

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2026-06 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, March 23, 2026, 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 Valerie Braga
Director of Community Services Krista Mroz
A/Director of Corporate Services Svetlana Erickson
Director of Development Services Lindsay Schneider
Director of Operations Travis Whiting
Director of People, Culture, and Technology Landon Kulych
Manager, Legislative Services Michael Prowse

*Indicates electronic participation.

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

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

2026-06-01

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed April 7, 2026, to be Green
Shirt Day in the city of Whitehorse, a day to recognize the
victims of the fatal Humboldt Broncos bus crash, and to
encourage Canadians to register as organ donors.
Green Shirt Day (April 7,
2026)

MINUTES

2026-06-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated March
9, 2026 be adopted as presented.
Carried Unanimously

DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS

Delegate, Jessica Vautour expressed opposition to the proposed urban residential infill project, citing concerns about the loss of neighbourhood greenspace and the long-term impacts on community well-being and noted the creation of an online petition opposing development. The delegate responded to questions from Committee members regarding the information included in the petition and the supporting materials being shared.

Jessica Vautour – Urban Residential Infill Project (City Land)

Delegate Doug MacLean, President of the Riverdale Community Association, expressed support for the proposed feasibility studies, while raising concerns regarding the potential loss of green spaces, traffic congestion, and safety risks related to limited access and bridge capacity. The delegate noted that the Association intends to undertake further engagement on this matter, and responded to questions from Committee Member regarding how the Association will gather and present that community input.

Doug MacLean, President, Riverdale Community Association – Urban Residential Infill Project (City Land)

Delegate Anna Chapman, attended to speak to concerns regarding potential loss of green spaces throughout the community but indicated she had not had sufficient time to prepare and did not proceed with a presentation. The delegate expressed interest in returning to Council at a future meeting to speak further on the matter.

Anna Chapman – Urban Residential Infill Project (City Land)

Delegate John Gunter, expressed opposition to the potential loss of green spaces within the city, with specific reference to impacts in the Copper Ridge neighbourhood, highlighting its importance for recreation, community use, and overall quality of life.

John Gunter – Urban Residential Infill Project (City Land)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Committee

As requested by a Committee member, Administration confirmed that transit routes and schedules are not determined by artificial intelligence and are currently being reviewed for updates following increased traffic rates and decreased speed limits.

New Business – Transit Routes and Schedules

Following a meeting with the Canadian Armed Forces to clarify how northern defense planning might look like in Whitehorse, Committee members that attended confirmed that while planning is still in the early discussion stages, public consultation is planned to occur throughout the various stages of development and that emphasis will be on dual-use developments that benefit both military and civilian purposes.

New Business – Northern
Defense Funding

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed March 21, 2026, to be International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the city of Whitehorse, a day to reflect on and recognize injustices due to racism and encourage engagement in conversations and learning.

International Day for the
Elimination of Racial
Discrimination (March 21,
2026)

Public Health and Safety Committee

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

No Report

Corporate Services Committee

2026-06-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2026-01, a bylaw to adopt the 2026 Operating Budget and the 2027 and 2028 Provisional Budgets, be brought forward for Second and Third Readings under the bylaw process;
THAT the associated 2026 Tax Levy Bylaw 2026-02, be brought forward for Second and Third Readings under the bylaw process;
THAT the associated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 2026-03, be brought forward for Second and Third Readings under the bylaw process; and
THAT the associated Senior Utility Charges Rebate Amendment Bylaw 2026-10, be brought forward for Second and Third Readings under the bylaw process.

Public Input Report – 2026-
2028 Operating Budget Bylaw

Carried Unanimously

2026-06-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the procurement of planning services for Project 720c00223 Holly Residential Area Master Plan.

Commencement Report –
Holly Residential Area Master
Plan

Carried Unanimously

2026-06-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the procurement of consulting services to explore the feasibility of undertaking residential developments on City of Whitehorse owned land within existing neighbourhoods in the study areas identified in Attachment 1.

Commencement Report –
Urban Residential Infill
Project (City Land)

Carried Unanimously

A Committee member spoke regarding a tour of The Hearth that allowed Council members an opportunity to learn about the facility and the services it will provide and recommended the community engage with public tours and input sessions once available.

