



Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee

Date	April 7, 2025	2025-07
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Dan Boyd - Chair	
	Mayor Kirk Cameron	
Committee	Councillor Paolo Gallina	
Members	Councillor Jenny Hamilton	
Present	Councillor Eileen Melnychuk	
	Councillor Anne Middler	
	Councillor Lenore Morris	
	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff	Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services	
Present	Lindsay Schneider, A/Director of Development Services	
	Travis Whiting, Director of Operations and Infrastructure	
	Landon Kulych, A/Director of People and Culture	
	Svetlana Erickson, Manager, Financial Services	

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

1. **Budget and Fees and Charges Amendment – 2025 CMG and Phased Transit Fare Increase**

A proposed amendment to the 2025-2027 Operating Budget was presented to reflect the increase in the 2025 Comprehensive Municipal Grant (CMG). Proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges bylaw were also presented to introduce a phased approach to the previously approved transit fare increase, covered by the additional CMG funds. Administration provided additional information on the CMG funding formula and explained the original approach to the transit fare increase adopted through the operating budget process.

The Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2025-20, a bylaw to increase the 2025-2027 Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,275,077 in 2025 be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process; and

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2025-21, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw to reflect the revised transit fare changes, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

2. FCM Travel Expense Authorization

A report was presented requesting authorization of travel expenses for Mayor Cameron and Councillors Gallina and Melnychuk to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show in Ottawa, Ontario from May 29 to June 1, 2025. The travel expenses for the conference are anticipated to be within Council's 2025 travel budget allocation.

The Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is

THAT travel expenses be authorized for Mayor Cameron and Councillors Gallina and Melnychuk to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show being held in Ottawa, Ontario; and

THAT eligible stipends for Councillors Gallina and Melnychuk be authorized in accordance with Council's remuneration policy for time spent attending the conference and associated events.



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Present	Lindsay Schneider, A/Director of Development Services	
	Travis Whiting, Director of Operations and Infrastructure	
	Landon Kulych, A/Director of People and Culture	
	Jacob Newkirk, Subdivision and Lands Coordinator, Land and Building	

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

1. Lease Agreement – Rifle and Pistol Club

Mayor Cameron declared an interest on the matter but affirmed there was no conflict.

As referred for additional information by Council on February 10, 2025, Administration returned a report reviewing the rate calculations in the proposed lease agreement with the Rifle and Pistol Club. While the calculation aligns with the current Lease, Encroachment, and Land-Use Policy, Administration noted that policy updates would improve clarity. At the request of Committee members, it was confirmed that should the recommendation be accepted to direct that amendments to the policy be brought forward, any current or upcoming leases of this type would remain in overholding status until the policy is updated.

The Recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

THAT Council direct Administration to bring forward amendments to the Lease, Encroachment, and Land-Use Policy with respect to lease rates for non-profit societies.

2. Lease Agreement – Mae Bachur Animal Shelter

As requested by Council on February 10, 2025, Administration presented a report reviewing the rate calculations in the proposed lease agreement with the Mae Bachur Animal Shelter. While the calculation aligns with the current Lease, Encroachment, and Land-Use Policy, Administration noted that policy updates would improve clarity.

The Recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

THAT Council direct Administration to bring forward amendments to the Lease, Encroachment, and Land-Use Policy with respect to lease rates for non-profit societies.

3. New Business – Mining in the City

As requested by Committee members, Administration provided information on current regulations and processes for mining within the city under YESAB requirements, the Quartz Mining Act, the Zoning Bylaw, and the Official Community Plan, and the responsibilities and jurisdiction of the municipal government. Administration also responded to concerns regarding noise levels and water monitoring.

4. Delegate Skeeter Wright – Mining in the City

Delegate Skeeter Wright requested that Council take initiative to amend the Zoning Amendment and Official Community Plan to restrict mining in Whitehorse, noting that federal and territorial legislation does not allow for Council's discretion per application. The delegate clarified that Council could direct that an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan be brought forward to restrict that the possibility of mining in the city.

5. Delegate Don Roberts, Yukoners Concerned – Mining in the City

Delegate Don Roberts of Yukoners Concerned spoke to Council in support of restricting mining in Whitehorse through the bylaw process. The delegate noted the effect mining has on the environment and residents, and described the problems caused by previous mining efforts.

6. Delegate Angela Sabo – Mining in the City

Delegate Angela Sabo presented to Council about the effects of mining exploration activities on municipal and domestic water wells, and on the role drilling plays in accelerating permafrost thawing. As requested, the delegate also recommended an ongoing study for Council to monitor for the most up-to-date research on mining.

7. Delegate Glenys Baltimore – Mining in the City

Delegate Glenys Baltimore urged Council to restrict further mining exploration and drilling, sharing the negative experiences of residents due to entry level exploration. The delegate noted concerns for domestic water wells, recreation, wildlife, and the health of residents.

8. Delegate Sibell Hackney – Mining in the City

Delegate Sibell Hackney raised concerns about large and noisy machinery destroying local trails and wildlife habitat, and disturbing nearby residents. The delegate urged Council to prioritize the wilderness that Whitehorse citizens take pride in.

9. Delegate Stephen Burles – Mining in the City

Delegate Stephen Burles requested that Council listen carefully to residents, noting that the increase in noise, dust, and traffic levels caused by mining activities most negatively impacts citizens that live nearby. The delegate urged Council to restrict mining completely from city limits.

