

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2024-14 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, August 12, 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
A/Director of Community Services Travis Whiting
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

2024-14-01

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

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

2024-14-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated
July 8, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS

Delegate Daria Bloodworth spoke in support of the proposed Civility Policy as it is a good balance of protecting innocent people and allowing the municipal government to focus on things within their jurisdiction.

Daria Bloodworth – Civility
Policy

Delegate Antoine Goulet spoke in favour of the Civility Policy but stated that clothing advocating for causes outside of City jurisdiction should not be prohibited as it does not limit Council's ability to perform their duties. The delegate also noted the lack of an appeal process as concerning.

Antoine Goulet – Civility
Policy

Delegate Robin Reid Fraser spoke in support of the Civility Policy's aim of ensuring a respectful environment but is concerned about its provisions on attire, as they are too broad and could lead to arbitrary enforcement and unequal application. The delegate urged reconsideration of the policy's language to better balance its goals with these concerns.

Robin Reid-Fraser – Civility Policy

Delegate Molly Swain spoke against the proposed Civility Policy, arguing that it is overly broad and potentially in violation of human rights, particularly regarding its implications for marginalized communities.

Molly Swain – Civility Policy

Delegate Anya Close supported the concerns raised by previous speakers about the proposed dress code policy, urging the council to listen to the voices of marginalized communities. The delegate emphasized the need for the Civility Policy to be amended to avoid potential discrimination and ensure it does not perpetuate existing racial biases.

Anya Close – Civility Policy

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Input Session was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to the Wasson Place Extension Master Plan.

Wasson Place Extension
Master Plan

There were no members of the public present to speak, and the Public Input Session for the Wasson Place Extension Master Plan was closed.

Public Input Closed

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 45 McCandless Crescent.

Conditional Use Application –
45 McCandless Crescent

There were no members of the public present to speak, and the Public Input Session for the Conditional Use Application for 45 McCandless Crescent was closed.

Public Input Closed

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to a Zoning Amendment for TKC C-9B Phase 2.

Zoning Amendment – TKC C-
9B Phase 2

Mayor Cabott called three times for submissions with respect to a Zoning Amendment for TKC C-9B Phase 2.

Zoning Amendment – TKC C-
9B Phase 2

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

Hearing no submissions come forward, Mayor Cabott declared the Public Hearing for a Zoning Amendment for TKC C-9B Phase 2 closed.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Planning Committee

A report on a Conditional Use application to allow supportive housing at 45 McCandless Crescent in McIntyre Subdivision was presented. The applicant has proposed a four-plex for an emergency caregiver program that provides temporary accommodations for child-protection related matters. Per the Zoning Bylaw, a Public Input Session has been scheduled at the Regular Council meeting on August 12, 2024.

Conditional Use Application –
45 McCandless Crescent –
For Information Only

2024-14-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-41, a bylaw to authorize the disposition of Lot 520, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process; and
THAT Council direct Administration to include in the sale agreement a condition that the developer must enter into a development agreement for the anticipated development by December 13, 2027, or else the lot will be transferred back to the City.

Disposition Lot 520 Copper
Ridge

Carried (4-2)

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

OPPOSED: Councillors Boyd and Cameron

2024-14-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-33, a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw to enable interim granular resource extraction as a multi-year temporary use to prepare a site for subsequent development, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

Public Hearing Report –
Zoning Amendment – Interim
Granular Resource Extraction

Carried Unanimously

2024-14-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-34, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 13, 23, and 33 McClimon Crescent, from FN-FP – First Nation Future Planning to FN-RS – First Nation Residential Single Detached, to allow for the development of townhouses, be brought forward at second and third reading under the bylaw process.

Public Hearing Report –
Zoning Amendment – 13, 23,
and 33 McClimon Crescent

Carried Unanimously

2024-14-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct Administration to schedule a Public Input Session at the Regular Council Meeting of September 9, 2024, on the proposed Ice Lake Road South Master Plan.

Ice Lake Road South Master
Plan

Carried Unanimously

2024-14-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council adopt the updated Housing Development Incentives policy.

Housing Development
Incentive Policy Amendment
– Missing Middle
Development Incentive

Carried Unanimously

Development Services Committee

Delegate John Vogt of Vogt Homes spoke to Council about delays in the City's building permit process that have caused significant impacts to the industry. The delegate specified communication issues areas as the root cause of the delays, which were also impacted by new process requirements. The delegate requested the City review the circumstances that led to the backlog, consider improving communication, and be better prepared for future building code changes.

