

CITY OF WHITEHORSE – STANDING COMMITTEES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

DELEGATIONS Yukon Energy – Whitehorse Power Centres Project

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – *Councillors Middler and Boyd*

1. New Business

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE – *Councillors Boyd and Melnychuk*

1. 2nd Quarter Capital Budget Variance Reporting
2. 2nd Quarter Operating Budget Variance Reporting – For Information Only
3. Fees and Charges Amendment – 3rd Quarter
4. New Business

CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE – *Councillors Morris and Middler*

1. New Business

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – *Councillors Gallina and Hamilton*

1. 2025-2030 Climate Action Plan Adoption
2. New Business

CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – *Councillors Melnychuk and Morris*

1. New Business

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – *Councillors Hamilton and Gallina*

1. New Business

CITY OF WHITEHORSE
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
Council Chambers, City Hall



Chair: Anne Middler

Vice-Chair: Dan Boyd

September 2, 2025

Meeting #2025-17

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1. New Business

CITY OF WHITEHORSE
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
Council Chambers, City Hall



Chair: Dan Boyd

Vice-Chair: Eileen Melnychuk

September 2, 2025

Meeting #2025-17

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Presented by Svetlana Erickson, Manager, Financial Services
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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO:	Corporate Services Committee
FROM:	Administration
DATE:	September 2, 2025
RE:	2 nd Quarter Capital Budget Variance Reporting

ISSUE

Financial Services has reviewed Capital Budget projections submitted by department managers and is providing a high-level summary of anticipated capital spending and proposed amendments to the 2025 – 2028 Capital Expenditure Program.

REFERENCE

- [2025-2028 Capital Expenditure Program](#)
- [Capital Re-budget Bylaw 2025-09](#)
- 2025 Capital Budget Amendments (Attachment 1)
- 2025 Second Quarter Capital Budget Proposed Amendments (Attachment 2)

HISTORY

The approved Capital Expenditure Program for 2025 is as follows

\$ 14,536,221	Approved 2025 Expenditures – Appendix A (Bylaw 2024-50)
13,056,374	Projects added to Appendix A after confirmation of external funding
86,411,875	Capital projects re-budgeted from 2024 (Bylaws 2025-09 & 2025-15)
50,000	Capital Budget amendments by Council Resolutions
950,000	Approved emergency projects
<u>\$115,004,470</u>	Total Current Approved Capital Expenditures

ALTERNATIVES

1. Proceed with amendments as recommended; or
2. Refer the matter back to Administration.

ANALYSIS

As part of the City's second quarter variance reporting, managers are required to review their planned capital spending. Most of the projects are proceeding as planned. As indicated in Attachment 2, one project has been cancelled, and eight projects have been completed under budget. A budget amendment is recommended to reduce the 2025 Capital Budget by \$394,992, bringing the total revised capital expenditures to \$114,609,478 upon approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize amendments totalling \$394,992 to reduce the 2025 – 2028 Capital Expenditure Program.

ATTACHMENT 1
2025 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS
SCHEDULE 1

APPROVED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM	BYLAW	AMOUNT
Approved 2025 Capital Expenditure Program (Appendix A)	Bylaw 2024-50	14,536,221
APPROVED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM		\$ 14,536,221

2025 REVISIONS

APPENDIX B PROJECTS MOVED TO APPENDIX A	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Additional Single Axle Water Truck - Transportation - FGE	320c01122	341,000
Additional Pickup Trucks - Bylaw - FGE	500c00325	94,000
Additional Carpenter Contractor Van - FGE	500c00425	124,000
Additional Pickup Truck Property Management - FGE	500c00625	92,050
Waste Management Facility Improvements - Perimeter Access Road, Ditch & Fence	240c01225	2,300,000
Additional Compost Contaminant Separator	500c01025	140,000
Active Transportation Pathways Rehabilitation	240c00221	100,000
Force Main Condition Assessment Program	240c00320	75,000
Active Transportation & Regulatory Signage - Spot Improvements	240c00724	50,000
Downtown Sanitary Trunk Main Rehabilitation - Assessment and Design	240c02024	200,000
Enhanced Water Meter Reading System - B&TS	300c00225	790,000
City Fiber Optic Network Expansion	300c00720	375,000
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations	360c00223	125,000
Fire Hall - Whitehorse North	360c01022	350,000
Transit Shelters & Benches	580c00115	250,000
Bike Rack Program	740c00224	20,400
Housing Accelerator Plan	720c00824	225,000
Pickleball Courts	740c00925	15,000
Neighbourhood Traffic Calming	240c00623	150,000
Neighbourhood Speed Limit Reductions - Implementation	240c01424	200,000
Downtown Accessible Onstreet Parking Stall Pilot Program	240c01425	150,000
Additional Transit buses	320c00722	4,604,924
RSW Engineered Slope Repairs -Detailed Design & Construction	240c00924	150,000
Asphalt Surface Overlay Program	240c00410	2,000,000
Fleet Management Study	320c00919	135,000
TOTAL APPENDIX B PROJECTS WITH FUNDING AGREEMENTS		\$ 13,056,374

APPROVED RE-BUDGETS	BYLAW / RESOLUTION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Advance Re-budgets for Property Management		320c01119/	
Capital Projects from 2024 approved for re-budget to 2025	2025-15	360c00822/ 360c00823	22,536,203
Capital Projects from 2024 approved for re-budget to 2025	2025-09		63,875,672
TOTAL APPROVED RE-BUDGETS			\$ 86,411,875

2025 REVISIONS

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: COUNCIL REVISIONS	RESOLUTION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Standard Building Design Guides	2025-11-05	710c00125	50,000
TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS: COUNCIL REVISIONS			\$ 50,000

APPROVED EMERGENCY PROJECTS	PROJECT	AMOUNT
PSB Facility Movement Investigation	360c00724	200,000
PSB Mech/Elec Crawl Space Repair	360c00824	150,000
CGC Backup Generator Power Repair	360c01525	600,000
TOTAL APPROVED EMERGENCY PROJECTS		\$ 950,000

TOTAL 2025 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM AS OF JULY 31, 2025	\$ 115,004,470
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ATTACHMENT 2
2nd QUARTER CAPITAL VARIANCE
2025 CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

