

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2025-10 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse
called for 5:30pm on Monday, May 26, 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 Operations Travis Whiting
Director of People, Culture, and Technology Landon Kulych

Mayor Cameron called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

2025-10-01

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

Carried Unanimously

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed the month of June 2025 to be Indigenous History Month in the city of Whitehorse, a time to celebrate indigenous culture, reflect on historical injustices faced by indigenous people, and encourage action towards reconciliation.

Indigenous History Month

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed the month of June 2025 to be Filipino Heritage Month, a time to celebrate Filipino culture and acknowledge the important role the Filipino community has had in the city's growth.

Filipino Heritage Month

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed the month of June 2025 to be National Pride Month, a month of events and activities to build understanding of and celebrate the queer and gender diverse community.

National Pride Month

MINUTES

2025-10-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated May 12, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS

Delegate Peter Long raised concerns that the proposed amendments to the Trail Development Policy do not address the ongoing challenges with the airport perimeter trail.

Peter Long – Trail
Development Policy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Health and Safety Committee

There was no report from the Public Health and Safety Committee.

No Report

Corporate Services Committee

2025-10-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council approve the amendments to the Civility Policy.
Carried Unanimously

Civility Policy Amendments

City Planning Committee

2025-10-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2025-16, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 100 Robert Service Way, and 2.24 ha of adjacent Commissioner's land, from PS – Public Service to PSx – Public Service (modified), be brought forward at second and third reading under the bylaw process.

Public Hearing Report –
Zoning Amendment – Airport
Approach Light Towers

Carried Unanimously

Development Services Committee

As requested by a Committee member, Administration confirmed that an application has not yet been received for specific proposed exploration activities and that the City's role in approval is to confirm that the land use is permitted under the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan.

New Business – Mining
Exploration Status

As requested by Committee members, Administration noted that the territorial government has primary responsibility for water protection and regulation as outlined in the Umbrella Final Agreements and Yukon Waters Act, and that the City's responsibility is limited to ensuring compliance with municipal legislation. Additional questions were raised regarding the methods and protocols of Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board, the City's permit approval process, water quality testing procedures, and the possibility of the City becoming more involved in protecting water.

New Business – Water
Governance and Stewardship

Delegate Tory Russell, representing Yukoners Concerned, presented to Council about how drilling and mining activities can negatively impact community drinking water. The delegate advocated for the City to require scientific assessments before approving mining permit applications and to open communications with other governments to ensure water safety is maintained.

Delegate Tory Russell,
Yukoners Concerned – Water
Security

Delegate Spence Hill raised concerns that water protection regulations are not thorough enough to adequately ensure the safety of the water sources that residents rely on. The delegate urged the City to take primary responsibility in water protection by regulating harmful activities and leading a collaborative effort to establish a source water protection plan.

Delegate Spence Hill –
Protection of Water

City Operations Committee

Committee members noted risks to cyclist and motorist safety due to decommissioned railroad crossings on Second and Fourth Avenue, to which Administration confirmed that potential repair of the areas could be considered during upcoming road maintenance projects.

New Business – Road Safety
at Rail Crossings

Community Services Committee

2025-10-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2025-28, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with DK Nguyen 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

2025-10-06

Following discussion, it was duly moved and seconded
THAT the proposed amendments to the Trail Maintenance Policy be revised; and
THAT Council approve the amendments to the Trail Maintenance Policy.

Trail Maintenance Policy
Updates

Carried Unanimously

2025-10-07

Following discussion, it was duly moved and seconded
THAT the proposed amendments to the Trail Development Policy be revised; and
THAT Council approve the amendments to the Trail Development Policy.

Trail Development Policy
Updates

Carried Unanimously

A Committee member inquired about the status of the trail along the top of the escarpment perimeter. Administration noted that the developer had identified challenges related to the fence line and regulatory requirements and advised that clarification specific to the trail could be requested.

New Business – Escarpment
Trail

BYLAWS

2025-10-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2025-28, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with DK Nguyen to provide seasonal food concession services at the Frank Slim Building in Shipyards Park, be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2025-28

Lease Agreement – Frank
Slim Building Concession
Services
FIRST READING

2025-10-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2025-28 be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2025-28

Lease Agreement – Frank
Slim Building Concession
Services
SECOND READING

2025-10-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2025-16, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 100 Robert Service Way, and 2.24 ha of adjacent Commissioner's land, from PS – Public Service to PSx – Public Service (modified), be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2025-16

Zoning Amendment –
Airport Approach Light
Towers
SECOND READING

2025-10-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2025-16 be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2025-16

Zoning Amendment –
Airport Approach Light
Towers
THIRD READING

2025-10-12

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

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2025-24

Building and Plumbing
Bylaw Amendment –
Section 86
THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**



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Kirk Cameron, Mayor

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Corporate Services