New Business – The Hearth
Update

Delegate Tony Grabowski presented to Council on the history of the Holly Street area and spoke in opposition to development of the area citing impacts on resident lifestyle including losing nearby greenspace and traffic level increases.

Delegate Tony Grabowski –
Holly Street Development

Delegate Doris Kerr spoke to Council in opposition of developing the Holly Street area, stating that the area should be used as a park.

Delegate Doris Kerr – Holly
Street Development

Delegate Robert Florkiewicz raised concerns to Council about the loss of greenspace that would result from the development of the Holly Street area, describing how crucial the area is for the recreation and wellbeing of residents and visitors. The delegate requested that if any development was to occur, that it be restricted to affordable housing units that don't allow short-term rentals.

Delegate Robert Florkiewicz
– Holly Street Development

City Planning Committee

2026-06-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council approve the Conditional Use application to allow offices on the ground floor and more than 50% of the gross floor area of the building at 32 Wasson Place.

Public Input Report –
Conditional Use Application –
32 Wasson Place

Carried Unanimously

2026-06-07

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Council direct that the proposed Zoning Bylaw 2025-37 be amended in accordance with the recommendations detailed in Attachment 2 of the Administrative Report dated March 16, 2026;

THAT section 5.22(3) of the proposed Zoning Bylaw 2025-37 be amended to read as follows:

(3) In residential zones:

- (a) an operator may operate one short-term rental on a lot in a residential zone that does not contain the operator's primary residence;
- (b) an operator may operate up to three short-terms rental on a lot in a residential zone that contains the operator's primary residence;
- (c) the total number of short-term rentals allowed per operator in a residential zone is four.

Supplemental Report –
Zoning Bylaw 2025-37

THAT Council direct that a second public hearing be held on April 13, 2026; and

THAT Council authorize Administration to request that the Minister of Community Services provide a two-month extension to adopt a new Zoning Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

Development Services Committee

2026-06-08

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Council approve a Housing Development Incentive with respect to 2 Quick Street;

THAT Council approve a Housing Development Incentive with respect to 708 Ogilvie Street; and

THAT Council approve a Housing Development Incentive with respect to 280 Olive May Way.

Development Incentive
Applications

Carried Unanimously

City Operations Committee

Delegate Ovide Perreault, Director of the Whistle Bend Neighbourhood Association, presented to Council on issues impacting Whistle Bend, specifically windblown debris from construction sites and a lack of snow dump in the area available for contractor use. The delegate responded to questions about how the City can help address the first concern and recommended allowing contractor access to the municipal snow dump in the Kulan Industrial Park area to address the second.

Delegate Ovide Perreault,
Director, Whistle Bend
Neighbourhood Association –
Issues Impacting Whistle
Bend

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2026-06-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council approve Resolutions as set out in the
Administrative Report presented March 23, 2026, for
submission to the Association of Yukon Communities AGM in
May 2026 for further discussion with AYC members.

2026 AYC Council
Resolutions

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

2026-06-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-01, a bylaw to adopt the 2026-2028
Operating Budget, be given Second Reading.

BYLAW 2026-01
2026-2028 Operating
Budget Bylaw
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2026-06-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-01 be given Third Reading.

BYLAW 2026-01
2026-2028 Operating
Budget Bylaw
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

2026-06-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-02, a bylaw to levy taxes for the year 2026,
be given Second Reading.

BYLAW 2026-02
Tax Levy Bylaw
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2026-06-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-02 be given Third Reading.

BYLAW 2026-02
Tax Levy Bylaw
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

2026-06-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-03, a bylaw to amend the Fees and
Charges Bylaw in accordance with the 2026 Operating Budget,
be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2026-03
Fees and Charges
Amendments – 2026
Budget Changes
SECOND READING

2026-06-15

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-03 be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2026-03
Fees and Charges
Amendments – 2026
Budget Changes
THIRD READING

2026-06-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-10, a bylaw to reduce the Senior Utility
Rebate, be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2026-10
Senior Utility Rebate
Bylaw Amendment
SECOND READING

2026-06-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-10 be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2026-10
Senior Utility Rebate
Bylaw Amendment
THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**



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Kirk Cameron, Mayor

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Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2026-07