PROJECT	STATUS	AMOUNT
240c00523 Yukon River Crossing Expansion - Options Evaluation	Completed	-
320c01713 Takhini Arena Furnaces	Completed and Under Budget	47,934
360c00623 SCBA Clean Room Upgrade (PSB)	Completed and Under Budget	17,964
320c00110 One Ton Truck Replacement	Completed and Under Budget	32,431
580c00124 Transit Decarbonization Roadmap	Completed and Under Budget	5,341
650c00823 Waste Composition Study	Completed and Under Budget	23,788
720c01524 Development Process Guide and Education Sessions	Completed and Under Budget	356
750c00424 CGC Flooring Replacement - Main Concourse	Completed and Under Budget	97,372
750c00822 Running Track Perimeter Flooring Replacement - CGC	Completed and Under Budget	109,806
500c00923 Longitudinal Line Survey	Cancelled	60,000
TOTAL COMPLETE OR CANCELLED JOBS		\$ 394,992

Total Amount Not Utilized And Remaining In Reserves	92,431
Total Amount Not Utilized And Remaining In External Funding Sources	302,561
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES NOT UTILIZED	\$ 394,992

TOTAL REVISED 2025 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM: UPON APPROVAL	\$ 114,609,478
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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Corporate Services Committee
FROM: Administration
DATE: September 2, 2025
RE: 2nd Quarter Operating Budget Variance Reporting – For Information Only

ISSUE

Financial Services has reviewed operating expenditures projections submitted by department managers and is providing a forecast of operating results to the end of the 2025 fiscal year.

REFERENCE

- [Bylaw 2025-01 2025-2027 Operating Budget](#)
- 2025 Operating Budget Amendments (Attachment 1)
- 2025 Second Quarter Operating Variance Report (Attachment 2)

HISTORY

Council adopted an operating budget for 2025 totalling \$121,551,070. This comprises an initial budget of \$119,275,993 plus subsequent Council approved amendments totalling \$2,275,077 as shown in Attachment 1.

At the end of second quarter, management had been asked to review spending as compared to budget and to forecast expected final results to the end of the year. Through analysis of the variance reported from budgeted operations, as shown in Attachment 2, the City is anticipating an operating surplus for 2025 of \$124,833.

ANALYSIS

The 2025 second quarter variance projection shows that total operating revenues and expenses are expected to be under budget by \$2,077,783 and \$2,202,616, respectively. Consequently, projections to December 31, 2025, compared to the revised budget, indicate an operating surplus of \$124,833. When viewed by fund, the projected deficit is as follows:

Projected Variance		
Fund	Deficit (Surplus) to Budget	Primary Driver
General Government	(73,890)	Higher than expected government transfers and transit fare collections offset by lower tax revenue from post-budget adjustments by the Yukon Government, variations in miscellaneous revenue, and higher utilities and communication costs.
Water and Sewer Utility	(50,943)	Savings realized through staff vacancies and higher frontage charge revenue offset by anticipated cost of repair materials and parts.
Projected Surplus	(124,833)	

Overall department spending is controlled. Based on the total budget of \$121,551,070, second quarter variance of \$124,833 is under 1% of the City's total operating budget.

**ATTACHMENT 1
2ND QUARTER OPERATING VARIANCE
2025 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

AMENDMENT	BYLAW / RESOLUTION NUMBER	REVENUE	EXPENSES
APPROVED BUDGET	Bylaw 2025-01	\$ 119,275,993	\$ 119,275,993
BUDGET AMENDMENTS			
Amend Operating budget to increase the Comprehensive Municipal Grant (CMG)	Bylaw 2025-20	2,407,077	
Amend Operating budget to decrease transit bus fare	Bylaw 2025-21	(132,000)	
Amend Operating budget to increase General reserve	Bylaw 2025-21		2,275,077
SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS		\$ 2,275,077	\$ 2,275,077
REVISED BUDGET AS OF JUNE 30, 2025		\$ 121,551,070	\$ 121,551,070

ATTACHMENT 2 **2nd QUARTER OPERATING VARIANCE** **2025 OPERATING VARIANCE REPORT**

REVENUES (BRACKETS INDICATE HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED)		
Government Transfers		(234,394)
Transit Fare Collection		(199,123)
Licensing, Parking and Fines Revenue		(101,416)
Recreation and Park Fees		80,072
Waste Management Fees		137,500
Garage Charges Recovery		218,159
Miscellaneous Revenues		100,921
Tax Revenue and Grants in Lieu		345,690
Transfer from Reserve - Vacancy Overlay		1,730,374
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	2,077,783

EXPENSES (BRACKETS INDICATE LOWER THAN ANTICIPATED)		
Employee Wages and Benefits		(1,730,374)
Contracted and Professional Services		(268,233)
Transfer to Equipment Reserve		(226,197)
Garage Charges		(218,159)
Miscellaneous Expenses		(92,923)
Telephone		107,183
Utilities		226,087
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	(2,202,616)

PROJECTED DEFICIT (SURPLUS)	\$	(124,833)
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DEFICIT (SURPLUS) BY FUND		
01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUND		(73,890)
02 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND		(50,943)
PROJECTED DEFICIT (SURPLUS)	\$	(124,833)

REVENUE

- Government transfers are higher than budgeted due to increase in the City's Carbon Tax rebate.
- Transit fare collection is higher than anticipated due to increased purchasing by the Yukon Government, mostly adult and youth passes.
- Licensing, parking, and fines revenues are projected to exceed the budget reflecting an increase in fees and charges effective July 1, 2025.
- Recreation and park fees are lower than budget due to reduced building rentals during the Mt. McIntyre Recreation Centre and Robert Service Campground construction.
- Waste management fees are anticipated to be lower than budget due to reduction in curbside collection fees effective November 1, 2025.
- Garage charges recovery is offset by garage charges expenses, which are lower than expected due to reduced equipment usage.
- Miscellaneous revenues represents of an aggregation of moderate variances from the budget, including miscellaneous income, water and sewer recovery, and lease revenues.
- Tax revenue and grants in lieu are lower than expected due to several adjustments made by the Yukon Government, received after the budget was approved.
- Transfer from reserve may be reduced due to higher than expected staff vacancies.

