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## Support for OCP Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** anne bordeleau [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 8/21/2026 8:03 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council  
[REDACTED]

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Submission to Whitehorse City Council — Support for Bylaw 2026-25.pdf;

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Hello Mayor and Council,

Please find attached my letter of support towards OCP Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for considering my opinion and I hope you had a lovely weekend,

Anne

Anne Bordeleau, PMP

reliance remote logistics ltd

[REDACTED], Whitehorse, YT, Canada, [REDACTED]

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project management . communication . remote operations

Whitehorse, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

To: Mayor and Council, City of Whitehorse, YT

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

## Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Anne Bordeleau, and I have been a Yukon resident for 29 years. My Crestview property on [REDACTED] is located less than [REDACTED] from the HAT #17 - 20 quartz mineral claims.

Like others in Whitehorse, I have benefited from the infrastructure and community events sponsored by the mineral sector and from the trails and ponds created by past activities in the Copper Belt. A reminder that mineral exploration and mining have long contributed to our community in ways that extend beyond direct employment.

Official Community Plan Amendment, Bylaw 2026-25, would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

If in doubt, Council should reflect upon the updated objectives of the **Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy**.

### **1. Promoting domestic production and processing of critical minerals in strategic areas**

The city benefits from industry investment and exploration activity without bearing the cost of identifying and assessing its mineral assets. Gladiator helps catalogue our local mineral resources and identify possibilities for future economic diversification. Understanding and protecting access to strategic mineral resources could prove important to economic and trade security over the next decades.

### **2. Protecting Canada's sovereignty and economic resilience**

We can benefit from continued efforts to diversify the economy beyond government employment and tendering. The Territory's \$1.5B fiscal dependence on federal transfer payments highlights the importance of developing additional sources of sustainable economic activity and of strengthening the Yukon's own economic capacity. Mineral exploration can be one component of that diversification.

### **3. Partnering with Indigenous governments, domestic stakeholders, and international allies**

Council must consider the perspectives, wishes and interests of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council whose ownership and stewardship of the land preclude the City's. Mineral exploration can benefit First Nations and all other contractors, businesses, suppliers, and community organizations, without governmental financial dependence.

The Whitehorse Copper Belt is a particularly appropriate area in which to explore. It is located in a disturbed landscape, near existing infrastructure and a skilled workforce, with substantial territorial expertise and regulatory oversight already in place. Bylaw 2026-25 would allow the City to maintain appropriate municipal control and environmental safeguards, while ensuring that potentially valuable mineral resources are not unnecessarily excluded from consideration.

I encourage Whitehorse City Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.



Anne Bordeleau

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, YT, [REDACTED]  
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## Opposed to Changes to OCP Regarding Mineral Exploration

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From Clara Reid [REDACTED]  
Date Fri 8/21/2026 11:44 PM  
To Publicinput@whitehorse.ca <Publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

I am a Whitehorse citizen concerned about Gladiator Metals' proposed changes to the OCP to allow mineral exploration within "Future Planning" areas and reclassification of "Greenspace" and "Environmentally Sensitive" areas as "Future Planning".

Firstly, mineral exploration and the long term plan of an open pit copper mine within Whitehorse city limits will have major negative repercussions for people and ecosystems living nearby. Exploration alone will cause noise pollution from drilling, soil compaction, creation of trails/roads/drillpads, potential for soil and water contamination from fuel spills, spread of invasive species, etc. This all impacts where wildlife can survive and travel, including the endangered Southern Lakes caribou herd. Exploration also impacts the wellbeing of citizens, for example by impacting water quality in wells and causing background drilling noise.

Secondly, redesignating "Environmentally Sensitive" and "Greenspace" areas as "Future Planning" ignores valid reasons for these areas being designated as such, and sets a dangerous precedent. If these changes go ahead, then what do planning designations really mean if they can just be changed when they inconvenience a company? These changes would erode trust in the planning process and the City of Whitehorse more broadly, if they can't uphold planning decisions intended to preserve healthy ecosystems for our future.

Thirdly, I am concerned that disturbed areas in which exploration may be allowed, can be interpreted to include fuel breaks with silviculture treatments. Yes, I agree that fuel breaks are a type of disturbance. However, many citizens only accepted fuel breaks because they reduce wildfire risk. Using them as a loophole to open up more areas to potential further disturbance is irresponsible and puts these already vulnerable areas at further risk of irreparable damage. It will already take decades for stand conversion to restore these areas to more functional forests, and I don't believe we should jeopardize this process.

Having natural spaces with ecological integrity that people can trust will be there to provide clean water, recreation opportunities, privacy and connection to the land is a major reason people live in the Yukon. With all of this at risk, many citizens feel like their homes (which include the land they spend a lot of time on) are in jeopardy. People and wildlife live in these environments because they sustain us both physically and mentally, on a fundamental level that money from mining can not match. Once areas are opened for exploration and mining, it creates ecological damage that is irreversible. Sure, mines can undergo restoration but the post restoration state almost never matches the pre

disturbance state, and as we know, most Yukon mines don't follow through with restoration on their own accord. Yes, there's an element of "NIMBY" (not in my backyard) syndrome to the pushback to these proposed changes, but it is only logical for people to care about the places they call home. Although mining companies always have to be held accountable for their environmental and social impacts, allowing mining within city limits is not worth the negative impacts.

Thank you for reading this. I request the City of Whitehorse not allow Gladiator Metals' proposed changes to the OCP.

Sincerely,

Clara Reid

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## Gladiator Metals

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**From** denis.w.boyd [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 8/21/2026 7:33 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Afternoon,

Im writing in support of Gladiator metals and the proposed mining in the Whitehorse Copper area. Im a resident of Whitehorse Copper and have lived in Whitehorse south my whole life and im fully supporting mineral exploration in the area.

Thanks!  
Denis Boyd

[REDACTED]



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**ByLaw2026-25**

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**From** Geoffrey Pauly [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 8/21/2026 7:32 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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There has never been a successful mine in the Yukon, so why would we risk our beautiful city for one? What do we actually gain from allowing a foreign company to mine within city limits—especially if they aren't creating meaningful local jobs?

Our city, our environment, and the quality of life we've built here are worth protecting. The potential risks of mining so close to where people live shouldn't be dismissed for the sake of corporate profit.



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Gladiator disturbance photos.

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**From** James Minifie [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 8/21/2026 6:36 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I have attached photos of just 3 of the drill sites in the Cowley area. Keep in mind, there are dozens of new sites and accompanying new roads and cutlines just like the ones in the photos.

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**James Minifie**

**Association of Canadian Mountain Guides - Ski Guide/Hiking Guide**

**Canadian Avalanche Association - Professional Member**

**Skookum Backcountry Adventures - Owner/Lead Guide**

[www.skookumbackcountry.com](http://www.skookumbackcountry.com)

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[www.tombstonemoto.com](http://www.tombstonemoto.com)

[REDACTED]  
**Whitehorse, YT, Canada**

























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Re chose 2026-25

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From Moya Painter [REDACTED]

Date Fri 8/21/2026 5:30 PM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to a change to bylaw 2026 25 as a resident of Mary Lake. In doing so, the city would be favouring the interests of one exploration company over the residents that voted for their council and mayor. This seems contrary to the mandate given to the council.

Allowing a change to the OCP that was carefully considered would set a dangerous precedent and cause residents of the city to lose trust in the council and mayor.

I understand that according to the What We Heard Report 2026, 62% of respondents said that mineral exploration within the city should be eliminated. A further 15% said that mineral exploration regulations within the city should be more restrictive. This shows that in allowing a change to the OCP, the council is not voting on behalf of the residents that voted for them. At the very least, I request that the city refocus its efforts on establishing an overarching mineral policy framework before considering any proposals on city lands.

Thank you for your time,

Moya Painter





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(No subject)

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From ray webb [REDACTED]

Date Fri 8/21/2026 10:46 PM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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This email is with regards to the loud drilling with in our city limits....what are we allowing this to happen and create a big mess not to mention the noise all night as a whitehorse resident and also a kdfn citizen...havevthese companies spoke with anyone with in the first nation governments and if so...who...totally against this...thank u in advance





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## No mining within Whitehorse city limits

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**From** Sebastien Jean [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 8/21/2026 11:15 PM  
**To** Publicinput@whitehorse.ca <Publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I just want to show my support to the residents of Whitehorse (more specifically Mary Lake and Wolf Creek/Mt. Sima) to be against the noise pollution created by some drilling of a nearby mining operation.

The city, in this case and for any future development, should take account of the existing residents, prior of any approval of industrial and commercial activities that might disrupt the lives of said residents.

Whitehorse is a beautiful and quiet place to live: let's keep it this way!

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sebastien Jean





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## Letter of Support for OCP 2026-25 - Willard Phelps

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**From** anne bordeleau [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 8/21/2026 11:08 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]

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City of Whitehorse letter of Support 2026-25.pdf;

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find a letter of Support for OCP Amendment 2026-25, submitted on behalf of Willard Phelps.

Thank you kindly.



**Willard L Phelps**

**Whitehorse, YT,**

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment – Bylaw 2026 – 25**

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment ( Bylaw 2026 – 25 ) which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

Our company, Arkell Enterprises Ltd owns and operates two office buildings in the downtown area and we believe that mineral exploration supports businesses and investments in Whitehorse and across the Territory.

I remember when Whitehorse Copper was running, and the good jobs it provided.

The federal government gives a lot of money to Yukon and I believe it is our duty as Yukoners to support the mining industry. Mines provide revenues to our governments and the exported minerals help with our balance of payments.



I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026 – 25.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Willard L Phelps", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Willard L Phelps



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Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25

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From Al Doherty [REDACTED]  
Date Sat 8/22/2026 6:06 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
Cc Mayor and Council [REDACTED]

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Please see attached letter.

Thank you

R. Allan Doherty, B.Sc.,  
Aurum Geological Consultants Inc  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**R. Allan Doherty, BSc.,**

[REDACTED],  
Whitehorse, YT, [REDACTED]

**August 21, 2026**

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse  
Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

I am an exploration geologist. I have worked and lived in the Yukon since 1981. I know how much opportunity and employment comes to the Yukon because of exploration and mining sectors.

I have watched with astonishment and concerns how environmental activists have consistently spread misinformation and disinformation about the mining industry.

I urge mayor and councillors to move cautiously especially since so many concerns are based on claims of possible or potential environmental consequences, often related to climate change predictions; most of which have been shown to be inconsistent with actual measurements.

Mineral exploration supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

R. Allan Doherty



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## Concerns regarding the Amendment to the City's Official Community Plan along the Copper Haul Road

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**From** Chrystal Mantyka Pringle [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 1:00 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Matt Pringle [REDACTED]

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Dear Whitehorse City Council,

We appreciate the opportunity to write and highlight our concerns about the application from a B.C.-based mineral exploration company, Gladiator Metals, to amend the city's Official Community Plan to allow an exploratory drilling program for copper and other minerals beneath the city.

We live in Wolf Creek and use the green space that is potentially designated as 'future planning lands', where mineral exploration would be permitted, almost daily. Our family harvest cranberries from this area, recreationally walk and run our dogs, bike, ski, and cherish this green space area as know as the Wolf Creek park. It was the main reason why we moved to Wolf Creek 8 years ago to be able to access this green space on a daily basis. Not only is super important for our physical and mental wellbeing to access this space on a daily basis, but its also very important for us spiritually as we connect with all living beings here. We have seen grizzly and black bears, moose with their calves, lynx, caribou, beavers, coyotes, small mammals, and many different bird species that call this area home. We are deeply concerned about the possibility of losing this green space not only for us as a family, but what it means for our community, our neighbours, and our wildlife.

