

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2026-05 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, March 9, 2026, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Kirk Cameron
Councillors Dan Boyd
Jenny Hamilton
Eileen Melnychuk
Anne Middler
Lenore Morris

ABSENT: Councillor Paolo Gallina

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Valerie Braga
Director of Community Services Krista Mroz
Director of Corporate Services Brittany Dixon
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

2026-05-01

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

MINUTES

2026-05-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated
February 23, 2026 be adopted as presented.
Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mayor Cameron advised that a Public Input Session was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to the 2026-2028 Operating Budget Bylaw.

2026-2028 Operating Budget
Bylaw

Nancy Campbell spoke in opposition to the proposed decrease of the Senior Utility Rebate rate, explaining how essential it is to many seniors in the community, and urged Council to keep the rebate amount as \$500 for 2026 and provide sufficient notice if a decrease is planned for 2027.

Nancy Campbell

Deborah McNevin spoke in opposition to the proposal to decrease the Senior Utility Rebate and to consider income testing for allocation, describing the impacts to seniors as disproportionate to the budget savings. At the request of Committee members, the speaker further elaborated on concerns related to privacy and income testing.

Deborah McNevin

Fred Privett raised concerns with the proposed 2026-2028 Operating Budget bylaw specific to the cost of living for seniors in the community, sharing an example of how the proposed property taxes will increase for individuals and that costs outside of City control are increasing as well.

Fred Privett

Brenda Morrison raised concerns about the progression of the project for the closure of Eugene Avenue, noting its absence from the proposed 2026-2028 Operating Budget. The speaker was informed the project is relevant to the Capital Expenditure Program and was encouraged to follow up with the City's engineering department.

Brenda Morrison

Robin Reid-Fraser, representing the Council of Canadians Yukon Chapter and the Yukon Climate Action Network, raised concerns with the proposed 2026-2028 Operating Budget related to sustainability and climate change action. Additionally, the speaker spoke in opposition to the proposed public transit fare increase, emphasizing the importance of affordable public transit for the community.

Robin Reid-Fraser

Mary Amerongen spoke in opposition to the proposal to increase the public transit fare and urged Council to advance more of the Climate Action Plan in the 2026-2028 Operating Budget.

Mary Amerongen

Mike McCormick raised concerns with the proposed 2026–2028 Operating Budget, citing impacts on cost of living and the pace of increases over the past four years.

Mike McCormick

Hearing no other submissions come forward, Mayor Cameron declared the Public Input Session for the 2026-2028 Operating Budget Bylaw closed.

Public Input Closed

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 32 Wasson Place.

Conditional Use Application –
32 Wasson Place

Seeing no submissions come forward, Mayor Cameron declared the Public Input Session for the Conditional Use Application for 32 Wasson Place closed.

Public Input Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Committee

2026-05-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council approve hosting a community celebration for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, pending external funding availability.
Carried Unanimously

FIFA World Cup Community
Celebration

Committee members encouraged residents to support the upcoming Arctic Winter Games, highlighting the opportunity for the community to attend events and celebrate youth athletes from across the North.

New Business – Arctic Winter
Games

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed March 8, 2026, to be International Women's Day in the city of Whitehorse, with this year's theme being "Give to Gain", emphasizing the power of reciprocity and support and recognizing that when women thrive, everyone benefits.

Proclamation – International
Women's Day (March 8,
2026)

Public Health and Safety Committee

Delegate Gabriele Watts spoke to concerns regarding excessive vehicle headlight brightness and encouraged Council to consider advocating to senior levels of government for regulatory changes. The delegate responded to questions raised by Committee members regarding jurisdiction and enforcement, existing regulations, local safety impacts, and different types of vehicle lighting.

Delegate Gabrielle Watts –
Bright Car Headlights

Corporate Services Committee

A Committee member raised questions regarding abstentions and voting requirements under the Municipal Act and the Procedures Bylaw. Administration clarified that, unless formally excused or in a conflict of interest, all members are required to vote and noted the need to update the Procedures Bylaw to address inconsistencies.

New Business – Council
Procedure Update

A Committee member raised the potential development of an Association of Yukon Communities resolution regarding excessive vehicle headlight brightness. Committee members discussed submitting a resolution prior to the upcoming deadline, using AYC as a forum to advocate to territorial and federal governments, and the importance of coordinating the City's position on this subject in advance of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference.

New Business – AYC
Resolution Addition

City Planning Committee

2026-05-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council approve the subdivision of approximately 2.45 ha of land for the creation of new residential lots, and parks space for the areas known as Chasàn Tatäy Subdivision, as shown on the proposed subdivision sketch.

Subdivision Approval -
Chasàn Tatäy

Carried Unanimously

A report was presented on a Conditional Use application for 32 Wasson Place to allow for office use on the ground floor and as more than 50% of the building's gross floor area. Per the Zoning Bylaw, a Public Input Session has been scheduled at the Regular Council meeting on March 9, 2026.

Conditional Use Application –
32 Wasson Place – For
Information Only

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

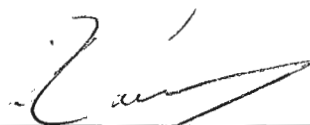
City Operations Committee

A Committee member raised concerns regarding road conditions and inquired about the status of snow clearing operations. Administration provided an update on current clearing priorities, timelines, impacts of recent storms, and efforts to prepare roadways ahead of warmer temperatures and the upcoming Arctic Winter Games.

New Business – Snow
Clearing Update

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**




Kirk Cameron, Mayor


Corporate Services