

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2026-13 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse
called for 5:30pm on Tuesday, July 7, 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
Director of Corporate Services Brittany Dixon
A/Director of Development Services Dylan Harris
Director of Operations Travis Whiting
A/Director of People, Culture, and Technology Kevin Lyslo

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

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

2026-13-01

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

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

2026-13-02

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

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS

Delegates Marcus Harden, President, and Kell Nielson, Vice President Exploration, Gladiator Metals, spoke in support of the Official Community Plan (OCP) Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. At the request of Committee Members, the delegates clarified the proposed exploration activities, the location of proposed work in relation to Mary Lake, and anticipated temporary impacts to the use of the area.

Marcus Harden, President,
Gladiator Metals & Kell
Nielson VP Exploration with
Gladiator Metals - Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration

Delegate James Minifie spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate expressed concerns regarding the impacts of mineral exploration outside city limits on wildlife habitat, trails, and nearby residents. At the request of Committee Members, the delegate expanded on concerns related to noise and previous regulatory infractions.

James Minifie – Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration

Delegate Robin Reid-Fraser spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate expressed concerns regarding the public consultation process for the proposed amendment, the relationship between the proposed bylaw and the City's Mineral Exploration and Development Framework, and the proposed definition of disturbed areas.

Robin Reid-Fraser - Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration-

Delegate Jennifer England spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate expressed concerns regarding the potential impacts of mineral exploration on environmentally sensitive areas, recreation, and nearby residents, citing previous exploration activities near Mary Lake.

Jennifer England - Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration

Delegate Glenys Baltimore, President, Cowley Creek Community Association, spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate expressed concerns regarding community consultation, oversight of mineral exploration activities, and the compatibility of mineral exploration with nearby residential areas. At the request of Committee Members, the delegate expanded on communication with residents regarding exploration activities and resident participation in the consultation process.

Glenys Baltimore, President
of Cowley Creek Community
Association - Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration,

Delegate Tory Russell spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate expressed concerns regarding the proposed amendment, including the protection of groundwater and source water, and requested that the OCP remain unamended. At the request of Committee Members, the delegate expanded on the AGWA groundwater study and measures that could be considered to protect groundwater.

Tory Russell - Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration -

Delegate Christine Aiken spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate expressed concerns regarding the proposed redesignation of greenbelts and environmentally sensitive areas, and the preservation of the OCP and Council's land use authority.

Christine Aikens - Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration

Delegate Zandria Ash-Lawrence spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate expressed concerns regarding the proposed redesignation of greenspace shown on Map 5, potential impacts to water quality, and the definition of disturbed areas. At the request of a Committee Member, the delegate expanded on concerns regarding noise associated with mineral exploration activities.

Zandria Ash-Lawrence -
Official Community Plan
(OCP) Map and Text
Amendment – Mineral
Exploration

Delegate Keith Clark spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate referenced previous What We Heard reports, expressing concerns that the proposed amendment was inconsistent with previous public input, and raised concerns regarding impacts to environmentally sensitive areas previously affected by mineral exploration.

Keith Clark - Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration

Delegate Don Roberts spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate referenced previous mineral exploration activities in Yukon and reiterated concerns previously raised in correspondence requesting that the OCP remain unamended. At the request of a Committee Member, the delegate confirmed that a response to the correspondence had been received from the City.

Don Roberts - Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration

Delegate Amos Scott spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate expressed concerns regarding the potential impacts of increased mineral exploration traffic on public safety.

Amos Scott - Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration

Delegate Michael Svoboda spoke in opposition to the OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration. The delegate expressed support for the current OCP and requested that Mayor and Council not proceed with the proposed amendment.

Michael Svoboda - Official
Community Plan (OCP) Map
and Text Amendment –
Mineral Exploration

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

Community Services Committee

As requested by a Committee Member, Administration provided an update on the TransLoc app, advising that issues affecting estimated arrival times are being addressed and that a fix is currently being tested. Administration confirmed that real-time bus tracking remains available while the issue is being addressed.

New Business – TransLoc
App Update

Public Health and Safety Committee

Delegate Liam Parfitt discussed the relationship between wildfire mitigation and biodiversity, emphasizing the benefits of forest thinning within Whitehorse. In response to questions from Committee Members, the delegate discussed forest management practices and opportunities to utilize biomass generated through fireproofing activities.

Delegate Liam Parfitt – Fire
Proofing Increases
Biodiversity

As requested by a Committee Member, Administration provided an overview of ongoing FireSmart initiatives within the City, including work undertaken by the City's FireSmart Coordinator, neighbourhood programs, and the Government of Yukon's fuel break project. Committee Members discussed opportunities to expand forest thinning and the potential use of biomass generated through fireproofing activities.

New Business – Fire Proofing
Forest Areas Within the City
of Whitehorse

A Committee Member gave notice of a motion to be considered at the July 7, 2026 Regular Council meeting to provide a letter of support for the Wild Wolves of Canada Ride for the Arctic Initiative.

New Business – Notice of
Motion - Letter of Support for
the Wild Wolves of
Canada Ride for the Arctic
Initiative

As requested by a Committee Member, Administration provided an update on ongoing efforts to address concerns related to off-leash dogs, including public education, complaint reporting, enforcement, and the planned review of the Animal Control Bylaw. Committee Members discussed additional options to improve public awareness and enforcement, as well as potential changes to off-leash areas within the City.

New Business – Off-Leash
Dogs and Safety

Corporate Services Committee

2026-13-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council amend the 2026 - 2029 Capital Expenditure
Program by adding a new project to fund the replacement of
an Asphalt Crack Sealer in the amount of \$150,000, funded by
the Equipment Replacement Reserve.

Budget Amendment – Asphalt
Crack Sealer

Carried Unanimously

City Planning Committee

2026-13-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2026-25, a bylaw to amend
text and mapping of the Official Community Plan (OCP) to
permit limited forms of Mineral Exploration within the Future
Planning designation, as modified by Administration and
shown on attachments 2, 3 and 4, be brought forward for
consideration under the bylaw process.

Official Community Plan
(OCP) Map and Text
Amendment – Mineral
Exploration

Carried (6-1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cameron, Councillors Boyd, Gallina,
Melnychuk, Middler and Morris
OPPOSED: Councillor Hamilton

Development Services Committee

2026-13-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council authorize the Mayor to execute the
Infrastructure Transfer, Operation, and Maintenance
Agreement with Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.

Infrastructure Transfer,
Operation, and Maintenance
Agreement - Ta'an Kwäch'än
Council

Carried Unanimously

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2026-13-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the City of Whitehorse provide a letter of support for the
Wild Wolves of Canada Ride for the Arctic initiative.

Motion – Letter of Support for
the Wild Wolves of Canada
Ride for the Arctic Initiative

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

2026-13-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-25, a bylaw to amend the OCP Map and
Text, be given First Reading.

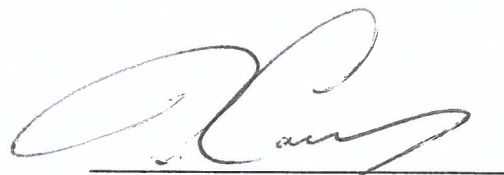
Carried (4-3)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cameron, Councillors Gallina, Melnychuk,
and Boyd

OPPOSED: Councillors Hamilton, Middler, and Morris

BYLAW 2026-25
OCP Map and Text
Amendment – Mineral
Exploration Bylaw
First READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**


Kirk Cameron, Mayor
Corporate Services