

**CITY OF WHITEHORSE**  
**REGULAR** Council Meeting #2026-15

**DATE:** Monday, August 24, 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** Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

**MINUTES** Regular Council meeting dated August 10, 2026

**DELEGATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARING** OCP Amendment – Mineral Exploration

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Postponed to August 31, 2026, Special Council Meeting

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**BYLAWS**

**ADJOURNMENT**



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**September 2026**

**WHEREAS** prostate cancer is the most common cancer to affect male Canadians; and

**WHEREAS** the survival rate for prostate cancer is greatly improved when detected early through regular screenings; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Whitehorse wishes to join communities across the country in raising awareness and encourage everyone to be proactive with their health;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Mayor Kirk Cameron, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2026 to be Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the city of Whitehorse.

Kirk Cameron  
Mayor

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2026-14 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, August 10, 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  
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**

### **2026-14-01**

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

Carried Unanimously

## **MINUTES**

### **2026-14-02**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated July 7, 2026 be adopted as presented; and  
THAT the Minutes of the Special Council meetings dated July 10, 2026 and July 14, 2026, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

## **DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS**

Delegate Marcus Harden, president of Gladiator Metals, spoke in support of the proposed area adjustment for the mineral exploration OCP amendment Bylaw 2026-25, providing additional information about mineral exploration and the intended use of the area.

Marcus Harden, President,  
Gladiator Metals – Mineral  
Exploration OCP Amendment  
– Area Adjustment

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**City Operations Committee**

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

**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**

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.

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

**2026-14-03**

It was duly moved and seconded  
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.

Budget Amendment – Bridge  
Surface Rehabilitation

Carried Unanimously

**City Planning Committee**

**2026-14-04**

It was duly moved and seconded  
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.

Mineral Exploration OCP  
Amendment – Area  
Adjustment

Carried Unanimously

Delegate Glenys Baltimore spoke to the proposed OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25 regarding mineral exploration, emphasizing the importance of protecting greenspace and

Delegate Glenys Baltimore –  
Mineral Exploration OCP  
Amendment

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.

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.

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

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.

Delegate Michael Svoboda –  
Mineral Exploration OCP  
Amendment – Area  
Adjustment

### **Development Services Committee**

#### **2026-14-05**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council endorse A Place to Be: Framework for  
Community Action to End Homelessness 2025–2030, within  
the scope of the City's jurisdiction.

A Place to Be – City Support

Carried Unanimously

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.

New Business – Climate  
Action Plan

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Kirk Cameron, Mayor

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Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2026-15

## **MEMORANDUM**

FILE #: OCP-02-2026

TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Administration  
DATE: August 18, 2026  
SUBJECT: Public Hearing – Official Community Plan Text and Mapping Amendment  
– Mineral Exploration

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Please be advised there will be a Public Hearing at the Regular Council Meeting of August 24, 2026, to hear from interested parties related to the following Official Community Plan amendment:

**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.**

The City received an application to create four new glossary terms, add new policies within the Future Planning land use designation that enables limited Mineral Exploration, and amend Map 1-Greenspace Network Plan and Parks and Map 5-Land Use Designations to change 0.81 km<sup>2</sup> of land currently designated as Greenspace to Future Planning.

Bylaw 2026-25 received First Reading on July 7, 2026. Notices were published in the Yukon News on July 17, 2026 and July 24, 2026. Property owners within 1 km of the subject sites were notified by mail. The Government of Yukon Land Management Branch, Kwanlin Dün First Nation, and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council were notified by email. A Public Service Announcement was released on July 16, 2026. The Minister of Community Services was notified on July 17, 2026. Finally, three public notice signs were placed at the Mary Lake community mailboxes on Fireweed Drive, the Wolf Creek community mailboxes on Dawson Road, and at the intersection of McLean Lake Road and Copper Haul Road.

Following First Reading, the applicant requested a revision to remove approximately 2 ha of lands to be redesignated from Greenspace to Future Planning. The request was presented to Council on August 3, 2026 and the revision to the application was subsequently approved by Council on August 10, 2026.



Dylan Harris  
Senior Planner

cc: A/Manager of Planning and Sustainability Services  
Director of Development Services