ATTACHMENT 2
2nd QUARTER OPERATING VARIANCE
2025 OPERATING VARIANCE REPORT

EXPENSES

- Employee Wages and Benefits are lower than budget due to staff vacancies in various departments in Human Resources, Business & Technology Services, Water & Waste Services and Building Services.
- Contracted and professional services spending is lower than budget due to reduced landfill expenses, a lower FireSmart Agreement with the Yukon Government, and other project timing adjustments.
- Transfer to equipment reserve is lower than budget due to a decrease equipment usage.
- Miscellaneous expenses represents of an aggregation of moderate variances from the budget, including advertising and transfers to reserves.
- Telephone charges are projected to be higher due to the delayed implementation of the new internet system, requiring continued use of landlines longer than expected, resulting in temporary overlapping costs and lower-than-anticipated cost savings.
- Utilities are anticipated to be higher than budget due to rate increases in electricity and propane, reflecting adjustments in service costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO:	Corporate Services Committee
FROM:	Administration
DATE:	September 2, 2025
RE:	Fees and Charges Amendment – 3 rd Quarter

ISSUE

Amendments to the Fees and Charges Bylaw in accordance with the third quarter review.

REFERENCE

- [Fees and Charges Bylaw 2014-36](#)
- Proposed Bylaw 2025-35 (Attachment 1)

HISTORY

As part of the quarterly review, the Financial Services Department compiles a list of suggested changes to the City's fees and charges as submitted by the management group.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Bring forward a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw as recommended; or
2. Refer the proposed changes back to Administration.

ANALYSIS

Bylaw 2025-35 attached contains explanatory notes which detail the proposed fees and charges amendments as summarized in Appendix A.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2025-35, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw in accordance with the third quarter review, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process; and

THAT the 2025 Operating Budget and the 2026 and 2027 Provisional Operating Budgets be adjusted upon adoption of Bylaw 2025-35, to reflect a decrease in revenues and expenses of \$401,374 respectively for 2025, and an increase in revenues of \$1,500 for 2026 and 2027, offset by transfers to the General Reserve.

CITY OF WHITEHORSE
BYLAW 2025-35

A bylaw to amend Fees and Charges Bylaw 2014-36

WHEREAS section 220 of the *Municipal Act* provides that council may by bylaw amend or vary bylaws; and

WHEREAS all City of Whitehorse municipal fees and charges are consolidated into one bylaw; and

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable that the Fees and Charges Bylaw be amended to reflect changes required as a result of a quarterly review;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the municipality of the City of Whitehorse, in open meeting assembled, hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The fee schedule attached to and forming part of Fees and Charges Bylaw 2014-36 is hereby amended by repealing existing Schedules 8, 9 and 12 and substituting therefore new Schedules 8, 9 and 12, attached hereto as Appendix "A" and forming part of this bylaw.
2. This bylaw shall come into full force and effect on and from final passage thereof.

FIRST and SECOND READING:

THIRD READING and ADOPTION:

Kirk Cameron, Mayor

Corporate Services

CITY OF WHITEHORSE
BYLAW 2025-35

Explanatory Notes:

The attached bylaw amends the Fees and Charges Bylaw to reflect changes based on the operational review performed in the framework of the Q3 fees and charges review.

The changes include new fees, fee increases, deletion of redundant fees, and amendments to fee descriptions to provide clarity. The changes are highlighted and are detailed as follows:

Schedule 8 (Parks)

- Remove inoperative fees for rental in designated areas for programmed activities and rental of outdoor garbage and recycling compost bins.
- Update description for memorial bench fees to improve clarity.
- Add new rental fees for the exclusive use of a field behind Takhini Arena for dog training activities, effective January 1, 2026.

Schedule 9 (Planning)

- Delete Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws reprinting fees as they are outdated and have not been used for several years.

Schedule 12 (Waste Management)

- Reduce curbside collection fees due to implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility program for packaging and paper products, effective November 1, 2025.
- Eliminate tipping fees for recyclable materials at the Waste Management Facility (WMF), following the relocation of the residential recycling depot.

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**Bylaw 2025-35 Appendix A
Schedule 8 (Parks)**

