

CITY OF WHITEHORSE
REGULAR Council Meeting #2026-14

DATE: Monday, August 10, 2026
TIME: 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Kirk Cameron
Deputy Mayor Paolo Gallina
Reserve Deputy Mayor Lenore Morris

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA Adoption

PROCLAMATIONS

MINUTES Regular Council meeting dated July 7, 2026 and Special Meetings dated July 10, 2026, and July 14, 2026

DELEGATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Operations Committee – *Councillors Morris and Boyd*

Community Services Committee – *Councillors Gallina and Melnychuk*

Public Health and Safety Committee – *Councillors Boyd and Gallina*

Corporate Services Committee – *Councillors Melnychuk and Middler*

1. Semi-Annual Procurement Report (January – June 2026) – For Information Only
2. Budget Amendment – Bridge Surface Rehabilitation

City Planning Committee – *Councillors Middler and Hamilton*

1. Mineral Exploration OCP Amendment – Area Adjustment

Development Services Committee – *Councillors Hamilton and Morris*

1. A Place to Be – City Support

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BYLAWS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2026-14

MINUTES of SPECIAL Meeting #2026-S4 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse
called for 12:30pm on Friday, July 10, 2026, in Heritage Boardroom, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Anne Middler

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

*Indicates electronic participation.

Mayor Cameron called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

2026-S4-01

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

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

2026-S4-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-29, the City Manager Bylaw, be given First
Reading.

BYLAW 2026-29
City Manager Bylaw
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

Kirk Cameron, Mayor

Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2026-14

MINUTES of SPECIAL Meeting #2026-S5 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse
called for 12:00pm on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, in Heritage Boardroom, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Anne Middler

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

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Mayor Cameron called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

2025-S5-01

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

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

2025-S5-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-29, the City Manager Bylaw, as amended,
be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2026-29
City Manager Bylaw
SECOND READING

2025-S5-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-29, the City Manager Bylaw, be given Third
Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2026-29
City Manager Bylaw
THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

Kirk Cameron, Mayor

Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2026-14



Minutes of the meeting of the City Operations Committee

Date	August 3, 2026	2026-14
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Lenore Morris - Chair	
	Mayor Kirk Cameron	
Committee	Councillor Dan Boyd	
Members	Councillor Paolo Gallina	
Present	Councillor Jenny Hamilton	
	*Councillor Eileen Melnychuk	
	*Councillor Anne Middler	
	Valerie Braga, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff	Michael Prowse, A/Director of Corporate Services	
Present	Darcy McCord, A/Director of Development Services	
	Rob Dickson, A/Director of Operations	
	Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology	

* Indicates electronic participation

Your Worship, there is no report from the City Operations Committee.



Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee

Date	August 3, 2026	2026-14
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Paolo Gallina - Chair	
	Mayor Kirk Cameron	
Committee	Councillor Dan Boyd	
Members	Councillor Jenny Hamilton	
Present	*Councillor Eileen Melnychuk	
	*Councillor Anne Middler	
	Councillor Lenore Morris	
	Valerie Braga, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff	Michael Prowse, A/Director of Corporate Services	
Present	Darcy McCord, A/Director of Development Services	
	Rob Dickson, A/Director of Operations	
	Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology	

* Indicates electronic participation

Your Worship, there is no report from the Community Services Committee.



**Minutes of the meeting of the
Public Health and Safety Committee**

Date	August 3, 2026	2026-14
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Dan Boyd - Chair	
	Mayor Kirk Cameron	
Committee Members	Councillor Paolo Gallina	
	Councillor Jenny Hamilton	
Present	*Councillor Eileen Melnychuk	
	*Councillor Anne Middler	
	Councillor Lenore Morris	
	Valerie Braga, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff	Michael Prowse, A/Director of Corporate Services	
Present	Darcy McCord, A/Director of Development Services	
	Rob Dickson, A/Director of Operations	
	Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology	

* Indicates electronic participation

Your Worship, there is no report from the Public Health and Safety Committee.



Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee

Date	August 3, 2026	2026-14
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Paolo Gallina - Chair	
	Mayor Kirk Cameron	
Committee Members	Councillor Dan Boyd	
	Councillor Jenny Hamilton	
Present	*Councillor Eileen Melnychuk	
	*Councillor Anne Middler	
	Councillor Lenore Morris	
	Valerie Braga, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff	Michael Prowse, A/Director of Corporate Services	
Present	Darcy McCord, A/Director of Development Services	
	Rob Dickson, A/Director of Operations	
	Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology	
	Svetlana Erickson, Manager, Financial Services	
	Gareth Earl, Associate Manager, Engineering Services	

* Indicates electronic participation

Your Worship, the Corporate Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Semi-Annual Procurement Report (January – June) – For Information Only

Administration provided the semi-annual procurement update in accordance with the Procurement Policy, summarizing activity from January to June 2026. In response to questions from Committee Members, Administration discussed the City's procurement processes, including price negotiations with suppliers and the use of sole-source and non-competitive procurements.