While we are not opposed to all mineral exploration, we don't understand why City Council would allow more exploration within city limits and so close to residential areas. The affected lands are and were designated as green space when we bought our home, which prohibited mineral exploration, and if future planning is permitted so close to our backyard, our connection to the environment and our mental and physical health will be severely negatively impacted.



We urge you to consider what it means to be the 'Wilderness City' and what values we prioritize as residents. We do not wish for our children to grow up next to more mineral exploration, open-pits, constant humming of machinery and air and noise pollution. We chose this area to raise our kids so that they can be deeply connected to a landscape that they will want to protect and have access to for a healthy lifestyle - including their mental and physical health.

We are not able to attend the public consultation meeting on the 24th because of work and family responsibilities, but we would love the opportunity to speak to you over the phone or in person this week about our concerns. Please reach out over email or phone and we will make time.

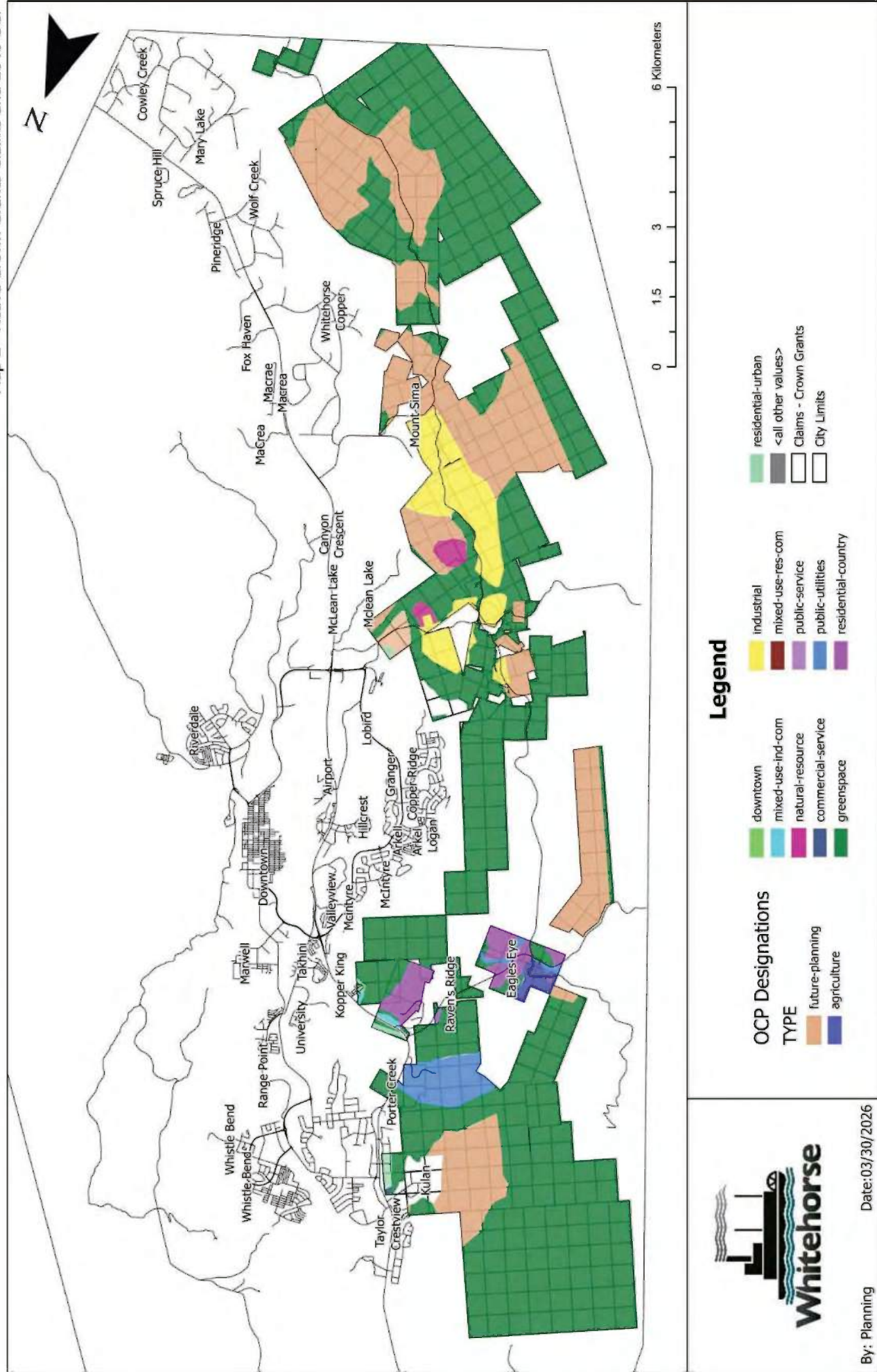
Respectfully,

Chrystal Mantyka-Pringle and Matt Pringle

Wolf Creek Residents; 



Map 2 - Active Crown Grants-Claims and 2040 OCP







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## Support for OCP Ammendment Bylaw 2026-25 - Mineral Exploration

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**From** Derek T [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 2:28 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Mavor and Council [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Please see the attached letter of support for OCP Ammendment Bylaw 2026-25  
thank you  
derek



Derek Torgerson  
Summit Geosciences Ltd  
Whitehorse, YT

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

I have personally worked extensively in the Yukon mineral exploration industry over the past 21 yrs as a geologist. I view the industry as a whole as absolutely essential to the economic well being of the Territory. As the Territory and the City of Whitehorse grapple with economic challenges it is my view that supporting and expanding exploration will play an instrumental role in meeting those challenges and unlocking additional sources of economic development. Rate payers in the City of Whitehorse have reached a breaking point with increased fees, levies and taxes; therefore it is my opinion that allowing low impact exploration is a very responsible manner in which to reduce these burdens that rate payers and residents are currently experiencing.

Mineral exploration supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Derek Torgerson  
Summit Geosciences Ltd



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Support OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25

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From Dylan Soo [REDACTED]  
Date Sat 8/22/2026 3:02 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
Cc [REDACTED] Mayor and Council

 1 attachment (405 KB)  
Discovery Yukon Lodgings Support Letter.pdf;

Mayor and Council,

As the Founder and Principal of ACTION Hospitality Group which owns Discovery Yukon Lodgings in Koidern, please find attached my support letter for the OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026 25.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Regards,

[Dylan Soo](#)

Founder & Principal

ACTION Hospitality Group Inc.

[W] <https://www.ahgi.group/>

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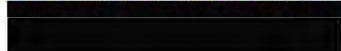


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Chief Operating Officer / Co-Founder  
Tr'ochëk Energy Inc

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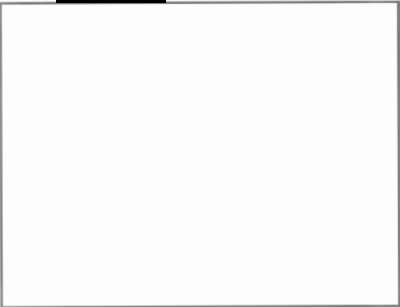
Managing Director  
[Discovery Yukon Lodgings](#)





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YT | [REDACTED]







August 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25

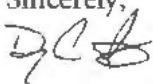
Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing in support of Bylaw 2026-25, which establishes a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

As Managing Director and Owner of Discovery Yukon Lodgings, I've seen directly how exploration activity benefits our business. Our location in a mineral-rich region, combined with our runway infrastructure, has extended our operating season and given us a customer base that isn't solely dependent on leisure travel — a real advantage in a short-season tourism economy. We intend to keep positioning Discovery Yukon Lodgings as infrastructure support for the mining industry, not just a summer stop.

Mineral exploration supports jobs, local businesses, and investment across Whitehorse and the Yukon. This amendment strikes a reasonable balance between enabling that activity and maintaining municipal oversight. I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

As you may be aware of my community involvement, I want to be clear I'm submitting this letter solely as a small business owner running a seasonal hospitality operation that depends in part on mineral development — not on behalf of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce or Yukon Venture Angels.

Sincerely,  


Dylan Soo  
Managing Director and Owner, Discovery Yukon Lodgings

DISCOVERY YUKON LODGINGS – CABINS, RV + TENT SITES:

TELEPHONE (MAY-OCTOBER) [REDACTED] YUKON [REDACTED] GPS: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]  
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Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Elise Maltinsky [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 9:17 AM  
**To** Publicinput@whitehorse.ca <Publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I am writing to City Council to ask you to reject Bylaw 2026 25 as I am extremely concerned that this bylaw will set a dangerous precedent. I have lived in Copper Ridge for 14 years and am seeing so much change and much of the changes seem to be lacking any foresight around impacts on the existing residential areas. Allowing a mining company to do exploration in designated green spaces contravenes the planning process.

Please reject the bylaw.

Sincerely,

Elise Maltinsky  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon

I respectfully acknowledge that I live on the traditional territory of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. The Ta'an Kwäch'än are Southern Tutchone. In Southern Tutchone, Ta'an Kwäch'än means head of the lake people. In the Southern Tutchone language, Kwanlin Dün means *people of the rapids*. Today, both First Nations have settled land claims and are self governing First Nations





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**REJECT BYLAW 26-25**

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**From** Gabor Gyorgy [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 11:02 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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As a long time resident and daily user of the affected area I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to any changes. The recent clear cutting along the trans canada trail, the opening of new forestry lots, and gladiator's recent activity have radically changed the nature of our backyard in a very short amount of time. Please respect the fact that many people DO NOT WANT THINGS TO CHANGE and greatly value things just as they are.  
Gabor Gyorgy



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**Bylaw 2026-25**

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**From** Grace SB [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 8:15 AM  
**To** Publicinput@whitehorse.ca <Publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing as a resident and homeowner in Pineridge to state that I do not support Bylaw 2026 25 and ask Council to reject it at this time.

My concern is primarily about the timing and process. This bylaw would amend the OCP 2040 to create a pathway for mineral exploration on lands within Whitehorse, while several important pieces of work that should inform such a decision are still underway.

In particular, I believe Council should wait for:

The new Yukon mineral legislation and the work being done with First Nations. The territorial framework for mineral development is changing, and this work has important implications for First Nations rights, interests and participation in land use decisions. The City should understand and incorporate the outcome of these processes before making changes to its own land use framework.

The City's Mineral Exploration and Development Framework. It does not make sense to amend the OCP to facilitate mineral exploration before the City has completed the framework intended to guide how exploration and development will be considered within Whitehorse.

Further clarity around the future Wolf Creek Regional Park and regional land use planning. Decisions affecting these lands should be made with the broader planning context properly established.

The OCP 2040 was developed through years of planning and public consultation. I am concerned that changing it now, before these related processes are complete, risks making a significant land use decision prematurely.

As a Pineridge homeowner, I want to see decisions affecting Whitehorse's land and surrounding neighbourhoods made carefully, with proper consideration of First Nations, environmental and community interests, and with the benefit of the planning work already underway.