DEPARTMENT	FEE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL DETAILS	UNIT	BYLAW 2025-03	EFFECTIVE DATE	FEE IF GST APPLICABLE	BYLAW 2025-35	EFFECTIVE DATE	FEE IF GST APPLICABLE
Parks	Deposit, Damage- all booking	Fully refundable if all rental conditions met	For bookings with liquor permits only	each	\$ 500.00	27-Feb-24	no gst	\$ 500.00	27-Feb-24	no gst
Parks	Shipyards Park	Non-profit rental - full day	24 hours	full day	\$ 459.72	1-Sep-25	\$ 482.71	\$ 459.72	1-Sep-25	\$ 482.71
Parks	Shipyards Park	Non-profit rental - half day	6 hours	half day	\$ 230.10	1-Sep-25	\$ 241.61	\$ 230.10	1-Sep-25	\$ 241.61
Parks	Shipyards Park	For profit rental - full day	24 hours	full day	\$ 919.43	1-Sep-25	\$ 965.40	\$ 919.43	1-Sep-25	\$ 965.40
Parks	Shipyards Park	For profit rental - half day	6 hours	half day	\$ 459.72	1-Sep-25	\$ 482.71	\$ 459.72	1-Sep-25	\$ 482.71
Parks	All Parks excluding Shipyards	Profit rental - full day	24 hours	full day	\$ 657.65	1-Sep-25	\$ 690.54	\$ 657.65	1-Sep-25	\$ 690.54
Parks	All Parks excluding Shipyards	Profit rental - half day	6 hours	half day	\$ 328.80	1-Sep-25	\$ 345.24	\$ 328.80	1-Sep-25	\$ 345.24
Parks	All Parks excluding Shipyards	Profit rental - hourly	1 hour	per hour	\$ 75.47	1-Sep-25	\$ 79.25	\$ 75.47	1-Sep-25	\$ 79.25
Parks	All Parks excluding Shipyards	Non-profit rental - full day	24 hours	half day	\$ 328.80	1-Sep-25	\$ 345.24	\$ 328.80	1-Sep-25	\$ 345.24
Parks	All Parks excluding Shipyards	Non-profit rental - half day	6 hours	full day	\$ 164.43	1-Sep-25	\$ 172.65	\$ 164.43	1-Sep-25	\$ 172.65
Parks	All Parks excluding Shipyards	Non-profit rental - hourly	1 hour	per hour	\$ 37.73	1-Sep-25	\$ 39.62	\$ 37.73	1-Sep-25	\$ 39.62
Parks	For Profit in Designated Areas only- hourly	Programmed activities in area- per hour -no staff		per hour	\$ 27.59	1-Sep-25	\$ 28.97			REMOVE FEE
Parks	Non-Profit Rental - per section of Shipyards Park Building	Section #1 kitchen; Section #2 seating area	Per section, per hour	per hour	\$ 37.89	1-Sep-25	\$ 39.79	\$ 37.89	1-Sep-25	\$ 39.79
Parks	Non-profit rental - outdoor Fire pit rental or covered stage or other portion of shipyards park	Gazebo fire pit or Riverside fire pit - includes rental, wood, fire permit and attendant (monitors and extinguish fire)	1 hour	per hour	\$ 37.89	1-Sep-25	\$ 39.79	\$ 37.89	1-Sep-25	\$ 39.79
Parks	For Profit Rental - per section of Shipyards Park Building	Section #1 kitchen; Section #2 seating area	Per section, per hour	per hour	\$ 75.79	1-Sep-25	\$ 79.58	\$ 75.79	1-Sep-25	\$ 79.58
Parks	For Profit rental-Outdoor Fire Pit Rental or Covered Stage or portion of shipyards park	Gazebo fire pit or Riverside fire pit - includes rental, wood, fire permit and attendant (monitors and extinguish fire)	1 hour	per hour	\$ 75.79	1-Sep-25	\$ 79.58	\$ 75.79	1-Sep-25	\$ 79.58
Parks	Non-Profit Rental - per section of Shipyards Park Building (after hours)	Section #1 kitchen; Section #2 seating area		per hour	\$ 44.88	1-Sep-25	\$ 47.12	\$ 44.88	1-Sep-25	\$ 47.12
Parks	For Profit Rental - per section of Shipyards Park Building (after hours)	Section #1 kitchen; Section #2 seating area	4 PM to 11 PM / Per section per hour	per hour	\$ 89.77	1-Sep-25	\$ 94.26	\$ 89.77	1-Sep-25	\$ 94.26
Parks	Non-profit rental - outdoor Fire pit rental or covered stage or other portion of shipyards park (after hours)	Gazebo fire pit or Riverside fire pit - includes rental, wood, fire permit and attendant (monitors and extinguish fire)	4 PM to 11 PM / Per section per hour	per hour	\$ 44.88	1-Sep-25	\$ 47.12	\$ 44.88	1-Sep-25	\$ 47.12
Parks	For Profit rental-Outdoor Fire Pit Rental or Covered Stage or portion of shipyards park (after hours)	Gazebo fire pit or Riverside fire pit - includes rental, wood, fire permit and attendant (monitors and extinguish fire)	1 hour	per hour	\$ 89.77	1-Sep-25	\$ 94.26	\$ 89.77	1-Sep-25	\$ 94.26
Parks	Memorial Bench	Supply, install and maintenance for 10 years		each	\$ 3,000.00	1-Apr-23	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,000.00	1-Jan-26	\$ 3,150.00
Parks	Memorial Tree	Supply and install		each	\$ 1,792.76	1-Sep-25	\$ 1,882.39	\$ 1,792.76	1-Sep-25	\$ 1,882.39
Parks	Portable Firepits	Portable firepits		each	\$ 54.65	1-Sep-25	\$ 57.38	\$ 54.65	1-Sep-25	\$ 57.38
Parks	Picnic Tables	Delivery and pick up	Delivery and pick up	per 2 tables	\$ 252.96	1-Sep-25	\$ 265.61	\$ 252.96	1-Sep-25	\$ 265.61
Parks	Outdoor Garbage/Recycling Compost Bins	3 bin unit rental		per one waste sorting station unit	\$ 263.47	1-Sep-25	\$ 276.65			REMOVE FEE
Parks	Robert Service Camp Ground	Site rental	Nightly fee	per day	\$ 35.00	1-Apr-23	\$ 36.75	\$ 35.00	1-Apr-23	\$ 36.75
Parks	Robert Service Camp Ground	Group site rental		per day	\$ 110.41	1-Sep-25	\$ 115.90	\$ 112.62	1-Sep-25	\$ 118.20
Parks	Robert Service Camp Ground	Firewood		bundle	\$ 10.00	1-Apr-23	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.00	1-Apr-23	\$ 10.50
Parks	Robert Service Camp Ground	Showers		per 5 minutes	\$ 2.00	1-Apr-23	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.00	1-Apr-23	\$ 2.25
Parks	Robert Service Campground Building	Non- profit - Robert Service Campground room	1 hour	per hour	\$ 55.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 57.75	\$ 55.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 57.75
Parks	Robert Service Campground Building	Non-profit - Robert Service Campground kitchen	1 hour	per hour	\$ 39.03	1-Jun-25	\$ 40.98	\$ 39.03	1-Jun-25	\$ 40.98

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**Bylaw 2025-35 Appendix A
Schedule 8 (Parks)**

DEPARTMENT	FEE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL DETAILS	UNIT	BYLAW 2025-03	EFFECTIVE DATE	FEE IF GST APPLICABLE	BYLAW 2025-35	EFFECTIVE DATE	FEE IF GST APPLICABLE
Parks	Robert Service Campground Building	Non-profit - Robert Service Campground room (daily)	Per day (10- 24 hours)	per day	\$ 550.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 577.50	\$ 550.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 577.50
Parks	Robert Service Campground Building	Non-profit - Robert Service Campground kitchen (daily)	Per day (10- 24 hours)	per day	\$ 300.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 315.00	\$ 300.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 315.00
Parks	Robert Service Campground Building	Profit rental - Robert Service Campground room	1 hour	per hour	\$ 110.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 115.50	\$ 110.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 115.50
Parks	Robert Service Campground Building	Profit rental - Robert Service Campground kitchen	1 hour	per hour	\$ 78.06	1-Jun-25	\$ 81.96	\$ 78.06	1-Jun-25	\$ 81.96
Parks	Robert Service Campground Building	Profit rental - Robert Service Campground room (daily)	Per day (10- 24 hours)	per day	\$ 1,100.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 1,100.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 1,155.00
Parks	Robert Service Campground Building	Profit rental - Robert Service Campground kitchen (daily)	Per day (10 - 24 hours)	per day	\$ 600.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 630.00	\$ 600.00	1-Jun-25	\$ 630.00
Parks	Book, Lost Graves			each	\$ 10.00	1-Jan-08	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.00	1-Jan-08	\$ 10.50
Parks	Equipment Charge	Lift truck	2 operators and truck	per hour	\$ 232.98	1-Sep-25	\$ 244.63	\$ 232.98	1-Sep-25	\$ 244.63
Parks	Equipment Charge	Water truck	1 operator and truck	per hour	\$ 157.73	1-Sep-25	\$ 165.62	\$ 157.73	1-Sep-25	\$ 165.62
Parks	Takhini Dog Training Field	For exclusive use of field behind Takhini Arena	6 hours	half day				\$ 75.00	1-Jan-26	\$ 78.75