2. Budget Amendment – Bridge Surface Rehabilitation

A budget amendment and project scope revision were presented for the existing Bridge Surface Rehabilitation project in the 2026–2029 Capital Expenditure Program to include repairs to the Wolf Creek Bridge, a critical secondary route supporting Wildland Fire operations. Additional information was provided on the importance of the bridge, project costs and scope, and bridge inspection procedures.

The Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is

THAT Council direct that the 2026 to 2029 Capital Expenditure Plan be amended by increasing the budget for project 240c00322 Bridge Surface Rehabilitation by \$20,000 and expanding the project scope to include repairs to the Wolf Creek Bridge.



Minutes of the meeting of the City Planning Committee

Date	August 3, 2026	2026-14
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Jenny Hamilton - Chair	
	Mayor Kirk Cameron	
Committee	Councillor Dan Boyd	
Members	Councillor Paolo Gallina	
Present	*Councillor Eileen Melnychuk	
	*Councillor Anne Middler	
	Councillor Lenore Morris	
	Valerie Braga, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff	Michael Prowse, A/Director of Corporate Services	
Present	Darcy McCord, A/Director of Development Services	
	Rob Dickson, A/Director of Operations	
	Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology	
	Dylan Harris, Senior Planner, Planning and Sustainability Services	

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Your Worship, the City Planning Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Mineral Exploration OCP Amendment – Area Adjustment

Administration presented a request received from the proponent of the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2026-25 regarding mineral exploration to adjust the area in the application. The adjustment would reduce the area by approximately 2 hectares, including a reduction in greenspace to be redesignated, and provide a setback of about 80m from the shoreline of Mary Lake. As requested by Committee members, information was provided on the City's map system, environmentally sensitive area identification, and the process for imposing and enforcing conditions with temporary use permits. Administration confirmed that the City will continue to provide any map information available with the City's current mapping system.

The Recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2026-25, a bylaw to amend the text and mapping of the Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit limited forms of mineral exploration within the Future Planning designation, be amended by revising Appendices A and B, which depict the proposed amendments to OCP Maps 1 and 5, as shown in Attachment 2, and that the amended bylaw continue through the bylaw process.

2. Delegate Glenys Baltimore – Mineral Exploration OCP Amendment

Delegate Glenys Baltimore spoke to the proposed OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25 regarding mineral exploration, emphasizing the importance of protecting greenspace and carefully considering the proposed amendment. The delegate also spoke to the timing of public engagement and access to information, including mapping resources and the site.

3. Delegate Kell Nielsen, VP Exploration, Gladiator Metals – Mineral Exploration OCP Amendment

Delegate Kell Nielsen, representing Gladiator Metals, spoke to the proposed mineral exploration OCP amendment bylaw and area adjustment, providing information regarding the proposed amendment area, land designations, noise associated with exploration activities, and historical mineral exploration within City limits. The delegate responded to questions from Committee Members regarding Gladiator Metals' investment in the community and land use permit. Additionally, the delegate confirmed there is no intention to drill within 400 m of Mary Lake and advised that the additional area included in the proposal is to allow use of the roadway.

4. Delegate Michael Svoboda - Mineral Exploration OCP Amendment – Area Adjustment

Delegate Michael Svoboda spoke to the proposed mineral exploration OCP amendment bylaw and area adjustment, raising concerns regarding public engagement and access to information. In response to questions from Committee Members, the delegate discussed the availability of mapping data, the City's role in regulating mineral exploration activities, and the importance of providing information to support public understanding of the proposal prior to the public hearing.



Minutes of the meeting of the Development Services Committee

Date	August 3, 2026	2026-14
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Jenny Hamilton - Chair	
	Mayor Kirk Cameron	
Committee Members	Councillor Dan Boyd	
	Councillor Paolo Gallina	
Present	*Councillor Eileen Melnychuk	
	*Councillor Anne Middler	
	Councillor Lenore Morris	
	Valerie Braga, City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
Staff	Michael Prowse, A/Director of Corporate Services	
Present	Darcy McCord, A/Director of Development Services	
	Rob Dickson, A/Director of Operations	
	Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology	
	Mathieu Marois, Senior Planner, Planning and Sustainability Services	

* Indicates electronic participation

Your Worship, the Development Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. A Place to Be – City Support

A report was presented seeking the City's support for the new Community Action Plan, A Place to Be: Framework for Community Action to End Homelessness 2025–2030. As requested by Committee Members, Administration provided additional information regarding the possible levels of support from the City, noting that the proposed declaration includes commitments beyond the City's authority. Committee Members discussed options for expressing the City's support while remaining within the City's jurisdiction.

The Recommendation of the Development Services Committee is

THAT the matter be referred back to Administration to consider options to strengthen the City's endorsement of support for the Plan while remaining within the City's jurisdiction.

2. New Business – Climate Action Plan

As requested by a Committee Member, Administration provided an update on the Climate Action Plan and the interdepartmental working group, confirming that a new staff member has been hired to support the work and that the working group is expected to begin in the coming weeks.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Kirk Cameron, Mayor

Corporate Services