I ask Council to reject Bylaw 2026 25. If Council is not prepared to reject it, I ask that it be deferred until the territorial mineral legislation and First Nations work, the City's Mineral Exploration and Development Framework, and the Wolf Creek planning work have progressed sufficiently to properly inform the decision.



Thank you for considering my concerns and my position as a Whitehorse resident and homeowner.

Grace Smyth-Bolland





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Support letter for OCP amendment 2026-25

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From Jack Coyne [REDACTED]  
Date Sat 8/22/2026 4:18 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
Cc Mayor and Council [REDACTED]

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Hello-

Attached is my letter. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

John Coyne



John (Jack) Coyne

Whitehorse, YT

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Re: Support for OCP Amendment 2026-25**

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is John Coyne. I am a born and raised Yukoner who has contributed to responsible mineral exploration and resource sector projects near Whitehorse and throughout the Territory, my whole life.

Whitehorse is exceptionally positioned in the proximity of a mineral deposit, and more remarkably so to copper, a recognized critical mineral in Canada. The City has an opportunity to participate in mineral exploration conducted in accordance with modern environmental standards and responsible practices, right here in the Copper Belt.

Expanding employment opportunities outside the public sector can contribute to diversifying the local job market; it can decrease dependence on government employment and promote long-term economic stability and growth. Private sector jobs build a more resilient, varied, and balanced economy in the Yukon, while also incentivizing young workers to stay in the region.

I support OCP Amendment 2026-25 and encourage Whitehorse Mayor and Council to continue engaging and working constructively with Gladiator Metals.

I also urge Mayor and Council to demonstrate genuine collaboration with and respect for the wishes of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. It is essential that First Nation voices are prioritized throughout the process, outcomes, and benefits of such projects.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Coyne', written in a cursive style.

John Coyne





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## Opposition By-Law 2026-25

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**From** Julie Bouchard [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 8:27 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

Good evening,

I am opposed to By-Law 2026-25 as a resident and property owner in Cowley Creek. I do believe that the Yukon should be exploring mining opportunities within the Territory, however it is shortsighted to do so within residential neighbourhoods with unknown environmental and health impacts.

OCP 2040 was informed after extensive public consultation and should not be amended at the request of a private corporation without the same level of public input.

Thank you,  
Julie Bouchard





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## Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Kai Woloshyn [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 2:03 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]

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Hi

Please find attached my letter in support of Bylaw 2026-25.

Kai Woloshyn



Kai Woloshyn

Whitehorse, YT

August 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

Mineral exploration plays a vital role in sustaining jobs, services, and investment in Whitehorse and throughout the Yukon. Temporary exploration programs when carried out responsibly and with clear regulatory expectations provide important economic benefits while maintaining the environmental and community values we all share.

In my view, this amendment offers a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration within municipal boundaries. It maintains appropriate oversight while recognizing the practical realities of early-stage exploration and the value it brings to local workers, contractors, and businesses. This is a pragmatic path forward that supports responsible development and strengthens our community.

I encourage Council to adopt **Bylaw 2026-25**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kai Woloshyn', written in a cursive style.

*Kai Woloshyn*





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## Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Madeleine Jones [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 3:55 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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My name is Maddie Jones. I live in Pine Ridge. I've lived in Whitehorse my whole life. I'm opposed to bylaw 2026-25. Please complete the mineral exploration and development framework first. I personally do not want mineral exploration within the city limit.

Thank you.

Maddie jones



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**opposed to bylaw 2026-25**

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**From** Max Fraser [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 10:14 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear mayor and council,

I am writing to oppose bylaw 2026-25 which was written to allow mineral exploration activities on valid claims within the areas designated Future Planning, as proposed by Gladiator Metals and City Administration.

I write as a citizen who has resided in Whitehorse for more than 50 years, most of that time in the Wolf Creek subdivision. In that time there has been the closure of Whitehorse Copper mine and considerable expansion of country residential areas south of town - to use the area for residential purposes as well as industrial (Mt. Sima area).

1 - The OCP is revised and updated on a scheduled basis though a process of broad consultation where all interests are supposed to have equal opportunity, and ought not to be subject to "one-off" amendments such as this as that creates an unlevel playing field with all other interests, especially those of existing residents. To do so also undermines the integrity of the OCP as well as its processes and erodes confidence in the city to respect and conduct processes that are fair to all. It is also a message to existing residents and others who may enjoy these areas for no impact recreation that their interests as taxpayers and citizens are worth less than those of a company new to Canada and our community.

2 - Mine development and operation that is intended to flow from mineral exploration is 100% incompatible with the use of these areas by area residents and other citizens as part of their neighbourhoods and recreation areas. It would be illogical, misleading and bad process to approve exploration if subsequent mine development and operation could not ultimately be approved. Therefore it is against the interests of residents for the city to approve further exploration in these areas.

3 - The growth of residences in the area since the 1970s has been subject to city planning processes and to undermine that those processes for decision making would be contradicted by the bylaw; it would also be a betrayal to existing and future residents who bought or built on the reasonable expectation their neighbourhoods would be continue to be suitable places to live free of mineral exploration and other activities that make the areas less habitable. It is also contrary to the interests of other citizens who may benefit from future designation of the area for purposes other than mining. Approval of this bylaw undermines any fair consideration of other interests in the future and essentially gives preference to one potential use over all others. That is fundamentally unfair.

4 - Lastly, it is the responsibility of Mayor and Council to act first and foremost in the interests of its



citizens and taxpayers. There is no mandate for the Mayor or Council to advocate for mineral development or any other interests that are contrary to those. To approve this bylaw would be contrary to that responsibility and serve to undermine public confidence in the city to act fairly as well as responsibly in matters such as these.

Sincerely,

Max Fraser



Whitehorse





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I vote NO

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**From** Michelle Edwards [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 10:27 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I vote no I am not in support of mining activity in city limits. Under no circumstance should this be allowed.

This proposal should not be approved. Having mining within city limits is not in the interest of the community. Almost all of the Yukon mines go bankrupt and government is left to pay for clean up cost. I am not interested in paying for eventual clean up of mining activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to input.

Michelle Edwards  
[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]



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**From: Neil Hartling. Please reject Bylaw 2026-25 and complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before considering any request to change the OCP or any City Bylaw.**

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**From** Neil Hartling [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 10:28 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Bovd, Dan [REDACTED]; Morris, Lenore [REDACTED]; Gallina, Paolo [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]; Middler, Anne [REDACTED]; Hamilton, Jenny [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]; Melnychuk, Eileen [REDACTED]

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**To:** City of Whitehorse Administration and Counsel,  
My name is Neil Hartling of [REDACTED] in Takhini North.  
Please reject Bylaw 2026-25 and complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before considering any request to change the OCP or any City Bylaw.

Reasons:

The Whitehorse OCP was created over years with consultation and rigour as an exercise in good governance and good faith.

Green Space and Environmentally Sensitive Areas were designated as such because of scientific rationale and the will of the community. The very antithesis to this civic will, would be any activity that contemplates mine related development in those areas prior to finalizing the framework.

In the *What We Heard Report 2026*, 62% of respondents said that mineral exploration within the city should be eliminated. A further 15% said that mineral exploration regulations within the city should be more restrictive. The framework has been in development by administration and council for over a year and was initially expected to be put before council for official adoption earlier this summer. We are now requesting that the city refocus its efforts on establishing an overarching mineral policy framework before considering any proposals on city lands. As one person expressed at the July 6 city council meeting, "This is not about one mining company, this is not about one project, this is about the precedent that could be set by this decision".

This is not "nimbyism" contrary to the assertion of the current CEO eyeing the property. As background context, we also must consider the dubious track record of hard rock mining in the territory, with costly liabilities, up to, and including the recent Victoria Gold failure. This is not only the fault of the mining industry, it must be shared by successive governments that fawn over each mining proponent, and through the course of implementation, renegotiate license terms, usually in favour of the proponent.

It is bad enough when these actions lead to ongoing environmental poisoning and expense when it is far from cities and villages (not that that is any less damaging), to say nothing of the day-to-day business of a mine which is not compatible with modern city living. But why on earth would we risk one of these on the doorstep of 35,000 people?

Further, there is no guarantee that mining within the city will yield a net financial benefit to the city. Once impact and degradation are truly accounted for, the city may come out at a net loss. Did the city of Whitehorse have financial wealth above the norm when it was a "mining town"? Apparently not, because we are hearing of the ancient legacies we have inherited from that era, and they were reportedly not "state-of-the-art".

Remember, the four most expensive words in the English language: "this time is different".



Don't jump to the conclusion that mining will equal positive net municipal income. The city must demonstrate rigorously how this-time-will-be-financially-different. Mining is a business with proven specialization in minimizing financial leakage beyond operations and profit.

If you want to maintain your integrity, stick with the process! The minerals in the ground don't have a best-before-date.

Before changing the OCP:

- Yukon's mining legislation must be updated in collaboration with First Nations
- The City's Mineral Exploration and Development Framework must be completed
- The future Regional Wolf Creek Park, identified in the 2014 Regional Park Plan must be finalized.

Thank you.

Neil Hartling

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Neil Hartling

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Gladiator Metals

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**From** Trish Eccles [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 8:08 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I am writing to request that the City of Whitehorse reject Bylaw 2026-25 and complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework first.

Sincerely,

Trish Eccles  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon





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## Letter of Support: Whitehorse Copper Project Exploration

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**From** Andrei Samson [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 8:45 AM  
**To** Publicinput@whitehorse.ca <Publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council [REDACTED]  
**Cc** [REDACTED]

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Letter of Support - Whitehorse Copper Project Exploration – Economic Opportunity and OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25.pdf;

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Good morning,

Please find attached our letter of support regarding the Whitehorse Copper Project Exploration Economic Opportunity and OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026 25.

Best regards,

Andrei Samson

**Andrei Samson, PMP**  
Executive Director  
**Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce**

[REDACTED]  
[whitehorsechamber.ca](http://whitehorsechamber.ca)

Cell: [REDACTED]

Office: [REDACTED]

I respectfully acknowledge that I work within the Traditional Territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.





August 21, 2026

Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse  
2121 Second Avenue  
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1C2

**Re: Whitehorse Copper Project Exploration – Economic Opportunity and OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce (WCC), I am writing regarding Gladiator Metals Corp.'s Whitehorse Copper Project exploration activities in the context of the proposed OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25.

Gladiator Metals is a member of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce, and WCC recognizes the broader economic benefits that responsible mineral exploration and investment can provide to Whitehorse and the Yukon economy, including employment and opportunities for local businesses.

Based on information provided by the company, its current exploration activities represent approximately \$40 million in planned investment over 18 months, support 22 direct employees, including 12 Whitehorse residents, and engage more than 30 local businesses. These activities demonstrate the broader opportunities that mineral exploration can create for local employment, contractors, suppliers and service providers.

From WCC's perspective, it is important that Whitehorse maintains a municipal planning and regulatory environment that allows responsible exploration, investment and economic development opportunities to be appropriately considered through established processes.

**WCC's support is therefore limited to the broader economic opportunity associated with responsible mineral exploration and the importance of having municipal processes that allow these opportunities to be appropriately considered.**

For clarity, WCC is not taking a position on whether OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25 should ultimately be approved, nor are we taking a position on the specific planning, environmental or land-use merits of the application. Those matters appropriately remain with the City of Whitehorse and the applicable regulatory and public consultation processes.