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Bylaw 2025-35 Appendix A
Schedule 9 (Planning)

DEPARTMENT	FEE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL DETAILS	UNIT	BYLAW 03	2025 EFFECTIVE DATE	FEE IF GST APPLICABLE	BYLAW 2025-35	EFFECTIVE DATE	FEE IF GST APPLICABLE	
Planning and Sustainability	Official Community Plan (OCP)	OCP amendment fee	Text or mapping changes to the OCP	each	\$	2,000.00	1-Jan-20	no gst	\$ 2,000.00	1-Jan-20	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	Official Community Plan (OCP)	OCP amendment	Text change to the OCP	each	\$	2,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 2,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	Official Community Plan (OCP)	OCP amendment	Residential mapping change to the OCP	each	\$	3,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 3,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	Official Community Plan (OCP)	OCP amendment	Non-residential or mixed-use mapping change to the OCP	each	\$	4,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 4,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	Zoning Amendment	Zoning Bylaw amendment	Text change to the Zoning Bylaw	each	\$	2,000.00	1-Jan-20	no gst	\$ 2,000.00	1-Jan-20	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	Zoning Amendment	Zoning Bylaw amendment	Residential mapping change to the Zoning Bylaw	each	\$	3,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 3,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	Zoning Amendment	Zoning Bylaw amendment	Non-residential and mixed-use mapping change to the Zoning Bylaw	each	\$	4,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 4,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	Zoning Amendment	Designated municipal historic resource		each	\$	-	27-Jan-03	no gst	\$ -	27-Jan-03	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	OCP / Zoning Amendment	Combination OCP/Zoning amendment	Similar text amendment to the OCP and Zoning Bylaw	each	\$	3,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 3,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	OCP / Zoning Amendment	Combination OCP/Zoning amendment	Similar residential mapping amendment to the OCP and Zoning Bylaw	each	\$	4,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 4,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	OCP / Zoning Amendment	Combination OCP/Zoning amendment	Similar non-residential or mixed-use mapping amendment to the OCP and Zoning Bylaw	each	\$	5,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 5,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	Master Plan	Review fee		each	\$	3,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 3,000.00	1-Jan-25	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	Master Plan	Waiver fee		each	\$	100.00	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 100.00	1-Jan-25	no gst
Planning and Sustainability	Official Community Plan			each	\$	20.00	1-Jan-08	\$ 21.00			REMOVE FEE
Planning and Sustainability	Zoning Bylaw			each	\$	75.00	1-Jan-08	no gst			REMOVE FEE
Planning and Sustainability	Zoning Bylaw	Individual copy		each	\$	10.00	1-Jan-08	no gst			REMOVE FEE
Planning and Sustainability	Zoning Bylaw	Initial subscription service		each	\$	50.00	1-Jan-08	no gst			REMOVE FEE
Planning and Sustainability	Zoning Maps			each	\$	5.00	1-Jan-08	\$ 5.30			REMOVE FEE

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**Bylaw 2025-35 Appendix A
Schedule 12 (Waste Management)**

