

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2024-06 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, March 25, 2024, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Cabott
Councillors Dan Boyd
Kirk Cameron
*Michelle Friesen
Ted Laking
Mellisa Murray

ABSENT: Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu

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

CONDOLENCES

Mayor Cabott recognized the passing of Willy Benn, a long-time and cherished employee of the City of Whitehorse, and offered condolences to his family and friends.

AGENDA

2024-06-01

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

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

2024-06-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated March 11, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to the Housing-Related Zoning Amendments.

Zoning Amendment -
Housing-Related
Amendments

Mayor Cabott called for submissions with respect to the Housing-Related Zoning Amendments.

Zoning Amendment -
Housing-Related
Amendments

Arlin McFarlane presented concerns to Council that the proposed site-coverage and setback changes will result in a decrease to the local downtown bird population.

Arlin McFarlane

Joe Iles urged Council to consider how the proposed amendments might lead to unplanned densification which will impact traffic, parking, noise levels, safety, and greenspace and infrastructure use of neighbourhoods.

Joe Iles

Laurie Young shared concerns that the proposed amendments will allow new developments that block sunlight and take parking from lots already established.

Laurie Young

Bob Gates presented to Council, concerned that the proposed amendments will overload infrastructure in certain areas, and that the nature and character of the city will be impacted by high-density housing.

Bob Gates

Mayor Cabott called a second and third time for submissions with respect to the Housing-Related Zoning Amendments.

Zoning Amendment -
Housing-Related
Amendments

Hearing no additional submissions come forward, Mayor Cabott declared the Public Hearing for the Housing-Related Zoning Amendments now closed.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Services Committee

Councillor Ted Laking presented a Notice of Motion to bring forward at the Regular Council meeting on March 25, 2024, on implementing a financial impact analysis for development permit and rezoning reviews.

Notice of Motion – Councillor
Laking – Financial Impact
Analysis

A Committee member commented that a draft process chart is now available on the City of Whitehorse website that may help citizens understand the current and proposed mineral exploration process of Bylaw 2024-23.

New Business – Mining in the
City

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

Community Services Committee

A Committee member provided an update on the 2024 Arctic Winter Games in Mat-Su, Alaska, and congratulated the Yukon for winning 2nd place in the medal count and as well as the Hodgson Trophy for fair play and team spirit.

New Business – 2024 Arctic Winter Games Mat-Su

Mayor Laura Cabott proclaimed March 21, 2024, to be International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the city of Whitehorse, a day to reflect on and recognize injustices that happen due to racism and to work towards a society free from racism.

Proclamation – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21, 2024)

Public Health and Safety Committee

As requested from a Committee member, Administration provided a brief update on the City's wildfire preparedness planning with a more comprehensive update to follow in April. Several community initiatives leading up to Wildfire Preparedness Week in May are also planned.

New Business – Preparedness for the Wildfire Season

Corporate Services Committee

2024-06-03

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council amend the 2024-2027 Capital Expenditure Program by adding project Transit Decarbonization Roadmap in the amount of \$95,000, funded from General Reserve until an external funding source is confirmed.

Budget Amendment – Transit Decarbonization Roadmap

Carried (5-1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Boyd, Friesen, Laking, and Murray

OPPOSED: Councillor Cameron

2024-06-04

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct 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 brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Capital Re-Budget Bylaw

Carried Unanimously

2024-06-05

Following discussion where Councillor Cameron withdrew from the attendance list for FCM, it was duly moved and seconded THAT travel expenses be authorized for Councillors Boyd, Curteanu, Laking, Friesen, and Murray to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show being held in Calgary, Alberta.

FCM Travel Authorization

Carried Unanimously

As per Section 105 of the 2021-12 Council Procedures Bylaw, the four resolutions for submission to AYC were separately considered by Council.

Resolutions for the AYC
Annual General Meeting

2024-06-06

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council approve Resolutions 1 (Comprehensive Municipal Grant), 2 (Conduct of Elections), and 4 (Automated Traffic Enforcement) for submission to the Association of Yukon Communities AGM in May 2024 and for further discussion with Association of Yukon Communities members.

Resolutions for the AYC
Annual General Meeting (1/2)

Carried Unanimously

2024-06-07

Following discussion, it was duly moved and seconded THAT Council approve Resolution 3 (Voting Age) for submission to the Association of Yukon Communities AGM in May 2024 and for further discussion with Association of Yukon Communities members.

