

# **CITY OF WHITEHORSE – STANDING COMMITTEES**

Monday, February 2, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

**DELEGATIONS**      Melanie Bennet, Executive Director, and Meg Potter, Yukon First Nation Education Directorate – Centralized Kitchen and Education Services Centre

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillors Gallina and Melnychuk**

1. New Business

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – Councillors Boyd and Gallina**

1. New Business

## **CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillors Melnychuk and Middler**

1. Commencement Report – Street Flusher Truck
2. Northern Capital Cities Memorandum of Understanding
3. New Business

## **CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE – Councillors Middler and Hamilton**

1. New Business

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillors Hamilton and Morris**

1. New Business

## **CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Councillors Morris and Boyd**

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1. Commencement Report – Street Flusher Truck  
Presented by Richard Graham, Manager, Fleet and Transportation Maintenance
2. Northern Capital Cities Memorandum of Understanding  
Presented by Matthew Cameron, Manager, Strategic Communications
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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**TO:** Corporate Services Committee  
**FROM:** Administration  
**DATE:** February 2, 2026  
**RE:** Commencement Report – Street Flusher Truck

### ISSUE

Council approval for the commencement for the 2026 procurement of project 500c00324 – Replacement Street Flusher Truck.

### REFERENCE

- [Procurement Policy 2020-03](#)
- [2026-2029 Capital Expenditure Program](#) 500c00324

### HISTORY

In accordance with Section 3.1.1 of the Procurement Policy, Council authorization is required prior to the commencement of procurements with an estimated value of \$500,000 or more and of procurements less than \$500,000 that are deemed to be of significant risk, involve security concerns or may be of significant community interest. This procurement is anticipated to be over \$500,000.

The 2026 Capital Expenditure Plan includes a project to replace One Street Flusher Truck with a budget of \$550,000.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Authorize Administration to commence the procurement for One Replacement Street Flusher Truck; or
2. Refer the matter back to Administration.

### ANALYSIS

This piece of equipment replaces our current 2011 street flusher. The street flusher is integral to the regular operation of Transportation Maintenance and Water and Waste Services and will be outfitted for the use of both departments.

Replacement for fleet assets takes into consideration age, mileage, hours and a condition assessment to ensure our units are reliable and able to be maintained at a cost-effective level.

#### Purchasing

It is intended that the purchase of this flusher truck will be made through the Canoe Procurement Group of Canada. If the initial procurement approach does not proceed as planned, other purchasing methods allowed by the City's policy will be used.

#### Procurement Policy Principles

**Compliance:** Process will follow City policy and procedures for procurements.

**Supplier Access, Transparency, and Fairness:** A Notice of Intent to use Canoe Procurement Group of Canada will be publicly posted on the City's e-procurement platform, [www.whitehorse.bonfirehub.ca](http://www.whitehorse.bonfirehub.ca) .

**Best Value:** The Canoe Procurement Group of Canada publicly advertises procurement opportunities and contracts are awarded to the best evaluated bidder. Furthermore, preferred pricing is made available to members.

**Efficient and Effective Procurement:**

Administrative time savings and process efficiencies will be attained as the procurement process will be significantly shortened. Solicitation and evaluation have already been completed by Canoe Procurement Group of Canada.

**Local Procurement:** Local suppliers and support is available for this type of equipment.

Tentative Project Schedule

Item	Proposed date(s)
Post Notice of Intent	February 2026
Issue Purchase Order/Contract	March 2026
Total Completion	Fall 2027

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the procurement for project 500c00324 – Replacement Street Flusher Truck.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**TO:** Corporate Services Committee  
**FROM:** Administration  
**DATE:** February 2, 2026  
**RE:** Northern Capital Cities Memorandum of Understanding

### **ISSUE**

Council is being asked to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Whitehorse, the City of Yellowknife, and the City of Iqaluit to advance Arctic infrastructure, resilience and defence readiness (hereafter, “the MOU”).

### **REFERENCE**

- Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment 1)

### **HISTORY**

The Northern Capital Cities – Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Iqaluit – have been working to increase collaboration to raise awareness of municipal needs in the North and address shared priorities, including

- securing the necessary federal funding to address infrastructure needs that support resilient communities and defence initiatives in Canada’s North; and
- being involved in national defence initiatives and decisions that impact northern municipalities.

In 2025, the Government of Canada announced more than \$81 billion in new funding for the Canadian Armed Forces to, in part, increase Arctic sovereignty and security. Additionally, the Government of Canada announced a new \$1 billion Arctic Infrastructure Fund focused on dual-use—civilian/community and defence—transportation projects that reinforce Canada’s sovereignty, enable regional economic development, and connect Northern and Indigenous communities.

In response to these funding announcements, the Northern Capital Cities have agreed to explore ways to coordinate and strengthen advocacy efforts to ensure federal investments and defense initiatives reflect northern priorities and support the resiliency of northern municipalities, including signing and implementing the MOU.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the MOU; or
2. Council does not authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU.

### **ANALYSIS**

The MOU establishes a framework for the Northern Capital Cities to jointly advocate for strategic and coordinated investment in infrastructure, services, and community resilience to support defence operations while safeguarding the quality of life of northern residents.

It requires each party to work together to share relevant information and updates, and align advocacy efforts, with respect to the federal government. It also commits the parties to engaging with Indigenous partners and ensure local stakeholders are informed, represented and involved in the work pursuant to the MOU.