DEPARTMENT	FEE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL DETAILS	UNIT	BYLAW 2025-03	EFFECTIVE DATE	FEE IF GST APPLICABLE	BYLAW 2025-35	EFFECTIVE DATE	FEE IF GST APPLICABLE
Waste	Curbside Collection	Eligible premises - garbage, organics and recycling biweekly collection		per dwelling unit/month	\$ 27.71	1-Jan-25	no gst	\$ 15.21	1-Nov-25	no gst
Waste	Commercial Organics Collection	1 cart - weekly collection		per cart/month	\$ 38.00	1-Jan-24	no gst	\$ 38.00	1-Jan-24	no gst
Waste	Commercial Organics Collection	Additional cart - weekly collection		per cart/month	\$ 34.00	1-Jan-24	no gst	\$ 34.00	1-Jan-24	no gst
Waste	Commercial Organics Collection	Large volume - 2 yard bin - weekly collection		per bin/month	\$ 275.00	1-Jan-24	no gst	\$ 275.00	1-Jan-24	no gst
Waste	Commercial Organics Collection	Large volume - 3 yard bin - weekly collection		per bin/month	\$ 310.00	1-Jan-24	no gst	\$ 310.00	1-Jan-24	no gst
Waste	Commercial Organics Collection	Hold in service - bin removal and replacement		each	\$ 300.00	1-Jul-18	no gst	\$ 300.00	1-Jul-18	no gst
Waste	Commercial Organics Collection	Hold in service - cart removal and replacement		each	\$ 200.00	1-Jul-18	no gst	\$ 200.00	1-Jul-18	no gst
Waste	Commercial Organics Collection	Hold in service - freeze and reactivate billing		per site	\$ 50.00	1-Jul-18	no gst	\$ 50.00	1-Jul-18	no gst
Waste	Organic Waste	Organic waste	Food waste, food-soiled paper, leaf and yard waste, certified compostable containers	per tonne	\$ 72.50	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 72.50	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Organic Waste	Woodchips and sawdust	Clean woodchips and sawdust from untreated wood - no gravel	no charge	\$ -	1-Jun-15	no gst	\$ -	1-Jun-15	no gst
Waste	Recyclable Waste	Recyclable materials - residential quantities only	Packaging and paper products, no glass, flexible plastic packaging or polystyrene	per tonne	\$ 132.50	1-Apr-25	no gst			REMOVE FEE
Waste	Household Hazardous Waste	Household hazardous waste - residential quantities	No charge if brought separately. Commercial quantities not accepted	no charge	-	1-Apr-25	no gst	-	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Weighed Load	Minimum weighed load fee	Mixed loads charged at highest applicable fee	minimum fee	\$ 6.00	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 6.00	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Animal carcasses	No slaughter waste	per tonne	\$ 143.00	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 143.00	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Appliances and white goods (containing refrigerant)	Surcharge in addition to weighed fee	surcharge	\$ 50.00	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 50.00	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Asbestos load fee - surcharge in addition to weighed asbestos fee	Must notify Waste Management Facility in advance prior to disposal	surcharge	\$ 190.00	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 190.00	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Materials containing asbestos	Must notify Waste Management Facility in advance prior to disposal	per tonne	\$ 248.00	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 248.00	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Materials containing asbestos from outside City boundaries	Must notify Waste Management Facility in advance prior to disposal	per tonne	\$ 435.00	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 435.00	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Boxsprings, mattresses	Surcharge in addition to weighed fee	surcharge	\$ 20.00	1-Apr-24	no gst	\$ 20.00	1-Apr-24	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Clean wood and brushing	Untreated, unpainted, unglued, uncontaminated brush or dimensional lumber, unpainted pallets	per tonne	\$ 72.50	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 72.50	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Concrete	Concrete, bricks, masonry	per tonne	\$ 143.00	1-Apr-24	no gst	\$ 143.00	1-Apr-24	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Construction and demolition (C&D) waste, bulky items	Cupboards, countertops, carpet, fixtures, gypsum, siding, insulation, treated, painted, glued or stained wood and other construction materials	per tonne	\$ 143.00	1-Apr-24	no gst	\$ 143.00	1-Apr-24	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Clean fill	Soil with analytical test results showing acceptable contamination levels	no charge	-	30-May-12	no gst	-	30-May-12	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Designated municipal historic resource		no charge	-	28-Jun-99	no gst	-	28-Jun-99	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Grubbing material	Grubbing material including roots, stumps, embedded logs and branches and bushes greater than 1.5 cm in diameter	per tonne	\$ 79.00	1-Apr-23	no gst	\$ 79.00	1-Apr-23	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Scrap metal	Clean scrap metal, appliances and white goods	per tonne	\$ 143.00	1-Apr-24	no gst	\$ 143.00	1-Apr-24	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Tires - off rim with an inner diameter less than 99.06 cm (39 in)	Tires on rims not accepted	no charge	-	1-Apr-23	no gst	-	1-Apr-23	no gst
Waste	Controlled Waste	Tires - off rim with an inner diameter greater than 99.06 cm (39 in)	Tires on rims not accepted	each	\$ 300.00	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 300.00	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Residual Waste	Household waste, industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) waste	No organics, cardboard, clean wood, scrap metal, hazardous waste or e-waste	per tonne	\$ 132.50	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 132.50	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Residual Waste	Sorted residual waste from outside city boundaries	Only accepted from communities identified on the periphery circuit list as per MOA	per tonne	\$ 355.00	1-Apr-25	no gst	\$ 355.00	1-Apr-25	no gst
Waste	Residual Waste	Volume equivalent for properly sorted residual or C&D waste		cubic metre	\$ 16.00	14-Apr-20	no gst	\$ 16.00	14-Apr-20	no gst
Waste	Mixed Waste	Soil mixed with other controlled or banned waste		per tonne	\$ 315.00	1-Apr-24	no gst	\$ 315.00	1-Apr-24	no gst
Waste	Mixed Waste	Unsorted large load - to be weighed	Loads containing controlled waste or banned landfill waste that exceeds 10% of the total load	per tonne	\$ 315.00	1-Apr-24	no gst	\$ 315.00	1-Apr-24	no gst
Waste	Mixed waste	Unsorted residual waste from outside city boundaries	Only accepted from communities identified on the periphery circuit list as per MOA	per tonne	\$ 468.00	1-Apr-24	no gst	\$ 468.00	1-Apr-24	no gst
Waste	Mixed waste	Unsorted additional item fee - load contains white goods, electronic waste, hazardous waste or tires		per item	\$ 50.00	14-Apr-20	no gst	\$ 50.00	14-Apr-20	no gst

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Waste	Mixed waste	Volume equivalent for unsorted residual or construction and demolition waste		cubic metre	\$ 50.00	1-Apr-18	no gst	\$ 50.00	1-Apr-18	no gst
Waste	Other	Clean-up of waste not disposed of properly or spilled on street or lane		each	actual	22-Jun-98	no gst	actual	22-Jun-98	no gst
Waste	Other	Load inspection fee		per inspection	\$ 100.00	1-Jan-10	no gst	\$ 100.00	1-Jan-10	no gst
Waste	Other	Removal of condemned waste receptacle		each	actual	28-Jun-99	no gst	actual	28-Jun-99	no gst
Waste	Other	Removal of waste receptacle on street other than collection day		each	actual	28-Jun-99	no gst	actual	28-Jun-99	no gst
Waste	Other	Testing weigh scale for accuracy		each	actual	28-Jun-99	no gst	actual	28-Jun-99	no gst
Waste	Other	Unsecured load		each	\$ 250.00	23-Feb-09	no gst	\$ 250.00	23-Feb-09	no gst
Waste	Compost Sale	1-9 cubic yard bulk blended sand/compost		cubic yard	\$ 50.00	1-Apr-23	no gst	\$ 50.00	1-Apr-23	no gst
Waste	Compost Sale	10+ cubic yard bulk blended sand/compost		cubic yard	\$ 35.00	1-Apr-23	no gst	\$ 35.00	1-Apr-23	no gst
Waste	Compost Sale	1-9 cubic yard bulk compost		cubic yard	\$ 50.00	1-Apr-23	no gst	\$ 50.00	1-Apr-23	no gst
Waste	Compost Sale	10 + cubic yard bulk compost		cubic yard	\$ 35.00	1-Apr-23	no gst	\$ 35.00	1-Apr-23	no gst
Waste	Compost Sale	Bagged compost		20L bag	\$ 6.00	1-Apr-23	no gst	\$ 6.00	1-Apr-23	no gst
Waste	Compost carts	Ability to purchase additional household carts		each	\$ 200.00	1-Jan-10	\$ 210.00	\$ 200.00	1-Jan-10	\$ 210.00
Waste	Restricted Waste	Evaluation of restricted / over-strength waste		each	actual	8-Mar-99	actual	actual	8-Mar-99	actual
Waste	Restricted Waste	Overstrength oil and grease, B.O.D. and T.S.S. surcharge		per Kg	\$ 0.20	8-Mar-99	no gst	\$ 0.20	8-Mar-99	no gst

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CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Council Chambers, City Hall



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September 2, 2025

Meeting #2025-17

1. New Business

CITY OF WHITEHORSE
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
Council Chambers, City Hall



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Vice-Chair: Jenny Hamilton

September 2, 2025

Meeting #2025-17

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1. 2025-2030 Climate Action Plan Adoption
Presented by Blake Rogers, Sustainability Coordinator, Planning and
Sustainability Services
 2. New Business

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Development Services Committee
FROM: Administration
DATE: September 2, 2025
RE: 2025-2030 Climate Action Plan Adoption

ISSUE

Adoption of the 2025-2030 Climate Action Plan.