WCC appreciates the City's consideration of opportunities that contribute to investment, employment and local business activity while ensuring proposals are appropriately reviewed through established municipal processes.





Sincerely,

**Andrei Samson**  
Executive Director  
Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce



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## Putting People and Planning First in Whitehorse

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**From** Wren Nicolardi [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sat 8/22/2026 12:42 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

My name is Wren Nicolardi and I have lived in Whitehorse since 2014. I work in outdoor and land-based education, and with First Nations and youth. I have been meaning to write in about this for some time.

**I am requesting that Mayor and Council reject proposed Bylaw 2026-25.**

There is no way I can face the children, youth and Elders I work for and with if I don't state this clearly. We are not prepared for this action, and the short-term gains do not outweigh the long term losses that are so very likely.

This will set precedent for upcoming decisions, and it is *\*not\** a precedent I want us to set. I understand the need for mining - I own this computer, a car, phone, bike and I know it's nuanced. This project has not been shown to be in the best long-term interests of the animals, water, lands and peoples who live here and I need our City Council to take a strong, positive and forward-facing stance on this.

Wishing Mayor and Council strength, vision and open-heartedness with this decision.

Warmly,  
Wren

*I acknowledge that I'm an uninvited settler on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and neighbouring Indigenous Peoples.*

*I wholeheartedly commit to supporting a process of decolonization of this place.*





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## Support for OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25 – Mineral Exploration

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**From** Andrew Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 5:50 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Mavor and Council [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached my letter supporting Bylaw 2026-25, the proposed Official Community Plan Map and Text Amendment for mineral exploration. I would appreciate it being included in the public record ahead of the August 24 Public Hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew Roberts



Andrew Roberts  
[REDACTED], Whitehorse, YT  
August 10, 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

I've lived in Whitehorse for 17 years and have worked in the mineral exploration/mining industry for six years. This industry has given me exciting, well-paid, local opportunities early in my career that have been incredibly important for me. Growing up, I can remember the generous donations my sports teams received from mineral exploration businesses that allowed us to travel across the country to compete. Now being in the industry, I'm proud to have the opportunity to pay that forward.

Mineral exploration supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Roberts



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## Support for the OCP amendment

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**From** Dan Lang [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 2:24 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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We support the proposed amendment for the following reasons

We lived in Whitehorse during the years that New Imperial Mines and later Whitehorse Copper operated.

The mine provided many jobs, services and taxes for our community which helped make our City a better place to live.

The mines impact on the environment was minimal.

Overall the previous operating mine played a very positive role in the growth of our City .

We recommend that the City Council view the OCP amendment positively and support Gladiator Metals proposal as an opportunity for the City of Whitehorse to promote economic development .

Respectfully

Dan Lang / Val Hodgson



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## Gladiator Metals Support of OCP Amendment

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**From** Darrell Pasloski [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 9:10 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mavor and Council  
[REDACTED]

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Please see attached letter  
Please acknowledge receipt

Darrell Pasloski



Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Bylaw 2026-25: application to amend text and mapping of the Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit limited forms of Mineral Exploration within the Future Planning designation.

I support this amendment and encourage you to pass it.

The Whitehorse Copper Project exploration is authorized under a Class 3 Quartz Mining Land Use Approval issued following a YESAB assessment process. The approval includes 98 enforceable operating conditions regarding environmental protection, operational practices, and reclamation.

This is an application to clarify the City OCP rules for exploration only at this stage. Exploration improves knowledge of the land and the mineral resource potential. That information supports decisions about the future of the community and our economy. This Gladiator exploration project is creating immediate jobs, support for many local businesses and direct local investment in the Whitehorse region (\$40M spend in the next 18 months).

Copper is increasingly necessary. Our national government is working on Canadian security, resource independence, and broadening our economy so it is less reliant on one buyer. We have the critical minerals needed for growth and our city of over 400sq km has lots of room for mixed development including exploration and mining.

It is my understanding that both Ta'an and KDFN are supportive of the Gladiator exploration work underway in their traditional territories. I encourage the city to facilitate exploration, and potentially future mining, as one component of a strong, diversified economy for Whitehorse and the Yukon. [REDACTED]

Congratulations to Council for working with a proponent and for making our OCP more reflective of our landscape and more flexible for our shared economic future.

Sincerely,

Darrell Pasloski  
Whitehorse resident  
Former Yukon Premier



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## Reject Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Dorothy Burke [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 7:42 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear City of Whitehorse Councillors,

I am deeply saddened and angry that you are considering changes to what is designated Greenspaces within Whitehorse city limits and are looking to allow mining exploration and actual mining activities within the city limits. Shame on you.

My husband and I are longtime homeowners in Mary Lake subdivision. We do not want drilling near our home. Mining and exploration should never be permitted near residential areas. I reject Bylaw 2026-25 and all the parts of it that will make changes to Greenspace designations. I reject the proposed redesignation of what is allowable greenspace vs disturbed areas. The sheer gaol of the councillors trying to push through this bylaw without proper consultation is very sad indeed.

Residents of the city and residents country residential properties WITHIN the city limits do not need and should never have to have this conversation with our members of council in any city let alone one the calls itself "The Wilderness City". The Yukon has many areas not near cities that can be explored and mined. Tell the mining companies to go there. Not here!!

I reject this bylaw and I reject what you are trying to do to this city.

Dorothy Burke



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## Rejection of Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** esther lehmann [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 10:26 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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**To:** City of Whitehorse Administration and Counsel,

Please reject Bylaw 2026-25 and complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before considering any request to change the OCP or any City Bylaw.

Over the last few years the OCP was created in consultation with different organizations and partners to have the best possible plan for the city and its citizen.

But now it seems, that one Mining Company can simply apply for an amendment and go ahead and start exploring, potentially creating the next environmental disaster right in the city. Haven't we learned from all the mining disasters in the past (Victoria Gold Failure, Faro, Carmacks....) Are you willing to risk the city and its future as a Wilderness City and a place Tourists talk about. Obviously yes....And for what, where are the guarantees that this exploration will deliver the money the city needs, and it will not be the other way around where the city will end up financing the exploration and the clean up.

Green Spaces and Environmentally Sensitive Areas were created because of scientific rational and because cities and there people need Green Spaces for a healthy living which in the end will contribute to a healthy workforce. I doubt that Exploration and Mining is what the people of Whitehorse had in mind when they were fighting for the creation of parks, (Wolf Creek, Casa Chua'n/McIntyre Creek etc) Furthermore there is also the "What we heard Report 2026" when 62% of people made it clear that mineral exploration and mining within the city should be eliminated. Thus the city should put its time and effort into finishing the city's Mineral and Exploration framework , update the Yukon's mining legislation and finish the planning of any future regional parks.

As we all know and as it scientifically researched exploration and mining activities release toxic chemicals, potentially heavy metals and small dust particles into the environment. All these could potentially cause severe public health risks for the nearby neighbourhood and the city itself. Not only can dust articles lead to high rates of respiratory illnesses, making existing conditions such as Asthma and COPD worse , water contamination can lead to a full spectrum of diseases not to mention the possibility of causing long term diseases and more cancerous diseases in neighbourhoods exposed.

Is the city ready to carry the burden and costs of above mentioned health risks, be there for the people when they need help?

What is the city going to do if a full neighbourhood as toxic waste in their groundwater - are you going to carry the cost for re-homing people if it comes to that and are you ready for it?



Therefore I kindly ask the City Council to carefully consider their choice and support the rejection of Bylaw 2026-25 so that we can all continue to live in a healthy environment with green spaces for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Esther Lehmann

[REDACTED]

Whitehorse

[REDACTED]



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## Input to Aug 24 public hearing on Gladiator Minerals

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From G McKee [REDACTED]  
Date Sun 8/23/2026 10:54 AM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I have reviewed the proposed Gladiator Minerals proposal and ask Mayor and City Council to reject proposed Bylaw 2026-25 for the following reasons:

- the proposed areas provide values that contribute to the human and ecological well-being within our city. I have enjoyed walking, canoeing, and kick sledding on and around Mary Lake and believe the noise and disturbance of exploration activities and associated transportation would disrupt the area and undermine the values it holds for human and ecological well-being and sustainability;
- the area provides accessible outdoor recreation for me as a senior and for other residents of Whitehorse;
- the area contributes to the ecological connectivity of wildlife habitats within the city;
- I am concerned that this incremental development further erodes these values within our growing city where such human, ecological, and cultural values are already under pressure from residential and transportation expansion;
- I don't agree that this mining proposal should take precedence over careful planning based on consideration of all values and future needs. Instead, the City's work on the "Mineral Exploration and Development Framework" should continue so the City can make more comprehensive, considered decisions based on all values, rather than an incremental decision now in response to this one proposal before the Framework is in place to guide such future decisions-making. I do not want the City to make a decision to support this proposal, which would set a precedent for other proposals, would set the stage for next level mineral exploration by Gladiator- a company with a poor environmental record, and would undermine the work already done - in close consultation with residents - on the Mining Framework;
- I request the City not change the designations and definitions of disturbed areas and future planning areas and not remove these areas from green space in response to this one proposal. Again, such zoning type decisions should not be incremental decisions but more fully consider the values and purpose of such zoning. Fire smarted areas and fire breaks still hold ecological and outdoor recreation values that contribute to the human, ecological and cultural systems of our city.

I have lived here 26 years and recently moved from a rural property to a downtown urban property so I especially appreciate how significant these "green spaces" are for recreation, time in nature and for their contribution to ecological and cultural systems integrity. They are under increasing pressure and the values they contribute should not be eroded incrementally.

I propose that City Council should rethink the meaning and definition of "green space" to better reflect their true values within an urban setting. They are not empty spaces to be held for future development, but hold ecological, cultural, and human well-being values that also contribute to our City and should be protected.

I am writing as a downtown resident and as a professional planner.

Gillian McKee, MCIP, RPP

Sent from my iPhone







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Proposed bylaw 2026-25

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From Glenys [REDACTED]  
Date Sun 8/23/2026 4:33 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Mayor Cameron and Whitehorse City Councillors,

I wish to register my opposition to passage of this bylaw.

Passage of it would do three very substantial things.

- permanently change 3 areas zoned green space to future planning in order to allow mineral exploration. This change could hardly be more major.
- redefine future planning designation to allow mineral exploration in all future planning areas with valid mineral tenure throughout the city.
- set a precedent of redefining fire break as "disturbed ground" in order to permit mineral exploration on this extensive piece of land in our city.

I hope you will consider that these changes should undergo a much more thorough public process. The OCP was developed over many years and in good faith with a great deal of participation from citizens and city staff. It involved a number of studies and precedents. And its vision is that of a "Wilderness City" not "Mining City".

Residents of Cowley Creek and Mary Lake have long been aware of the activities of Gladiator Metals and have been impacted by noise and the drastically changed landscape where exploration has been conducted. As a result I have followed this issue closely. But in the last 8 weeks I have discovered that most residents of other areas of the city are unaware of this proposed bylaw amendment and its implications. When they begin to learn about it they are confused (this is a complicated issue) and shocked.

There are some significant problems with this bylaw as it is written and interpreted:

As recently as Saturday, August 21 it was discovered that some members of council have a very different understanding of a fundamental part of this proposal than do I and my neighbours. Administration does not seem to thoroughly understand the designation of an Environmentally Sensitive Area.