The objectives of the MOU are to advocate that the Government of Canada

- prioritize investment in infrastructure across the Northern Capital Cities, including water and wastewater and solid waste systems, housing, transportation, communications energy, and large community facilities;
- increase collaboration to advance Arctic sovereignty, defence readiness, and operational planning; and
- establish a structured, ongoing framework for collaboration and capacity support.

As such, the MOU aligns with many of Council's Strategic Priorities, including:

- Supporting Growth and Sustainability
- Investing in Infrastructure
- Good Government
- Quality of Life, Well-being, and Connection
- Community Safety and Resilience

The MOU would establish regular meetings between the Mayors of the Northern Capital Cities and would also involve designated representatives from each municipality to support implementation. However, the MOU does not create any rights or legal obligations between the parties, and given the broad alignment with Council Strategic Priorities, the work and resources involved to support the MOU, if signed, would largely coincide with and complement existing corporate initiatives.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Yellowknife, the City of Whitehorse, and the City of Iqaluit to advance Arctic infrastructure, resilience and defence readiness.

**DRAFT – WITHOUT PREJUDICE – FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

**Between the City of Yellowknife, the City of Whitehorse, and the City of Iqaluit  
Regarding Arctic Security and NORAD/CAF/DND Investments in Northern  
Municipalities**

**Date:** [Insert Date]

**Parties:**

**Mayor**, City of Yellowknife

**Mayor**, City of Whitehorse

**Mayor**, City of Iqaluit

**1. Purpose**

The Cities of Yellowknife, Whitehorse, and Iqaluit share a common interest of strengthening infrastructure resilience, modernizing critical systems, and fostering local capacity to support the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), and the Department of National Defence (DND) in their respective communities.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a collaborative framework for the three capital cities to jointly advocate for strategic and coordinated investment in infrastructure, services, and community resilience to support defence operations while safeguarding the quality of life for northern residents.

**2. Objectives**

The Parties agree to work together to:

**Invest in Northern Resilience and Core Infrastructure**

The Parties call on the Government of Canada to prioritize sustained investment in climate-resilient, dual-use infrastructure across Yellowknife, Whitehorse, and Iqaluit. These investments should strengthen both defence and civilian capacity — including municipal core systems such as water, wastewater, solid waste, housing, transportation, communications, energy, and large community facilities — to ensure northern communities remain secure, livable, and operationally ready in support of Canada's Arctic sovereignty and national security objectives.

## **Strengthen Federal-Municipal Collaboration in Arctic Planning and Operations**

The Parties call on the Government of Canada to deepen collaboration with the northern capital cities in advancing Arctic sovereignty, defence readiness, and operational planning. This includes embedding municipal perspectives in national security, infrastructure, and investment decisions; ensuring early engagement on CAF and NORAD activities; and aligning municipal capacity and growth planning with federal priorities for northern development and resilience.

## **Provide Structured Partnership and Capacity Support for Northern Municipalities**

The Parties urge the Government of Canada to establish a structured, ongoing framework for collaboration and capacity support with the northern capitals. This includes providing predictable funding and technical assistance to enable effective municipal readiness in Arctic security initiatives, infrastructure, housing and workforce planning, and the sharing of data, research, and best practices to advance economic opportunity and community resilience.

### **3. Principles of Collaboration**

The Parties share:

- **Mutual Respect and Trust:** Recognizing the unique strengths and strategic value of each municipality.
- **Transparency:** Sharing relevant information and updates in a timely and open manner.
- **Coordination:** Aligning advocacy efforts to present a unified northern voice.
- **Community Engagement:** Ensuring local stakeholders are informed, represented, and involved.
- **Shared Prosperity:** Promoting economic development and job creation that benefits all three communities.

### **4. Inuit, First Nations and Métis Participation and Engagement**

The Parties recognize the significance of Inuit, First Nations and Métis participation in northern planning and development. Each Party will engage with relevant Inuit, First Nations and Métis governments and groups, as required and consistent with best practices in their respective territories, to inform initiatives undertaken within the scope of this MOU.

## **5. Intergovernmental Coordination and Capacity Support**

The Parties jointly call on:

- **The Government of Canada and its departments**, including DND;
- **The Canadian Armed Forces**;
- **The North American Aerospace Defense Command**;
- **The Government of the Northwest Territories, the Government of Yukon, and the Government of Nunavut**, and their respective departments;

To coordinate and collaborate in the planning and implementation of Arctic sovereignty and security initiatives, and to provide capacity funding to the Cities of Yellowknife, Whitehorse, and Iqaluit to enable meaningful participation in these efforts, including planning, engagement, and infrastructure readiness.

## **6. Governance and Communication**

- The mayors will meet regularly, or as needed, to review progress and coordinate actions.
- Designated staff or representatives from each municipality will support implementation.
- Any joint communications and advocacy materials will be developed and approved by all Parties.

## **7. General**

- This MOU will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years from the date of signing, unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement. It may be reviewed annually, amended as needed by mutual consent of the parties, and renewed as necessary.
- This MOU does not create any rights or legal obligations between the Parties.
- The Parties agree that this MOU does not prohibit a Party from independently communicating with, and advocating to, the Government of Canada, Territorial Governments, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis governments and development corporations, in relation to the subject matter of this MOU.

## 8. Signatures

### **Mayor Ben Hendriksen**

City of Yellowknife

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Mayor Kirk Cameron**

City of Whitehorse

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Mayor Solomon Awa**

City of Iqaluit

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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