

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2026-08 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, April 27, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Kirk Cameron  
Councillors Dan Boyd  
Paolo Gallina  
Jenny Hamilton  
Eileen Melnychuk  
Lenore Morris

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Valerie Braga  
A/Director of Community Services Elizabeth Beecroft  
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**

**2026-08-01**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed May 2026 to be Jewish Heritage Month in the city of Whitehorse, an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Jewish Canadians have played and continue to play in communities across the country.

Jewish Heritage Month  
(May 2026)

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed May 2026 to be Asian Heritage Month in the city of Whitehorse, an opportunity to learn more about the history of Canadians of Asian heritage and to celebrate their contributions to the growth and prosperity of Whitehorse.

Asian Heritage Month  
(May 2026)

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed May 2, 2026 to be Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, a day to ensure residents and their families are ready in the event of an emergency.

Wildfire Community  
Preparedness Day  
(May 2, 2026)

**MINUTES**

**2026-08-02**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated April  
13, 2026 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Services Committee**

There was no report from the Community Services Committee.

No Report

**Public Health and Safety Committee**

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

No Report

**Corporate Services Committee**

In accordance with the Procurement Policy, the Committee  
was presented with a bi-monthly update on forthcoming  
procurement projects for May/June with an anticipated value  
greater than \$100,000. Administration provided clarification on  
commencement reports, timelines, and the factors that  
determine significant community interest.

Upcoming Procurements  
(May/June)

**2026-08-03**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT travel expenses be authorized for Councillors Gallina,  
Melnychuk, and Morris to attend the Federation of Canadian  
Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show being held  
in Edmonton, Alberta;  
AND THAT Council authorize the use of funds within Council's  
budget, including amounts allocated for delegated  
representation and any unused individual Councillor  
allocations.

Federation of Canadian  
Municipalities – Travel  
Authorization

Carried Unanimously

**City Planning Committee**

There was no report from the City Planning Committee.

No Report

**Development Services Committee**

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed April 22, 2026 to be Earth Day in the City of Whitehorse, a day to celebrate and inspire environmental awareness and to encourage the conservation, protection, and appreciation of our natural resources.

Proclamation – Earth Day  
(April 22, 2026)

Delegate Peggy Land spoke to the potential greenhouse gas emissions associated with mining and the need for Council to consider these impacts in line with the City's Climate Action Plan. As requested by a committee member the delegate spoke to a question regarding the offsetting of greenhouse gas emissions, reiterating that the primary concern is the scale of emissions and that determining whether or how to offset them would be a decision for Council.

Delegate Peggy Land –  
Climate Action and Mining

Delegate Angela Sabo spoke to research regarding radon exposure in rural communities, noting a link between well drilling activities and increased radon levels. As requested by a committee member the delegate provided information on radon prevalence in Whitehorse and requested that the City consider measures to require disclosure of radon levels during property sales and in rental situations.

Delegate Angela Sabo –  
Copper Belt Drilling and  
Indoor Radon Impact

Delegate Don Roberts spoke to the City's role in relation to mining activities within and adjacent to city limits, referencing public survey results indicating concern with mining development. The delegate spoke further to the importance of monitoring, inspection, and enforcement of regulations, and suggested the City advocate for stronger territorial action and responsible mining practices.

Delegate Don Roberts –  
Mining in Whitehorse

Delegate John McLeod spoke to the history and legislative context of mining in the Yukon, including concerns with outdated mining legislation. The delegate emphasized the role of the Official Community Plan and Municipal Act in regulating land use, and raised concern with potential changes that could limit the City's ability to regulate mining within City limits.

Delegate John McLeod –  
Mining in Whitehorse

Delegate Carl Schulze of the Yukon Prospectors Association spoke to Council on the geochemical composition of the Whitehorse Copper Belt deposits as well as the benefits of copper mining and its role in renewable energy. As requested by Committee members, the delegate also emphasized the importance of responsible mining of critical minerals and effective regulation and enforcement.

Delegate Carl Schulze,  
Yukon Prospectors  
Association – Responsible  
Mining within City Limits

Delegate Timothy Green spoke to the history of mining within the local area, noting the importance of understanding mineral locations to inform planning decisions. The delegate proposed that allowing mining companies exploration permits could provide information on mineral deposits to shape future growth of the City while also avoiding land use conflicts and not compromising the environment.

Delegate Timothy Green –  
Copper and Climate Change  
in Whitehorse

Delegate Marcus Harden President of Gladiator Metals provided an update on Gladiator Metals' exploration activities, expanding on Gladiators objectives and addressing common concerns related to the project. As requested by Committee members the delegate spoke to responsible mining practises, regulatory oversight and inspection, relationships with local First Nations, potential economic benefits, and site rehabilitation.

Delegate Marcus Harden,  
President, Gladiator Metals –  
Exploration Update

Delegate Spence Hill spoke to concerns regarding potential environmental impacts, particularly water protection, related to mineral exploration within city limits. The delegate urged Council to undertake active monitoring of drilling programs, citing concerns with territorial enforcement and suggesting the City maintain a visible oversight role.

Delegate Spence Hill –  
Mineral Exploration Impact on  
Water

Delegate Chris Arsenault spoke to the role of minerals in everyday life, noting that mining is an integral part of modern society, and that responsible mining practices, supported by regulation and oversight, can provide economic benefits to the Yukon and contribute to a more resilient local economy.

Delegate Chris Arsenault –  
Mining and the Whitehorse  
Economy

As requested by a Committee member, Administration provided information that Gladiator Metals has been working with City staff on a potential Official Community Plan amendment. Administration also confirmed that there are currently no applications before the City for specific sites, and no approved permits for Gladiator Metals to operate within the City this summer.

New Business – Gladiator  
Metals Permits

**City Operations Committee**

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2026-08-04**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2025-31 be brought forward for 2nd and 3rd  
Reading; and  
THAT Council amend Bylaw 2025-31 at 2nd Reading as  
follows:

- Delete the definition for 'building assessment report'
- Delete section 25 and add a new section 25 as follows:  
    "25. All applications for condominium conversions shall  
    meet the requirements of the *Condominium Act, 2015*  
    and the *Converted Building Condominium Regulation,*  
    2022, as amended from time to time."
- Delete section 26.

Administrative Report –  
Subdivision Control Bylaw

Carried Unanimously

As requested by a Committee member, Administration  
provided an update on the Escarpment. Administration noted  
that staff, with engineering support, are continuing to monitor  
and assess conditions through ongoing inspections and the  
use of additional tools to track changes. Administration advised  
that no heightened risk concerns have been identified at this  
time and emphasized that members of the public must respect  
and follow safety barriers in place to reduce risk and ensure  
public safety.

New Business – Escarpment  
Update

**BYLAWS**

**2026-08-05**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2026-31, as amended, be given Second Reading.  
Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 25-31**  
Subdivision Control Bylaw  
SECOND READING

**2026-08-06**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2026-31 be given Third Reading.  
Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 25-31**  
Subdivision Control Bylaw  
THIRD READING

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**



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Kirk Cameron, Mayor

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Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2026-09