The fire break which has always been intended as forest conversion and has social licence based on that understanding is shown on a recent City of Whitehorse map in grey and referred to as "disturbed ground". In fact it is very green and clearly well into various stages of regrowth as intended. To open those spaces to mineral exploration could easily be seen as a betrayal of public trust.

This proposal is for "limited" exploration. What does that mean? How many drill pads? How many holes? How many days/year do they plan to drill? What increase in light vehicle traffic will be

permitted? How many new trails/roads and where? How will noise be monitored? "Limited" is a very broad definition.

The permanent conversion of the 100 acre Mary Lake parcels to Future Planning is particularly egregious. This area is extensively used for recreation by cyclists, runners, hikers, berry pickers, the Cadet Camp, people on motorized recreational vehicles and dog mushers. The Swanstrom Trail connects to the Millenium Trail as well as to an extensive trail system. And it is just recovering from the forest conversion mentioned above.

It is VERY close to long established residences across the water (sound carries well over water).

It is part of a wildlife corridor which is quite narrow in this place and is deliberately included in the OCP as a green space to be part of this corridor.

It is part of the long proposed Wolf Creek Park.

This bylaw would permanently remove the protections afforded this area by its Green Space designation.

As our city grows it is necessary to we should be very mindful of protecting Green Space for the welfare of all and future planning for use as housing, parks and other uses which are of benefit to residents.

Gladiator Metals is eager to proceed with exploration and would like to open these areas immediately. Given the city process drilling would not likely occur until spring of 2027 in any case. So there is time for the city to do what it does well – inform and consult broadly and in an unbiased way before making such major changes to our OCP. As our representatives we really need to know that you have undertaken this decision with both care and consultation and that you represent the best possible outcome for residents of the city.

Why is this bylaw before council before the Minerals Framework is in place? Because Gladiator did not wish to accept the Minerals Framework as it was presented to the public. These are not the only parcels which will be disputed by Gladiator. Let's get our vision in place first and then negotiate differences. In the meantime, Gladiator Metals is very well funded and has an increasingly sophisticated PR department. They make promises of economic benefit and jobs to our city. This is the usual practice of junior mining companies. We've seen it over and over again here in the Yukon. Vague promises can and often do amount to little or no benefit to us.

As a born and raised Yukoner I ask that you reject this bylaw in its current form.

Thank you for this platform.

Glenys Baltimore  
Cowley Creek subdivision





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## Opposition to bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Hakim Regine [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 7:42 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hi,

My name is Hakim Therrien Boulos and I live in Wolf Creek. I am opposed to bylaw 2026 25. The work has not been finished to create a framework for mining within city limits, this needs to be done first and then upheld by Gladiator Metals/future mining companies. Until then, no mineral explorations should be conducted within city limits. I furthermore oppose the rezoning of green spaces into future planning spaces.

Thank you.  
Hakim

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Bylaw 2026-25

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From [REDACTED]  
Date Sun 8/23/2026 7:26 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bylaw 2026-25.

With work currently being done on a minerals framework for the city, it is entirely inappropriate to pass a bylaw that allows a specific company to pursue further exploration and essentially bypass this framework.

If council decides to pass this bylaw, I will no longer have faith in the City to follow its own rules and planning processes.

Thank you,  
J. Bryn Knight  
[REDACTED], Whitehorse  
Sent from my iPhone





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## Support for Amendment Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Jean Pierre Londero [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 8:37 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Please find attached a letter supporting the proposed official community plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25)

Regards,

Jean-Pierre Londero

*Jean-Pierre Londero*

, Whitehorse

*Yukon*

*August 21st, 2026*

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

The Whitehorse Copper Belt is an important part of the Yukon's mining history and remains a meaningful opportunity for renewed exploration, investment, and economic activity. Exploration can help supported local employment, contractors, service providers, accommodations, transportation, and other businesses in Whitehorse and the broader Yukon economy.

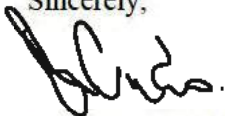
Exploration can support Yukon contractors and suppliers, generate local business activity, and contribute taxes, royalties, and other revenues that help fund public services and infrastructure. This is especially important at a time when Yukon's fiscal position is under increasing pressure, and government spending has outpaced revenue growth.

I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jean-Pierre Londero



August 12th, 2026

Attention: Publicinput@whitehorse.ca

Dear Mayor and Council:

**Re: Bylaw 2026-25: Application to amend text and mapping of the Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit limited forms of Mineral Exploration within the Future Planning designation.**

I support this amendment and encourage Council to pass it. As someone who works in the construction and mining sector, I believe a project that creates more highly paid, skilled jobs in Whitehorse would benefit both our city and the Yukon.

The Whitehorse Copper Project exploration is authorized under a Class 3 Quartz Mining Land Use Approval, issued following a YESAB assessment. That approval carries 98 enforceable operating conditions covering environmental protection, operational practices, and reclamation.

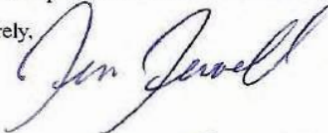
At this stage, the application does nothing more than clarify the City's OCP rules for exploration. Exploration improves our understanding of the land and its mineral resource potential, and that knowledge supports better decisions about the future of both our community and our economy. The Gladiator exploration project is already generating immediate jobs and local investment across the Whitehorse region, with roughly \$40M in spending anticipated over the next 18 months.

Copper is increasingly essential. Our federal government is focused on Canadian security, resource independence, and broadening the economy so it depends less on any single buyer. We have the critical minerals needed to support that growth, and a city spanning more than 400 square kilometres has ample room for mixed development, including exploration and mining.

It is my understanding that both TKC and KDFN support the Gladiator exploration work underway in their traditional territories. I encourage the City to facilitate exploration, and potentially future mining, as one component of a strong and diversified economy for Whitehorse and the Yukon.

My congratulations to Council for working with a proponent and for making our OCP more reflective of our landscape and more flexible for our shared economic future.

Sincerely,



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Address

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Whitehorse, Yukon

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## Support for Amendment Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Joanna Dlugosz [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 6:38 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc** Gladiator Community [REDACTED]

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Good morning,

Please see the attached signed letter in support of the OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Joanna Dlugosz



Joanna Dlugosz, Gladiator Metals Corp.

Whitehorse, YT

August 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

The goal of mineral exploration is to better our understanding of the geology and the occurrence of critical minerals beneath the surface, and to make informed decisions based on these findings. Soil sampling, mapping, and drilling provide geologists with valuable data regarding potential prospects while keeping the disruption to the surrounding area as low as possible. Gladiator Metals focuses on the investigation of mineral occurrences in the Whitehorse Copper Belt and determining their economic significance.

I believe that the mineral exploration industry is an important component of the Yukon's economy. Mineral exploration companies, such as Gladiator Metals, provide a plethora of high paying jobs to people from all educational backgrounds. Additionally, critical minerals are a key component for our transition to a green economy, it cannot be accomplished without these minerals. It is important for us as geologists to use our knowledge on how best to conduct exploration and mining of deposits located throughout Canada.

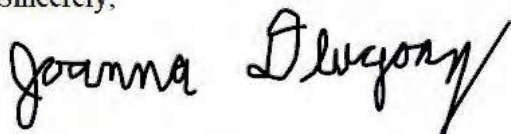
Gladiator Metals also encourages each of their employees to grow professionally. As a recent addition to the team at Gladiator Metals Corp, I have been provided with multiple opportunities to expand my knowledge as a geologist by working with individuals of various experience levels and backgrounds.

Mineral exploration supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanna Dlugosz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline.

Joanna Dlugosz  
Geologist, Gladiator Metals Corp.



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## Public input on BYLAW 2026-25

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From Joyce Majiski [REDACTED]

Date Sun 8/23/2026 10:43 AM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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*I do not want BYLAW 2026-25 going through. NO current or future mineral exploration or mining within Whitehorse City Limits!!!*

**The Whitehorse community plan took years of careful consideration and public input to create. Why are you trying to make last minute adjustments based on one stake holders request?**

**The actions of the City council in trying to make this rushed amendment without public disclosure and consultation creates distrust in public office. Such sentiments are already running high, please consider a proper procedure with this important decision.**

**Best regards**

**Joyce Majiski**



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**Re: Proposed regulation change to allow exploration/mining in green space**

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**From** Kai Breithaupt [REDACTED]

**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 10:56 PM

**To** Marglowski, Johanna [REDACTED]

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Hi Johanna, Thanks for your reply and giving me the opportunity to resubmit. You can include my name on the following submission:

I am writing regarding the proposed amendment that would allow mineral exploration within areas currently designated as green space and future planning areas.

I believe this amendment sets a dangerous precedent and could significantly reduce the City's ability to regulate mining and mineral exploration within city limits. Gladiator Metals already has the ability to conduct mineral exploration within the city, so I see no compelling reason why residents should be asked to give up protected green space, wilderness areas, or the ability to regulate exploration activities in the future.

While this proposed regulatory change is larger than any one company, Gladiator Metals' history makes this issue particularly concerning. The company has demonstrated a disregard for existing mining regulations and environmental requirements, including multiple regulatory violations. It is difficult to justify weakening our municipal protections for the benefit of a company with such a poor track record.

Our regulations exist to protect the interests of the community and the environment—not to accommodate the interests of individual mining companies. We should not change our land-use regulations in a way that limits the City's future ability to protect green space and regulate mineral exploration within city limits.

I strongly urge Council to reject this amendment and maintain the existing protections for green space and future planning areas.

Kai Breithaupt

Resident of Whitehorse [REDACTED]

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OCP proposed amendment for mineral exploration

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**From** Kathy Gilmore [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 9:03 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

I would like to add my voice to those objectors of the proposed amendment to the OCP to permit mineral exploration within the city limits, specifically Gladiator Metals in the Mary Lake area.

That kind of development, no matter how limited, has no place within our city, and this proposal would open the door that leads to a slippery slope of encroaching development in our green spaces. With the myriad of benefits our greenspaces provide to us, they need to be fiercely protected.

I am offended at the audacity of Gladiator Metals to ask for such a thing, and rather shocked that the city officials would even consider it.

Sincerely,

Kathy Gilmore  
30 year Yukoner



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Support for OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25 - Mineral Exploration

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**From** Kelson Willms [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 12:18 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Mavor and Council [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached for a support letter regarding Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2026-25. Thank you for taking the time to consider the voice of a Whitehorse resident and member of the community.

Cheers,

Kelson Willms.

*Kelson Willms, Whitehorse resident*

*August 23, 2026*

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt. The Whitehorse Copper Belt is an integral part of the potential economic future of Whitehorse, and the Yukon Territory, and I believe that it's critical that the mineral potential is allowed to be explored and fully established so that informed decisions can be made on the future of Yukon's natural resources and green-energy resources. Exploration is not mining, and far too often these two unique aspects of the overall natural resources industry are mixed and melded together, and whether a deposit or area such as the Whitehorse Copper Belt should be mined or not in the future is not what the current objective is. Exploration is integral for the identification of our natural resources, and the area that is being explored by Gladiator Metals is not an area that puts any of the general public at risk or harm, whether it be via direct hazard or environmental hazard.

