWS

2024-07-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-22, a bylaw of amendments to the Official Community Plan, be given First Reading.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-22
Official Community Plan
Administrative
Amendments
FIRST READING

2024-07-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-19, a bylaw to regulate Vacant and Unoccupied Buildings, be given First Reading.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-19
Vacant and Unoccupied
Buildings Bylaw
FIRST READING

2024-07-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-19 be given Second Reading.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-19
Vacant and Unoccupied
Buildings Bylaw
SECOND READING

2024-07-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-27, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with Desycan to provide seasonal food concession services at the Frank Slim Building in Shipyards Park, be given First Reading.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-27
Lease Agreement – Frank
Slim Building Concession
Services
FIRST READING

2024-07-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-27 be given Second Reading.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-27
Lease Agreement – Frank
Slim Building Concession
Services
SECOND READING

2024-07-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-21, a bylaw to amend the 2024 to 2027
Capital Expenditure Program by re-budgeting 2023 capital
expenditures in the amount of \$72,822,936, be given Third
Reading.

BYLAW 2024-21
Capital Re-Budget Bylaw
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**





Laura Cabott, Mayor



Corporate Services