Delegate John Vogt, Vogt
Homes – Building Permit
Backlog

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

Community Services Committee

There was no report from the Community Services Committee.

No Report

Public Health and Safety Committee

A Committee member noted that a review of the evacuation plan and after-evacuation report regarding the Jasper Wildfire may help advance local wildfire preparedness efforts.

New Business – Jasper
Evacuation Action Plan

Corporate Services Committee

2024-14-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT a section be added to the proposed Civility Policy after
the section addressing Repeating Violations as follows:

"Appeal of Presiding Officer's Decision

While a Participant may object to a decision of the
Presiding Officer, only a Member of Council may appeal
a decision made by the Presiding Officer at that
Meeting. A Member of Council wishing to appeal the
Presiding Officer's decision must raise the objection
promptly at the Meeting when the original decision was
made and the Presiding Officer shall cause the appeal
to be voted upon by the other Members present before
proceeding with further business."

Civility Policy

THAT the second paragraph of Participants Attire section of
the proposed Civility Policy be amended to read as follows:

"...Attire, including buttons, nonreligious headwear,
pins, or other items, is not appropriate if, in the opinion
of the Presiding Officer, it has language, statements, or
imagery that is detrimental, discriminatory, offensive,
profane, racial, sexist, violent, or vulgar..."

THAT Council approve the proposed Civility Policy.

Carried (4-2)

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

OPPOSED: Councillors Laking and Murray

2024-14-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-45 a Bylaw to authorize the memorandum
of settlement which amends the collective agreement between
the City of Whitehorse and International Association of Fire
Fighters Local 2217 be brought forward for consideration
under the Bylaw process.

International Association of
Fire Fighters Collective
Agreement Approval

Carried Unanimously

2024-14-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council amend the 2024 to 2026 Operating Budget to
increase the Building Inspection expenditures budget in the
amount of \$123,540 for the 2024 year and \$155,682 for the
2025 and 2026 provisional years funded by Housing
Accelerator Fund and General Reserve.

Budget Amendment –
Additional Support for
Building Inspections

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

2024-14-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-41, a bylaw to authorize the disposition of
Lot 520, be given First Reading.

Carried (5-1)

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

OPPOSED: Councillor Boyd

BYLAW 2024-41

Land Disposition – Lot 520
Copper Ridge
FIRST READING

2024-14-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-41 be given Second Reading.

Carried (4-2)

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

OPPOSED: Councillors Boyd and Cameron

BYLAW 2024-41

Land Disposition – Lot 520
Copper Ridge
SECOND READING

2024-14-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-45, a bylaw to authorize the memorandum
of settlement which amends the collective agreement between
the City of Whitehorse and International Association of Fire
Fighters Local 2217, be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-45

Collective Agreement
Approval (IAFF)
FIRST READING

2024-14-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-45 be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-45

Collective Agreement
Approval (IAFF)
SECOND READING

2024-14-15

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-33, a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw to
enable interim granular resource extraction as a multi-year
temporary use to prepare a site for subsequent development,
be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-33

Zoning Amendment –
Interim Granular Resource
Extraction
SECOND READING

2024-14-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-33 be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-33

Zoning Amendment –
Interim Granular Resource
Extraction
THIRD READING

2024-14-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-34, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 13, 23,
and 33 McClimon Crescent, from FN-FP – First Nation Future
Planning to FN-RS – First Nation Residential Single Detached,
to allow for the development of townhouses, be given Second
Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-34
Zoning Amendment – 13,
23, and 33 McClimon
Crescent
SECOND READING

2024-14-18

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-34 be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-34
Zoning Amendment – 13,
23, and 33 McClimon
Crescent
THIRD READING

2024-14-19

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-22, administrative amendments to the
Official Community Plan, be given Third Reading.

Carried (5-1)

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

BYLAW 2024-22
Official Community Plan
Administrative
Amendments
THIRD READING

2024-14-20

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-40, a bylaw to amend the 2024-2027
Capital Expenditure Program by increasing the 2024 Capital
Budget and reducing the 2025 Provisional Budget in the
amount of \$3,000,000 for project 650c00421, Selkirk Water
Treatment, funded by the Canada Community Building Fund,
be given Third Reading.


Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-40
Budget Amendment –
Selkirk Water Treatment
THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

ADJOURNMENT





Laura Cabott, Mayor



Corporate Services