As a Whitehorse resident, I believe it is important for Yukon (and Whitehorse) to not forget that, whether we like it or not, we are a resource-based territory and there is no safer, cleaner, or better regulated way to explore than in an area close to the public eye.

Mineral exploration supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelson Willms  
Whitehorse Resident



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## Gladiator metals

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**From** leslie oulton [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 12:48 PM  
**To** Mayor and Council [REDACTED] publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
<publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Good morning

I am writing to say I am strongly opposed to mineral exploration near and within city limits. Most of what needed to be said has been said by people already. If council chooses to go ahead with voting yes on this I feel they will be doing the communities of Marylake ,cowley creek and Whitehorse great harm. The noise that we have had to put up with so far is baffling. I have called bylaw and they went and did a sound check and found it to be above acceptable limits but due to it being just outside city limits there hands are tied. Imagine this in your own neighborhood I would say you would find it to be irritating and unacceptable.

The majority has spoken on this case multiple times and yet 4 councillors have chosen to go against the majority and vote to keep this moving forward. At a Marylake community meeting recently one councillor showed up which was greatly appreciated and in the same breath didn't have any idea where this drilling was going on. I find this to be very troublesome. That the people with the power to stop this don't understand where and how close to homes this is, yet voted yes.

I have lived in Whitehorse my entire life and have been living in my marylake now for 21 years. I pay a mortgage and also pay property taxes. I have invested my entire adult life into my home and if gladiator is allowed to continue on this path all our investments, including our home's future, will be gone. Exploration will decrease the value of our homes In this area and that is wrong. We expect our leaders to stand up for the people and not bend for company's like gladiator and kluane drilling.

I am available to discuss further if any of you would like more information. To make very clear, I am totally against this proposal.

Thank you

Les

Sent from my iPhone

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**ByLaw 2026-25**

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From Marilyn Smith [REDACTED]  
Date Sun 8/23/2026 10:11 AM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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From:

Marilyn Smith

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon, [REDACTED]

August 21, 2026

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of City Council,

I am writing this letter to urge you to reject By-Law 2026-25, the proposed amendment to the City of Whitehorse Official Community Plan that would allow mineral exploration within Future Planning designation areas that are currently zoned as Greenspace and Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

The purpose of Whitehorse City Council is to govern the municipality on behalf of Whitehorse residents. There has been no justification offered from the City or the proponent of this amendment as to how such a change would be of benefit to the citizens of Whitehorse. Rather it appears that the amendment will benefit a single company while it will have significant negative impact on the community at large specifically in terms of noise, disruption of landscape and greenspaces, limitations on other land use in the affected areas as well as unknown implications for the City on control of land within the City's jurisdiction.

In reviewing the current council's strategic priorities and the platforms on which council members were elected, nowhere is allowing exploration or mining within the City boundaries mentioned. Nowhere is it mentioned that a major change to the City of Whitehorse Official Community plan was one of those priorities. This seems to have come out of left field with little information provided by the City. There have been no public meetings offered by the City to explain what the implications such an amendment would have on Whitehorse, what the pros and cons are from the City's perspective.

The City is responsible for the protection of the environment, recreational spaces, wildlife habitat and the quality of life for Whitehorse residents. Passing this amendment is contrary to all these responsibilities. Further, City resources should not be used in the support of a single company to the detriment of Whitehorse citizens. I urge City Council to reject this by-law and put an end to this divisive issue.



Regards,  
Marilyn Smith



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**Fwd: Mineral Exploration in Copper Belt**

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**From** M Slama [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 5:21 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

My name is Martin Slama, resident of the Wolf Creek community.

I am contacting you to inform you of my great concern and disappointment that Mayor, Council, and City staff are working to make changes to Whitehorse's Official Community Plan, including:

1) The redesignation of green spaces and ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSATIVE AREAS for future development.

To date to, what types investigations or scientific reviews have been completed to ensure that the redesignation of these areas will not adversely affect the wilderness and wildlife?

I personally spend time in some of these area weekly, if not daily, and can report that these areas are home to moose, cariboo, beaver, bats, and migratory birds.

2) The redesignation of recently reforested areas for future development. This is a disingenuous characterization of the effort of many to support the long term safety of this community.

The efforts and expenses of the city and territory to thin out coniferous trees along the copper haul road fire break is a Reforestation Efforts to support the growth of new fire resistant deciduous trees. The area may look like a mess for the first few years, but new growth will take root and turn this area into new habitats for all. An active mine is not a suitable habitat for animals or people.

If the area is designated for future development, ALL trees and wildlife might be removed from these areas, creating a 'Dead band' around the community.

Many of the redesignated areas are community greenspaces, where residents, friends, family, and visitors spend a great deal of time year round. They hike, bike, ski, horse ride, bird watch, and enjoy the silence that the wilderness provides.

Gladiator Metal's ultimate goal is to confirm there is sufficient deposits of minerals to persuade investors to buy into an open pit mine. Will heap leaching be an 'acceptable' form to extract valuable minerals? This form of extraction has been proven to be a great risk to the surrounding areas and make note that the proposed areas are almost ALL up river of where the City of Whitehorse pumps its water from wells in Riverdale. Not only would the local residents with independent wells be at risk of wells failing toxicology reports, but ALL of Whitehorse could be at risk. The Yukon also has an abundant history of stepping in after the mining company has left to clean up or substantially maintain the mining sites after the wealth has been extracted.



Whitehorse's unofficial motto is "The Wilderness City".

An active open pit mine within city limits does not fit that motto.

By conceding and authorizing the exploration in protected area, you are permitting the path for an active mine.

Not once during elections did any candidate state they would bend over backwards to allow an exploration company to map Whitehorse subterrain with the specific plans to provide enough information for stakeholders to pursue an active open pit mine within city limits.

This will certainly be a question in subsequent elections. Candidate should be prepared to confirm which side they stand for, and confirm active investments in these types of operations.

It's my expectation that Mayor, Council, and City staff would work to support and protect Local Residents (the electorate) from the fleeting and extractive-by-nature efforts of outside companies who seek quick riches at the great expense of all else.

Thanks for your consideration.

Martin Slama



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## Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** mike Burke [REDACTED]

**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 1:54 PM

**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council  
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See attached letter.

Mike Burke, B.Sc, P.Geo  
[REDACTED]



Mike Burke

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon

August 23, 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse  
Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25).

I have lived and worked continuously in the Yukon's mineral exploration and mining industry since 1983 and purchased my first home in Riverdale in 1987 when I permanently re-located to the Yukon. I worked 21 years for the Yukon Geological Survey and during that time visited 100's of exploration projects and mines in the Yukon. I have seen the reality of the impact of mineral exploration on the land and have constantly had to defend the industry as its impacts are wrongly portrayed by many both inside and outside the Yukon.

I have participated in the evolution of the regulation of the mineral exploration from an industry that had basically no regulation when I first started to one that is effectively regulated and managed today. My participation was via my employment with the Yukon Government and later in my volunteering with the Yukon Chamber of Mines. I have previously presented to Mayor and Council my support of the current regulation of mineral exploration and my opposition to a duplication of regulation by the City of Whitehorse.

As a Professional Geoscientist I strongly encourage Mayor and Council to examine the facts of the impact of mineral exploration on the land and water as you have been presented with information from special interest groups and individuals that is not based on facts. Without going into detail, information on the potential for negative impact on water quality by exploration drilling has been misleading. One needs to look no further than the current impact of historical drilling and mining within the Copper Belt which has not negatively impacted water quality. This is a function of the geology of the mineral deposits within the Copper Belt. Information on the impact of drilling on increasing the level of radon in residences has also been inaccurate. This is easily fact checked by consulting with experts and the extensive research on radon and its causes.

Mineral exploration is the process of eliminating land for its potential to host mineral deposits. This is currently being done in the Copper Belt using many zero impact technologies that were not available to geologists and exploration companies when the last exploration was conducted in the 1980's. This has led to the current request to rezone only a small quantum of land to future planning to allow mineral exploration. This is the reality of today's mineral exploration process.

Areas that are explored with any techniques that include ground disturbance will be required to be reclaimed. With time the small areas impacted by a drill pad or a road will look no different than the

surrounding land. In fact fire resistant trees planted in disturbed areas may help in the City's current firesmarting plans. On the contrary, homes and country residential areas which have a massive footprint of both cleared areas, buildings, roads and other linear disturbances will look the same or have a larger impact on the land for decades because there is no reclamation required.

Lastly, the critical mineral copper that is being explored for in the Copper Belt is extremely important for the world's transition to green energy and a lower environmental footprint on the planet. Exploration and potential mining in a previously disturbed area such as the Copper Belt as well as the low environmental impact of the style of mineral deposits that existed or may yet to be discovered here compared to most areas worldwide is undisputable. If the Mayor and Council are truly concerned with the environment, you will support mineral exploration and will facilitate access to land that has been determined to have the best potential for a discovery.

Mineral exploration supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration.

I strongly encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

On a personal note, my son, Ryan Burke is the Project Geologist for Gladiator Metals. He was born in Whitehorse. Your decision directly impacts my family and my sons' ability to live and work from his home in Whitehorse. Your decision will impact other Whitehorse families in the same situation and potentially hundreds of families in the future to enjoy working at home and not remotely.

Sincerely,

*Mike Burke*

Mike Burke, B.Sc, P. Geo



Letter - Gladiator & OCP changes

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**From** Patch Groenewegen [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 6:56 PM  
**To** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]; publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
<publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Good day,

Please see the attached letter for your consideration.

Thank you in advance,  
Patch

August 23, 2026

**RE: Support for Gladiator Metals and the Whitehorse Copper Project**

Dear Mayor and Council Members and the City of Whitehorse planning department,

We are writing to express our support for **Gladiator Metals Corp.** and its efforts to advance exploration of the Whitehorse Copper Project within the City of Whitehorse.

We understand that Gladiator Metals is seeking amendments to the City's Official Community Plan (OCP) and zoning framework to allow continued copper exploration and drilling on the western edge of the municipality. We support Council giving this project fair, evidence-based consideration and allowing responsible exploration to proceed.

**Consider the project in context**

The Copper Belt has been associated with mining for well over 100 years. The landscape proposed for exploration is not untouched wilderness; it contains existing roads, trails, clearings, historical disturbances, and more recent wildfire-prevention infrastructure.

Our understanding is that **6% or less of the overall project area would involve actual new green-space removal**, with much of the remaining area already disturbed in some manner. That distinction is important when considering the project's true environmental footprint.

Whitehorse has also undertaken significant development elsewhere to accommodate growth, including Whistle Bend, where much natural landscapes were significantly altered. We should evaluate all forms of land-use change consistently and proportionately.

**Responsible local development**

We support responsible mining—not mining at any cost. A project within or immediately adjacent to Whitehorse has the potential for greater accessibility and oversight by regulators and the City. Local operations can also make better use of established roads and clearances and may require less new transportation infrastructure.

The location provides additional logistical advantages, including proximity to existing transportation routes and access toward shipping ports like Skagway.

We also understand that the exploration results indicate a high-grade copper deposit and that the associated rock is considered **non-acid-generating**. If confirmed through appropriate technical and environmental assessment, these characteristics could mean a smaller disturbance footprint and significantly reduced concerns around acid rock drainage and long-term water treatment.

These claims should, of course, be independently verified through the appropriate regulatory processes.

**Jobs that keep families here**

For us, one of the most compelling reasons to support this project is local employment.