REFERENCES

- [Whitehorse 2040 Official Community Plan](#)
- [2025-2028 Strategic Priorities](#)
- [Engage Whitehorse – Climate Action Plan](#)
- [Proposed Climate Action Plan](#)
- Proposed Climate Action Plan – Excerpt Only (Attachment 1)

HISTORY

Over the past two years, administration has worked to develop a Climate Action Plan (CAP) as a guide for reducing corporate GHG emissions and preparing the community for the impacts of climate change. The proposed CAP provides a comprehensive overview of potential climate impacts for Whitehorse and outlines goals and actions for the next five years for adaptation and greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation. The CAP also includes emission reduction and climate scenarios for the period from 2025 to 2050, as well as high level goals designed to significantly reduce the City's carbon footprint and continue to enhance the City's resiliency to the effects of climate change by 2050.

The CAP was developed through multiple stages of information gathering, research of best practices, and engagement with City departments, government partners, stakeholders and the public.

Plan Engagement

Engagement was conducted through a variety of methods, including public webinars, online surveys, meetings/correspondence with government partners (TKC, KDFN, and YG) and stakeholders (non-governmental organizations, community associations, public schools, YukonU, etc.), and in-person events (open houses and pop-ups). Opportunities to engage were promoted through radio ads, social media, and on engagewhitehorse.ca.

The process of developing the CAP has included three engagement phases:

- Phase 1 (January 31–February 14, 2024): initial engagement - collected local perceptions about the impacts of climate change on the City and the community;
- Phase 2 (May 15-31, 2024): resident engagement on Draft CAP #1 ; and
- Phase 3 (May 20-June 20, 2025): resident engagement on Draft CAP #2.

A What We Heard report was published following each phase and are each available on the project website at engagewhitehorse.ca. The results and input from the public

engagement were used to help inform actions outlined in the CAP. Following Phase 3, Administration has made minor changes to the CAP. An additional focus was put on areas such as active transportation, reduction of vehicle-related GHGs, increased food security, and finding ways to encourage the reuse of materials and items.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt the proposed Climate Action Plan as a guiding document; or
2. Refer the matter back to Administration.

ANALYSIS

Plan Context

Climate change is a global issue with wide-ranging impacts that extend beyond geographical boundaries. Climate impacts are expected to vary locally. As a northern city that is growing quickly, Whitehorse is already feeling the effects of climate change, such as increases in extreme weather events and variations in precipitation. The impacts of these effects are projected to become more frequent and more intense in the years to come.

Studies show that the City is expected to experience more heatwaves, heavy rain, strong winds, snow and become more vulnerable to wildfires. At the same time, there is expected to be a notable increase in the number of hot days (over 25°C) each year, as well as a decrease in very cold days (below -25°C) each year and more freeze-thaw cycles during winter months.

As part of developing the CAP, a consultant completed a Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) to understand how climate change could impact the services and infrastructure people rely on every day in Whitehorse - like clean water, safe roads, parks, and emergency response. The CVA looked at critical infrastructure, key climate hazards, past impacts, and future risks. Its findings helped to inform the actions in the CAP which will support the City in making services and infrastructure more resilient to climate change.

Climate Action Plan Overview

The CAP, if adopted, will become a corporate plan focused on actions within the City's control—like municipal buildings, fleet, and services—and those it can influence through bylaws and programs. By investing in resilient infrastructure, energy efficiency, and emergency preparedness, the City can reduce emissions and adapt to climate change. It can also promote climate action in the broader community through various programs, such as public education campaigns.

As a government, the City cannot however move climate action on its own. Successful climate action will require the City to advocate for changes to the things outside of its control and its direct influence. Intergovernmental partnerships will be key for moving the needle.

CAP Pillars and Goals

The CAP is organized around seven pillars, supported by 13 goals, 17 strategies, and 80 actions. The following summarizes each pillar and highlights a few example actions.

- **Transportation:** The focus of this Pillar is to expand and enhance public transit, active transportation networks, and low-carbon mobility options. Example actions include increasing covered bus shelters, expanding the Whistle Bend, Porter Creek, 2nd Avenue transit corridor, and adding secure, weather-protected bike parking in new developments.
- **Buildings & Infrastructure:** This Pillar focuses on the design and retrofit of City assets and infrastructure for climate resilience and energy efficiency. Example actions include conducting energy audits on all major City buildings and incorporating design criteria into renovations and new builds.
- **Waste & Materials:** This Pillar focuses on the reduction of waste generation, improved diversion, and promotion of circular economy practices. Example actions include introducing a Sustainable Development Checklist for construction projects to reduce and separate demolition waste, and complete a landfill gas assessment to cut methane emissions.
- **Natural Assets & Greenspaces:** This Pillar focuses on the protection and enhancement of natural systems to support ecosystem services and biodiversity. Example actions include implementing natural asset management plans, expand native tree planting, and protecting wetlands to improve water quality and reduce flood risk.
- **Emergency Management:** This Pillar focuses on the strengthening of preparedness and response to climate-related emergencies. Example actions include maintaining a permanent FireSmart program, developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and ensuring backup power for critical facilities.
- **Community Education & Engagement:** This Pillar focuses on the increase of public awareness and support for climate action. Example actions include expanding outreach programs, providing resources for home energy efficiency, and promoting local leadership in climate solutions.
- **Corporate Leadership:** This Pillar focuses on the integration of climate considerations into the City's approach to governance, such as intergovernmental relations, finance, and policy development. Example actions include collaborating with other governments on climate-related actions, exploring funding opportunities, and exploring ideas for reducing corporate energy use during peak usage times.

