MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2025-09 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, May 12, 2025, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Kirk Cameron

Councillors Dan Boyd

Paolo Gallina Jenny Hamilton Eileen Melnychuk \*Anne Middler Lenore Morris

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Jeff O'Farrell

Director of Community Services Krista Mroz
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Lindsay Schneider
Director of People and Culture Landon Kulych

Mayor Cameron called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

**CALL TO ORDER** 

**AGENDA** 

### 2025-09-01

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

Carried Unanimously

**PROCLAMATIONS** 

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed May 14, 2025, as Apraxia Awareness Day in the city of Whitehorse, a day for raising public awareness about childhood Apraxia of Speech and encouraging access to services that can help children form clear speech.

Apraxia Awareness Day (May 14, 2025)

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed May 19 to May 23, 2025, to be Yukon Mining and Geology Week in the city of Whitehorse, a time to provide opportunities to learn about the Yukon's rich geology and the positive impacts mining has had on the community.

Yukon Mining and Geology Week (May 19 – 23, 2025)

**MINUTES** 

### 2025-09-02

It was duly moved and seconded THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated April 28, 2025, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates electronic participation.

### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

Mayor Cameron advised that a Public Input Session was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to the Conditional Use Application for 122 Copper Road.

Conditional Use Application – 122 Copper Road

There were no members of the public present to speak, and the Public Input Session for the Conditional Use Application for 122 Copper Road was closed.

**Public Input Closed** 

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Public Health and Safety Committee

Administration, joined by Keith Fickling, Yukon Wildland Fire Management's Regional Protection Manager for the Southern Lakes Region, provided a verbal briefing to Council on the upcoming wildfire season. The update included precipitation levels, seasonal outlooks, completed and upcoming collaborative prevention and preparation efforts, and the protocols for urgent communication and evacuation. In response to Committee questions, further information was provided on the Mary Lake fire break, ongoing efforts to plant fire-resistant trees, peak wildfire risk periods, intergovernmental coordination, fuel load concerns and wind conditions, and the status of FireSmart initiatives within home ignition zones.

Wildfire Seasonal Briefing – For Information Only

As requested by Committee members, Administration confirmed that the Yukon Government regulates the speed limit and signage along the Alaska Highway and commercial vehicle operations in the Yukon. To improve community safety and reduce noise disturbances, Committee members commented that it may be beneficial to consult with the Yukon Government on restricting jake brake usage within city limits and reducing highway speeds near residential areas like Crestview.

New Business – Speed Limits and Jake Brakes

Delegate Roger Rondeau presented concerns to Council over the speed limit on the Alaska Highway through Crestview and the allowance of jake brakes within City limits. The delegate noted that the current speed limit on the highway near Crestview poses several safety risks and that both high speed and jake brake usage have resulted in excessive noise levels that disturb residents and visitors.

Delegate Roger Rondeau – Crestview Speed Limits and Jake Brakes

# **Corporate Services Committee**

## 2025-09-03

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council amend the 2025-2028 Capital Expenditure Program by increasing the 2025 Appendix B project 320c00722 Transit Buses in the amount of \$495,000, funded by the Transit Equipment Reserve.

Budget Amendment – 2025 Transit Buses

Carried Unanimously

# **City Planning Committee**

### 2025-09-04

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2025-19, a bylaw to amend the zoning of a 0.81 ha parcel of Commissioner's land from FP – Future Planning to ISx – Service Industrial (modified), be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

Public Hearing Report – Zoning Amendment – 92340 Alaska Highway Lot Expansion

Carried Unanimously

## 2025-09-05

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Council approve the subdivision of approximately 16.2 ha of land for the creation of new residential, commercial, and public service lots, lanes, roads, greenbelts, walkways, and public utility lots, for the areas known as Whistle Bend Phases 12 and 13, as shown on the proposed subdivision sketches, with the following condition:

Subdivision Approval – Whistle Bend Phase 12 & 13

"THAT the current development agreement, executed on March 6, 2023, be amended to state that all right, title, and interest in Proposed Lot H be transferred to the City, for nominal value, at the earliest opportunity to facilitate the construction of a City firehall."

Carried Unanimously

A Conditional Use application to allow a 2-storey office building at 122 Copper Road was presented. The applicant requires approval to develop office space on the ground floor and on over half the floor area of the entire building which are listed as conditional uses in the CIM zone. The proposed development is not expected to have any negative impact on the surrounding area and would meet all other relevant regulations. A Public Input Session to hear any potential concerns from the community has been scheduled on May 12, 2025.

Conditional Use Application – 122 Copper Road – For Information Only

## **Development Services Committee**

## 2025-09-06

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2025-24, a bylaw to amend the Building and Plumbing Bylaw, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Building and Plumbing Bylaw Amendment – Section 86

Carried Unanimously

Delegate Marcus Harden, President of Gladiator Metals, presented an operational update to Council on current and upcoming projects, and listed the company's achievements and its efforts to improve community engagement. As requested, the delegate provided additional information on mining classifications and procedures, and Gladiator Metals' previous projects, employee team, and communication with the First Nations Governments.

Delegate Marcus Harden, President, Gladiator Metals – Whitehorse Copper Project Update

# **City Operations Committee**

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

# **Community Services Committee**

#### 2025-09-07

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Council approve the allocate

THAT Council approve the allocation of \$187,035.05 for Recreation Grants as recommended by the Recreation Grant Task Force.

Spring Recreation Grant Allocations

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAWS** 

2025-09-08

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2025-24, a bylaw to amend the Building and Plumbing Bylaw, be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2025-24

Building and Plumbing Bylaw Amendment -Section 86

FIRST READING

2025-09-09

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2025-24 be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2025-24

Building and Plumbing Bylaw Amendment – Section 86

SECOND READING

## 2025-09-10

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2025-19, a bylaw to amend the zoning of a 0.81 ha parcel of Commissioner's land from FP – Future Planning to ISx – Service Industrial (modified), be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

### **BYLAW 2025-19**

Zoning Amendment – 92340 Alaska Highway Lot Expansion SECOND READING

## 2025-09-11

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2025-19 be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2025-19** 

Zoning Amendment – 92340 Alaska Highway Lot Expansion THIRD READING

## <u>2025-09-12</u>

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2025-22, a bylaw to provide for a Voluntary Financing Program/Local Improvement Charge for the Hillcrest Reconstruction Project Phase 1A to recover the cost of the private-side infrastructure replacement from participating properties, be given Third Reading.

**BYLAW 2025-22** 

VFP/LIC – Hillcrest Reconstruction Phase 1A THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

19 CITY OF

Kirk Cameron, Mayor

**Corporate Services**