We would much rather see **Yukoners able to work close to home** and return to their families each night than have to fly to another province or territory for work.

This could be particularly valuable for single parents and families balancing employment, childcare, and housing costs. One stable, well-paying local job can make a significant difference to a household.

There is also an opportunity to employ Yukon tradespeople and newly graduated workers, helping young residents build careers and potentially purchase homes and establish their lives here.

### **Economic benefits for Whitehorse**

The benefits would extend beyond direct employment. Exploration has already involved local contractors and supported businesses such as grocery stores, material and tool suppliers, hotels, fuel stations, and other services. A larger operation could expand that economic activity, **increase the City's tax base**, and keep more money circulating within Whitehorse and the Yukon.

If we need copper for our vehicles, phones, batteries, electrical systems, and other technologies, that copper must come from somewhere. Responsible Canadian and Yukon resource development deserves consideration rather than automatically exporting both environmental impacts and economic opportunities elsewhere.

### **Protecting what matters**

Supporting Gladiator Metals does not mean abandoning Whitehorse's commitment to greenspace.

We support **protecting** important trails, recreational areas, water resources, wildlife habitat, and other **valued landscapes**. We also support strong environmental standards, transparency, reclamation requirements, and ongoing monitoring.

But protecting greenspace should be balanced with recognizing existing disturbance, the City's long history with the Copper Belt, and the potential benefits of responsible development.

### **A fair opportunity**

We are not asking Council to approve a mine without scrutiny. We are asking Council to **allow appropriate green spaces to be considered for mineral exploration** and give Gladiator Metals and the Whitehorse Copper Project a fair opportunity to demonstrate that exploration and eventual development can meet appropriate environmental, social, and economic standards.

Whitehorse needs employment, housing opportunities, economic growth, and a future for young Yukoners. We also need to protect the landscapes that make this community special.

We believe we can do both. For these reasons, we encourage Council to support the appropriate OCP and zoning changes needed to allow Gladiator Metals to continue responsible exploration.

Thank you for considering our perspective.

*Calvin Delwisch & Patch Groenewegen*  
from Whitehorse, Yukon

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## Can we even afford more mining in the Yukon?

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From Peggy Land [REDACTED]

Date Sun 8/23/2026 11:11 AM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Editor YukonNews [REDACTED]

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**Fwd: Can we even afford more mining in the Yukon?**

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Hello again, I am re submitting my previous email to you with this additional comment to clarify that I am strongly **opposed** to amending the OCP to allow for more mining activity within the City of Whitehorse due to the facts listed below which show that mining is costing all taxpayers hugely more than any income it has been generating for the Yukon Government in royalties. Thanks, Peggy Land [REDACTED] Whitehorse.

Forwarded message

From: **Peggy Land** [REDACTED]  
Date: Sun, Aug 23, 2026 at 11:10 AM  
Subject: Can we even afford more mining in the Yukon?  
To: <[publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)>, [REDACTED]

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Support for OCP amendment Bylaw 2026-25 - Mineral Exploration

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From quinton willms [REDACTED]  
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To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
Cc Mavor and Council [REDACTED]  
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Quinton Willms

[REDACTED], Whitehorse, Yukon, [REDACTED]  
August 23, 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25.

I am writing in support of the OCP amendments and the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

The proximity to the city should be seen as an advantage and creates an opportunity to set an example of how responsible mining can and should be conducted within the Yukon. Disturbance can be minimized by using preexisting developments and allow for closer review and inspections on procedures; this has the potential to be advanced as one of the lowest emission with minimal disturbance projects by proximity to current critical infrastructure such as main highways and hydroelectricity.

Mineral exploration and mining are large contributors to the Yukon GDP that drive economic benefits and opportunities for the territory, local communities and Indigenous Peoples creating jobs and support throughout the exploration process.

If mining is not allowable near city limits where municipal and territorial oversight can be conducted, then where is it acceptable?

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration,

Quinton Willms



## Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Roger Hulstein [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 8/23/2026 11:23 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council  
[REDACTED]

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My letter of support is attached.

Regards,

Roger

Roger W. Hulstein

Email: [REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

Roger W. Hulstein (dba Hulstein Geological Services)  
[REDACTED], Whitehorse  
August 23, 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse  
Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

As per the attached 'Fact Sheet' provided by Gladiator Metals Corp., this amendment seems like a reasonable request and a small one. It would facilitate effective mineral exploration that is in the best interest of Whitehorse, Yukoners and all Canadians should it lead to an ore deposit being defined and put into production. We could do with more industry in this territory and more on that below.

Regarding the good people who are opposed to the amendment, to exploration in general and mining in particular, I ask Mayor Cameron and Council to ascertain the motives of these people. Some of them are afraid of radon, which I believe to be a result of unfounded dangers propagated by fear mongers and anti mining folks. While I'm far from an expert, I have in my career explored for uranium and thorium and do have a basic understanding of radiation (don't get a sunburn!) and radon generated by exploration drill holes is not something to worry about. An easy solution that should put these fears to bed would be to cement the drill holes (should be doing that anyway for safety reasons if they are planning to mine).

The good people of Mary Lake are objecting to the noise of exploration. Aside from the usual noise mitigation and work distance restrictions, I'm not sure what can be done. I do wonder why these people moved near old mine workings with active claims in a well-known mineral belt. It is like buying a house near the airport and complaining about the noise. Or me, when we bought a house near the River in Riverdale in the summer and when winter rolled around, we found out how loud the generators are (they rattled our walls!) That said, the problem goes back to the City of Whitehorse and the Federal government when the city limits were expanded to include most of the Copper Belt. Seems to me to have been a stupid move and subsequent governments of all stripes have not addressed the subsequent land use issues. If the government doesn't want exploration or mining to proceed, they do have the option of buying the claims or the City can pull in the city boundary and allow YTG to administer the land.

Lastly, I wrote to you on March 31, 2024, regarding exploration and mining within city limits and it is attached for your edification. Also attached is the 'Fact Sheet' from Gladiator Metals Corp. I encourage you to examine the map closely and better yet visit the actual sites where those oh-so-obnoxious activities are to take place and make up your own mind as to what is reasonable.

Mineral exploration supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.



I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger W. Hulstein  
Hulstein Geological Services

Attachments;   1) R. Hulstein letter dated March 31, 2024, to Mayor and Council  
                      2) Fact Sheet by Gladiator Metals Corp.



Whitehorse, YT  
March 31, 2024

Dear City of Whitehorse Mayor and Council,

My name is Roger Hulstein and I have been a Whitehorse resident for 36 years. I am a mineral exploration geologist and have worked in the Yukon since 1981. Regarding exploration and mining within the city limits I'm not sure what the fuss is all about as we've had a successful mine here in the past and we are a wilderness city not a wilderness park. A mine within or near any city makes sense as the result due to the efficiency of transportation, nearby workers, etc. is a smaller ecological footprint. We all use copper and the synergy between a city and a mine would be a step towards fighting climate change.

From what I've gleaned through the media to date there is a lack of knowledge and collective memory about the past operations of the Whitehorse Copper Mine. Overall I believe it was a positive one. All ore deposits are unique. The ore deposits of the Copper Belt belong to a class that do not generate acidic waste products thanks to the abundant limestone and the copper concentrate commands a premium price at the smelter. For some basic background information on the Whitehorse Copper Belt I draw your attention to the website:  
<https://www.cgenarchive.org/whitehorse-copper.html>.

The Yukon and Whitehorse economy in particular exists thanks to the largess of Federal transfer payments. I say we need to do our part to contribute to the Canadian economy and the option of mineral exploration and mining should at least be entertained unless other values preclude these activities (this does include ski trails, many of which are old trails used to access drill sites). Judging by the minimal impact of the former Whitehorse Copper Mine which closed 42 years ago, after abiding by the standards of the day, I think a modern mine could benefit the City. Any mine would be a temporary use of the land and would contribute immensely to our economy. It would also contribute to diversity within our government dominated bureaucratic society by increasing the number of industrial workers.

Lastly, I know that not all Whitehorse City council members and citizens are impartial or open minded. This conclusion was demonstrated at a meeting I had with 2- 3 Councillors and others to discuss the renewal of the Whitehorse staking moratorium in 2017. This temporary moratorium was enacted in 2012 so the city could update the Official Community Plan (OCP). Yes, a temporary ban, still in force over 12 years later. During our meeting one councillor made it abundantly clear that he was dead set against exploration and mining within City limits. I hope that you will objectively weigh all opinions and concerns that are presented to you and not have similar fixed anti-mining opinions.

I'm for exploration and possibly mining within city limits and encourage the decision makers to read the "Yukon Mineral Development Strategy and Recommendations" plus recent papers and policies regarding Critical Minerals and Green Initiatives put forward by the Federal government (who fund our town and territory). We need to do our part.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Hulstein  




# MATTER OF FACT

## PROPOSED OCP AMENDMENT - THE FACTS

### WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

Gladiator Metals holds the required territorial Class 3 Quartz Mining Land Use Approval for temporary mineral exploration of the Whitehorse Copper Project mineral claims within the City of Whitehorse. The approval was issued following environmental assessment and First Nations consultation under YESAA.

The City advised Gladiator that an Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment would provide a clear municipal planning process and City oversight for temporary mineral exploration. Gladiator worked collaboratively with the City to develop that process. City Administration supports the following two-part amendment:

#### PART 1 - OCP POLICY TEXT AMENDMENT

Allows Temporary Mineral Exploration, as defined by the proposed policy, to be considered through the City's existing Temporary Use Permit process on lands designated Future Planning.

#### PART 2 - OCP MAP AMENDMENT

Redesignates less than 0.81 km<sup>2</sup> of historically disturbed brownfield land to Future Planning, allowing those locations to be considered through the Temporary Use Permit process.

### PROPOSAL REFINED THROUGH CITY REVIEW

3.7 km<sup>2</sup> → less than 0.81 km<sup>2</sup>

### WHAT IS TEMPORARY MINERAL EXPLORATION?

Temporary exploration includes:

- Geological mapping
- Surface sampling
- Drilling to collect rock samples

Its purpose is to better understand the geology beneath the surface.

### IT DOES NOT INVOLVE:

- Mineral extraction
- Mineral processing
- Permanent infrastructure

Any future advanced exploration or mine development would require separate approvals, environmental assessment and further public consultation.

## WHY THIS OCP AMENDMENT MATTERS

**\$40M**

#### PLANNED INVESTMENT

Exploration and environmental work over 18 months.

**22**

#### DIRECT EMPLOYEES

Including 12 Whitehorse residents.

**30+**

#### LOCAL BUSINESSES

Contractors, services, hospitality, retail and community groups.

**98**

#### OPERATING CONDITIONS

Water, noise, environment and reclamation protections.



**PROPOSED MAP AMENDMENT** - Refined through multiple rounds of City review. The proposed redesignation was reduced from approximately 3.7 km<sup>2</sup> to less than 0.81 km<sup>2</sup>.

### BETTER INFORMATION FOR FUTURE LAND-USE DECISIONS

Exploration provides the geological information needed to determine whether an area has critical mineral value, allowing future land-use decisions to be based on evidence rather than speculation.

Critical mineral value can also help attract funding for Yukon infrastructure from the Federal Government and equity capital markets.