Resolutions for the AYC
Annual General Meeting (2/2)

Carried (4-2)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Cameron, Friesen,
and Murray

OPPOSED: Councillors Boyd and Laking

As requested by a Committee member, Administration confirmed that the City has been planning for the spring snow melt and its effect on the Robert Service Way escarpment, and that there are communications initiatives scheduled to inform residents. Additional information was provided on the City's Disaster Mitigation Adaptation Fund application.

New Business – Robert
Service Way Preparations

Delegate Juliette Greetham of Vote 16 Yukon, spoke to Council about benefits of lowering the voting age to 16 such as increasing voting turnouts, balancing the system between youth and older generations, and incentivizing better civic education. The delegate provided further information on Vote 16 Yukon and local support for this initiative.

Delegate Juliette Greetham –
Vote 16 Yukon

City Planning Committee

2024-06-08

Following discussion, it was duly moved and seconded THAT Council refer the Copper Ridge Development Area Master Plan, a document providing guidance and a framework for the future development of YG Lots 518 and 519 and City of Whitehorse Lot 520, back to Administration for further review.

Public Input Report – Copper
Ridge Development Area
Master Plan

Carried (5-1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Boyd, Cameron,
Laking, and Murray

OPPOSED: Councillor Friesen

2024-06-09

Following discussion, it was duly moved and seconded THAT the proposed Valleyview South Master Plan be amended by replacing the wording of section 5.5.1 subheading Northern Area – North of Sumanik Drive with the following:

“The northern end of the planning area, bordering on Hamilton Boulevard and in proximity to the Canada Games Centre, is considered highly strategic for future recreational infrastructure or facilities. Due to its strategic location the area is set aside for future community recreational needs. Future recreational infrastructure planning in the community is encouraged to consider this location.”

Valleyview South Master Plan

THAT the proposed Valleyview South Master Plan be amended by deleting bullet number 6 in Section 5.5.2; THAT any other housekeeping updates be made to the proposed Valleyview South Master Plan maps to ensure consistency with the changes regarding recreational infrastructure; and

THAT Council direct Administration schedule a Public Input Session at the Regular Council Meeting of April 22, 2024 on the proposed Valleyview South Master Plan.

Carried (5-1)

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Boyd, Cameron, Friesen, Laking, and Murray

OPPOSED: Mayor Cabott

A Committee member requested clarification on a change to fire suppression requirements for new developments outside the urban containment area.

New Business – Fire
Suppression Requirements

Delegate Keith Lay of Active Trails Whitehorse Association spoke to Council to request the definition of passive recreation and active recreation be added within City plans, policies and bylaws. The delegate also requested definitions be included for active transportation, non-motorized universally accessible trail, and non-motorized multiple-use trails.

Delegate Keith Lay, Active
Trails Whitehorse Association
– Copper Ridge Master Plan

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2024-06-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Administration be directed to begin implementing a Value Per Hectare estimate and analysis, similar to the municipality of Medicine Hat, in administrative reports for all development permit and rezoning reviews moving forward; and
THAT Administration analyze whether a more comprehensive analysis can be integrated into the review process over the long term that also takes into consideration ongoing maintenance costs and future replacement costs of the infrastructure required for a proposed development or rezoning.

Motion – Councillor Laking –
Financial Impact Analysis

Defeated (2-4)

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Friesen and Laking
OPPOSED: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Boyd, Cameron, and
Murray

Mayor Laura Cabott presented a Notice of Motion to bring forward at the Regular Council meeting on April 8, 2024, on addressing the issue of federal infrastructure funding not keeping pace with population growth.

Notice of Motion – Mayor
Cabott – Federal
Infrastructure Funding

BYLAWS

2024-06-11

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 First Reading.

BYLAW 2024-21
Capital Re-Budget Bylaw
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2024-06-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-21 be given Second Reading.

BYLAW 2024-21
Capital Re-Budget Bylaw
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2024-06-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-24, a bylaw to amend the Fees and
Charges Bylaw with respect to the Housing Development
Incentives Policy, be given Third Reading.

Carried (5-1)

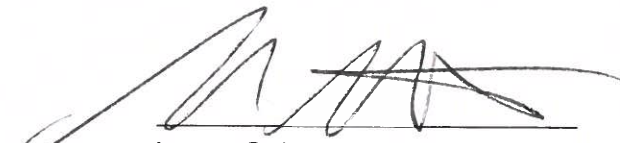
IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Boyd, Cameron,
Friesen, and Murray

OPPOSED: Councillor Laking

BYLAW 2024-24
Fees and Charges
Amendment –
Development Incentive
Policy
THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**




Laura Cabott, Mayor


Corporate Services