CAP Implementation

Implementation of the CAP will require collaboration across many departments. Lead departments will track progress, highlight contributions, and continue to find new and innovative ways to make the City more resilient through cross-departmental collaboration.

Actions with financial impacts will be reviewed and approved by Council through the annual budget process.

The CAP is designed to be a living document, with regular monitoring and bi-annual check-ins. A formal review every five years will allow the City to update its response to the climate crisis, based on emerging opportunities, challenges, technologies, and funding.

Climate Change Emergency

In 2019, Whitehorse declared a climate emergency, highlighting the need to cut GHG emissions and prepare for climate change. The proposed CAP helps to advance the City response to the climate emergency by coordinating efforts across City departments to address climate risks and to support City's efforts to reduce its GHG emissions.

Council Strategic Priorities

The CAP directly and indirectly addresses all six of the Council's 2025-2028 Strategic Priorities:

- ***Growth & Sustainability***

The CAP supports Whitehorse's growth by promoting cleaner transportation, energy-efficient buildings, protected greenspaces, and reduced waste—while also supporting housing development, jobs, and developing strategic partnerships. A key priority is implementing the CAP itself.

- ***Infrastructure Investment***

The CAP supports Council's commitment to modern, reliable infrastructure. Upgrades to City buildings, more EV charging stations, and long-term maintenance planning reduce costs and build climate-resilient systems.

- ***Good Government***

The CAP emphasizes transparency and accountability in climate action through various methods such as community engagement, reporting, and embedding climate goals into City planning and purchasing.

- ***Service Excellence***

The CAP enhances City services by identifying ways to improve accessibility in frontline services like waste collection, retrofitting facilities to reduce energy costs, and leveraging technology to streamline service delivery. These improvements make services more reliable, cost-effective, and responsive to community needs.

- ***Quality of Life***

The CAP supports a healthier, more livable Whitehorse. Investments in walking and biking networks, better transit, and greener public spaces make neighborhoods more connected and vibrant. Protecting wetlands, planting trees, and revitalizing the downtown and waterfront all enhance recreation, mobility, and environmental protection.

- ***Safety & Resilience***

The CAP outlines actions to help protect communities. Emergency measures like wildfire readiness, backup power, and education boost climate resilience, while greener transport, stronger infrastructure, and local food initiatives enhance community safety and wellbeing.

Official Community Plan Alignment

The Whitehorse 2040 OCP (Policy 6.2) commits to a climate strategy. The proposed CAP fulfills this by offering a coordinated approach to climate adaptation and GHG reduction.

Other City Plans

The CAP complements multiple City plans, such as the Transportation Master Plan (2024), the Sustainability Plan (2015), the Transit Master Plan (2018), the Emergency Management Plan (2022), the Solid Waste Action Plan (2013), and the Energy Management Plan (2012). Certain actions in the Proposed CAP help to tie these plans together – for example, CAP Action 1.1.8 speaks to the goals of increasing Active Transportation and connecting communities (highlighted in the Sustainability Plan) by seeking ways to expedite the development of a separate bike trail connecting Whistle Bend to Marwell (a deliverable in the Transportation Master Plan).

Identified risks/challenges

Limited baseline data has posed challenges in developing the CAP, making it difficult to set measurable targets. The City is working with the Government of Yukon to improve data collection and tracking. Other challenges include rapidly evolving global data and differing terminology across fields—for example, “mitigation” means different things in wildfire prevention and climate science.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the Climate Action Plan as a guiding document which will coordinate the city-wide response to the Climate emergency through tangible actions that enhance the City’s resilience to the effects of climate change.



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2025-2030

- Excerpt Only -



FOREWORD

Whitehorse, a unique and vibrant community, is often referred to as 'The Wilderness City'. As the Yukon's capital city, Whitehorse plays a pivotal role in leading through innovation and action in the Territory. Whitehorse is home to diverse wildlife and breathtaking landscapes, and being located in the North, is especially impacted by the changes to the global climate.

The city's geographical location makes it particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Changes in temperature and precipitation patterns could alter the region's biodiversity, affecting the flora and fauna that form the basis of fragile ecosystems. Warmer temperatures mean that soil is expected to be affected by an increase in the frequency and severity of freeze-thaw cycles and groundwater saturation, resulting in changes to the landscape that will impact the City's infrastructure.

Moreover, climate change will likely influence some of the City's socio-economic aspects. Changes in the local climate could affect outdoor recreational activities, a significant part of the Whitehorse community's lifestyle and a contributor to the local economy, by making conditions unsuitable for specific activities or unsafe for participants. It could also impact the traditional ways of life of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation citizens by altering the land- and water- based natural resources on which they depend.

Change encourages adaptation and innovation. As a community, Whitehorse has the opportunity to come together and proactively address these challenges. By understanding the ongoing impacts of climate change, the City and the community can develop strategies to adapt and ensure the sustainability of Whitehorse.

This Climate Action Plan (CAP) will build on the work of the Official Community Plan (OCP) recognizing that local actions form the fundamental solutions to international challenges. Climate change, a global phenomenon, has far-reaching impacts that are not confined to any geographical boundaries. It is a complex issue that affects various aspects of society, from the air we breathe, the water we drink, to the food we eat. For Whitehorse, a northern community with a rapidly growing population, the effects of climate change could be profound and multifaceted.

This plan aims to provide a comprehensive yet accessible overview of how climate change might shape the future of Whitehorse. It is intended for City staff and the residents of Whitehorse to help foster understanding and inspire action towards climate change adaptation and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) mitigation efforts.

There will be periodic reviews of the CAP. Although specific actions are defined in this plan, it is anticipated that they will be prioritized and

implemented based on impact, urgency, and practical considerations (e.g. financial resources, internal capacity, etc.). Any actions with financial implications will be reviewed and approved by Senior Administration and Council.

In the following sections, this plan delves deeper into the projected changes for Whitehorse and discusses potential strategies that will help the City play its part in mitigating the causes of climate change

(GHG emissions) and adapting to changes already underway and projected to occur. This Plan serves as the basis for a broader conversation about the City's future in the face of climate change.



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