10. Delegate Tory Russell, Yukoners Concerned – Mining in the City

Delegate Tory Russell, representing Yukoners Concerned, spoke to Council on the dangers mining activities pose to municipal and domestic water wells, and to the Yukon River. The delegate argued that the current legislative approach to mining within Whitehorse does not respect the Umbrella Final Agreement or Whitehorse residents and urged Council to restrict mining from the city until mining legislation is modernized and made fair.

11. Delegate Spence Hill – Mining in the City

Delegate Spence Hill raised concerns about the future of Whitehorse due to slow progress in updating territorial mining legislation and subsequent irresponsible mining. The delegate urged Council to restrict mining from the city until it can be done in a way that is safe and respectful to the land, the wildlife, and the people of Whitehorse.

12. Delegate Jonas Smith, Executive Director, Yukon Chamber of Mines – Mining in the City

Delegate Jonas Smith, Executive Director of the Yukon Chamber of Mines, presented in support of Council focusing on matters more specific to their scope of responsibility and keeping municipal mining limitations as they are. The delegate stated that the Yukon has some of the highest environmental and safety standards in the world, and that mining has brought positive impacts to Whitehorse and many of its citizens.



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

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	Councillor Anne Middler	
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	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
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Present	Lindsay Schneider, A/Director of Development Services	
	Travis Whiting, Director of Operations and Infrastructure	
	Landon Kulych, A/Director of People and Culture	

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

1. Notice of Motion – Councillor Boyd – Engineering Design Templates

Councillor Dan Boyd presented a Notice of Motion to bring forward at the next Regular Council meeting April 14, 2025, to direct Administration to bring forward a budget amendment not exceeding \$50,000 for the purpose of producing template engineering designs to be made available to the public.



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

Date	April 7, 2025	2025-07
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Eileen Melnychuk - Chair	
	Mayor Kirk Cameron	
Committee	Councillor Dan Boyd	
Members	Councillor Paolo Gallina	
Present	Councillor Jenny Hamilton	
	Councillor Anne Middler	
	Councillor Lenore Morris	
	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff	Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services	
Present	Lindsay Schneider, A/Director of Development Services	
	Travis Whiting, Director of Operations and Infrastructure	
	Landon Kulych, A/Director of People and Culture	

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



Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee

Date	April 7, 2025	2025-07
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	Councillor Jenny Hamilton– Chair	
	Mayor Kirk Cameron	
Committee	Councillor Dan Boyd	
Members	Councillor Paolo Gallina	
Present	Councillor Eileen Melnychuk	
	Councillor Anne Middler	
	Councillor Lenore Morris	
	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff	Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services	
Present	Lindsay Schneider, A/Director of Development Services	
	Travis Whiting, Director of Operations and Infrastructure	
	Landon Kulych, A/Director of People and Culture	
	Jason Bradshaw, Manager, Transit Services	
	Mathieu Marois, Manager, Planning Services	

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

1. Arctic Winter Games – Free Transit for Accredited Individuals

Mayor Cameron declared an interest on the matter but affirmed there was no conflict.

Councillor Gallina declared a conflict of interest and exited Chambers for the duration of the discussion.

A report requesting authorization to allow free transit for accredited Arctic Winter Games participants as part of the City's in-kind contribution was presented. While allowing the accredited participants to ride would result in a loss of revenue, this has already been factored into the City's in-kind contribution and would not create additional net costs. As requested by a Committee member, Administration confirmed that transit services will have the capacity to support the increase in passengers.

The Recommendation of the Community Services Committee is

THAT the 2026 provisional operating budget reflect an amount not to exceed \$35,000, as part of the City's in-kind contribution to the Games.

Councillor Gallina returned to Chambers.

2. Heritage Fund Grant Application – 2025 Yukon/Stikine Regional Heritage Fair

An application was received for the City's Heritage Fund to support the 2025 Yukon/Stikine Regional Heritage Fair. The Heritage Fund balance can fulfil this request, and it aligns with grants provided by the City in previous years. Administration provided additional information as requested by a Committee member on applications, fund allocation, and public communication for the Heritage Fund.

The Recommendation of the Community Services Committee is

THAT Council allocate \$3,000 from the Heritage Fund to the Yukon Historical and Museums Association to support the 2025 Yukon/Stikine Regional Heritage Fair.



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

Date	April 7, 2025	2025-07
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Anne Middler - Chair	
	Mayor Kirk Cameron	
Committee	Councillor Dan Boyd	
Members	Councillor Paolo Gallina	
Present	Councillor Jenny Hamilton	
	Councillor Eileen Melnychuk	
	Councillor Lenore Morris	
	Jeff O'Farrell, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff	Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services	
Present	Lindsay Schneider, A/Director of Development Services	
	Travis Whiting, Director of Operations and Infrastructure	
	Landon Kulych, A/Director of People and Culture	
	Elizabeth Beecroft, Manager, Bylaw Services	

Your Worship, the Public Health and Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Traffic Bylaw Amendment – Fines

Last updated in 2007, Administration presented proposed amendments to Section 45 and Schedule A of the Traffic Bylaw to better align fines with regional standards and the upcoming increase to parking meter fees as outlined in the Fees and Charges Bylaw. As requested by Committee members, specific infractions were clarified and additional information was provided on the rationale behind the increases, including the desire to improve safety, deterrence rates, and consistency.

The Recommendation of the Public Health and Safety Committee is

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2025-18, a bylaw to amend the Traffic Bylaw, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.


Kirk Cameron, Mayor


Corporate Services