### A CLEAR MUNICIPAL PLANNING PROCESS

Gladiator's existing Class 3 approval contains 98 enforceable operating conditions covering water protection, noise management, environmental protection and progressive reclamation.

The proposed amendment establishes clear OCP policy describing when temporary mineral exploration may be considered through the City's existing Temporary Use Permit process.

### A COLLABORATIVE, CITY-LED APPROACH

Gladiator submitted the application in response to a planning pathway recommended by the City. The proposal was revised through multiple rounds of review and in response to City Administration feedback.

City Administration has recommended that the amended proposal proceed through the OCP bylaw process, where Council will receive further public input before making its final decision.

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Council will make its decision after the Public Hearing on August 24, 2026. If you support the amendment, consider submitting a written letter or speaking at the hearing. Letters and delegations form part of Council's public record.

#### 1. SUBMIT A LETTER

Send to: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [community@gladiatormetals.com](mailto:community@gladiatormetals.com); [mayorcouncil@whitehorse.ca](mailto:mayorcouncil@whitehorse.ca)

Suggested subject: Support for OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25 - Mineral Exploration

Deadline: Email before noon on August 24, 2026.

#### 2. SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing: August 24, 2026 at 5:30pm

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Registration deadline: Before noon on August 24, 2026.

**Useful topics:** Why you support the amendment; how exploration contributes to your business; why regulatory certainty matters; and your organization's connection to the industry.



Outlook

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## Support for OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-025 - Mineral Exploration

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**Cc** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]

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Hello,

I am writing to show my support for Bylaw 2026 25. Please see attached letter outlining my support.

Thank you,

Ryan



23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment, Bylaw 2026-25. In my view, this bylaw provides a clear, practical, and balanced municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

As a born and raised Yukoner who has worked in the exploration industry since the age of sixteen—half of my entire life—I have spent many summers in remote camps across the territory, often far from home and family. I have spent up to 10 weeks in the field before without contact to the outside world when I was first starting out in my career as a geologist.

In fact, the Yukon has a special provision in the Employment Standards Act for exploration workers, whereby if they are employed in the business of, *"staking, line cutting, geological mapping, geochemical sampling or testing, geophysical surveying or manual stripping activities in the course of exploration for minerals"* they are exempt from Part 2 Hours of Work Provisions in the Act. This is normalized within the industry, as long hours and time away from home is the standard and expected. The opportunity to have exploration work close to Whitehorse, where I can go home every night and be present with my family, is exceptionally rare. This is one of the many supporting reasons why this Bylaw should be passed to allow additional responsible exploration within the proposed areas within Bylaw 2026-25.

In addition, the Copper Belt has always been an important part of our community's history. For many of us who grew up here, it represents both our past and a meaningful opportunity for future economic activity. Responsible exploration in this area can help identify potential mineral resources while supporting local jobs, contractors, service providers, accommodations, transportation businesses, and many of the services that families like mine rely on.

To me, Bylaw 2026-25 strikes the right balance. It does not remove oversight or diminish public accountability. Instead, it establishes a transparent pathway for Council to review exploration applications on their merits, with appropriate conditions, regulatory requirements, and community considerations. Temporary mineral exploration is limited in scope and duration, and it is fundamentally different from mine development. Exploration simply provides the information needed to make informed decisions about whether further work is warranted.

As someone committed to raising a family in Whitehorse and contributing to the local economy, I believe that having a clear municipal framework for exploration benefits everyone. It gives residents confidence that proposals will be reviewed openly and consistently, and it gives proponents clarity about expectations and responsibilities.

Looking ahead, if exploration were successful and a future project were ever proposed, the potential benefits to Whitehorse and the Yukon could be significant. Responsible development close to existing infrastructure—such as in the Copper Belt—reduces the need for new access roads, minimizes disturbance, and allows for stronger oversight. This stands in contrast to many exploration projects elsewhere in the territory, which are remote, require new access into previously undisturbed areas, and create broader environmental footprints. A clear process for evaluating exploration near town helps ensure that any future development is carried out responsibly, transparently, and with community interests at the forefront.

Equally important, modern resource projects provide opportunities for economic reconciliation through meaningful partnerships with Yukon First Nations. Collaborative planning, shared decision-making, and benefit agreements help ensure that exploration and any future development support Indigenous economic participation, respect cultural values, and contribute to long-term community well-being. These partnerships are becoming increasingly important with respect to Canadian resource development and reflect the values of Yukoners who want to see economic growth aligned with reconciliation.

Resource projects also create opportunities for Yukoners to build skills and careers. Whether through apprenticeships, technical training, environmental monitoring, trades, equipment operation, logistics, or geology, exploration and mining can provide pathways for young people, families, and long-term residents to gain experience and develop transferable skills that support the broader Yukon economy.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage Mayor and Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25 and support a clear, transparent process for responsible mineral exploration within the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Burke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ryan Burke  
Senior Geologist  
Gladiator Metals

██████████ Riverdale  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
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Whitehorse

August 22, 2026

Mayor and Members of City Council

We are writing regarding your consideration of Bylaw 2026-25, which proposes changes to the Official Community Plan to open significant areas within city limits for mineral exploration. As written, the proposed bylaw would appear to benefit only corporate mining interests, without a balanced consideration for the other interests and values of the broader community. We recognize that the proposed changes would not provide a guarantee that mine development would be permitted. However, we are concerned that creating a legal framework for allowing exploration could significantly adversely affect residents in the short-term through intrusive exploration activities, as well as create potential political and legal leverage to proceed with mine development at some future date.

Here are some facts to consider. Mining opportunities outside of Whitehorse city limits, both near and far, abound. Since Whitehorse remains the primary economic hub and service center for the Territory, any economic benefit from future mine development anywhere in the Yukon will disproportionately accrue to Whitehorse-based businesses and government agencies. Allowing mining exploration and increasing the risk of mine development within city limits is not necessary and will not enhance these economic benefits or change these facts. Responsible mining exploration and development should be encouraged within a framework that makes sense within the context of broader community values, not focussed on any economic interest or group. Good and clear boundaries for corporate partners, such as those within the current Official Community Plan, go some distance toward protecting a full range of community social and economic values. We do not believe that prohibiting additional mining exploration within city limits will adversely affect either responsible mining interests, or the social and economic interests of the community at large.

We believe that Whitehorse is a unique and magical place where the quality of life is extraordinary and closely associated with access to outdoor and wilderness recreation activities. Many within the community would agree with us. While it is sometimes necessary to make compromises that change those values and opportunities, such as Fire Smarting around the perimeter of the city, allowable actions should be limited to those that are focused on preserving the quality of life of all residents, not on enhancing the economic

interests of any one group or interest. The argument that Fire Smarting or similar activities constitute “disturbed” land and so additional disturbance is only incremental and should not be problematic, is flawed. Fire Smarting is an example of an action that is intended to protect the property and quality of life available to all city residents with only superficial temporary impact upon the landscape. The flammable vegetation has been replanted with aspen trees (many 8 feet tall), and berry plants, which dramatically reduce the fire threat providing a safe environment for firefighters to safely stage when a wildfire approaches the city.

Allowing mining exploration increases the risk of potential mine development within city limits, with associated permanent impacts to the landscape and the values that make Whitehorse so unique and special. For example, if eventually staked or permitted, which is the desired outcome of exploration from an industry perspective, the process will significantly impact or interfere with the firebreak, existing and potential residential developments, as well as recreational opportunities and ecological and aesthetic values.

We believe that an Official Community Plan, when created through a process of meaningful community participation with the support of independent expert advice, can facilitate administrative decision-making and public acceptance of decisions. Failure to respect the plan and the parameters that it establishes does the opposite.

In conclusion, we would urge Council to reject this proposed bylaw and its potential impacts upon both the Official Community Plan and more importantly, upon the underlying values that the plan incorporates. We would urge Council to consider as its foundational duty to the residents of the city, to protect and preserve the quality-of-life opportunities that they currently treasure and enjoy.



Larry DuGuay and Sue Johnson





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## Opposition to Changing OCP to Accommodate any Private Firm

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From Vilmos Paldy [REDACTED]

Date Sun 8/23/2026 9:36 PM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council  
[REDACTED]

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Sunday, 23 August 2026

[publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca), [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor and Members of Whitehorse City Council,

I have lived in Whitehorse for 32 years. I am writing to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** Gladiator Metal Corporations' request to expand mining exploration activities into areas designated as Greenspace and Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) under the Official Community Plan (OCP 2040).

Why would we accommodate a private company's request on a whim into any previous well laid out and thoughtful plan?

I believe mining is very important contributor to the Yukon's economy, but alike all private enterprise, mining must continue to operate within the planning framework established by a properly organized and environmentally sensitive laid out plan - be it city or territorial. The OCP should not be altered in any way to accommodate the whims of any private firm - be it mining or ice cream making.

I ask Council to respect the integrity of the OCP and make NO amendments to it based on any requests put forward by any company's recommendations whatsoever. I would sincerely ask the entire council to please respect the communities plan previously put in place by all tax paying citizens that chose to live, thrive and contribute daily to this beautiful Wilderness City together.

Sincerely,

Vilmos I. Paldy

August 2026

re: Bylaw 2026-25

Dear Mayor Cameron and Council.

I am writing in support of the amendment to the official community plan ( Bylaw 2026-25) that will allow mineral exploration in the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

I have lived in Mary Lake for 35 years, I have used the trails almost daily, for various activities, winter and summer. I do not feel my enjoyment of this area is threatened by ongoing exploration.

I have come across exploration locations during my wanderings along the trail system. The impact evidence is minimal, as opposed to the firebreak, which I also support, that has been cut through many of the same areas in the last few years.

I have also come across the working drills, and again, found the areas of disturbance small.

I support this amendment, and I do support a diversified economy in Whitehorse, and the Yukon. I hope that our elected members are also in support of this.

Thankyou for your consideration

Sincerely

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Whitehorse.





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## Support for OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25-Mineral Exploration

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**From** Alan Lebedoff [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:16 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached my letter supporting Bylaw 2026-25, the proposed Official Community Plan Map and Text Amendment for mineral exploration. I would appreciate it being included in the public record ahead of the August 24 Public Hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.



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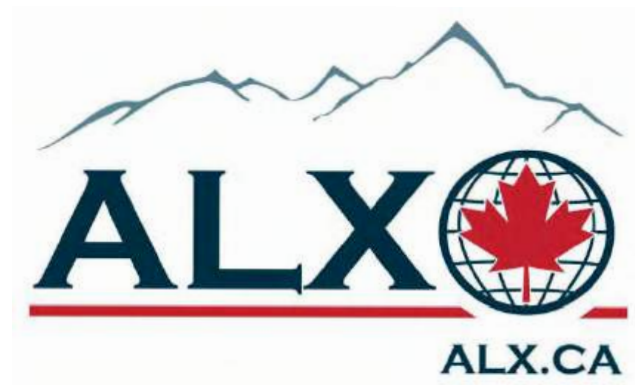
**Alan Lebedoff**

President

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A [REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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August 24, 2026

ALX Exploration & Mining Supplies

██████████, Whitehorse

██████████, Yukon Territory

**To: Mayor and Council**

City of Whitehorse

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment – Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

ALX Exploration Services is writing to express our strong support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment, Bylaw 2026-25, which would establish a clear municipal planning process for considering temporary mineral exploration within the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

As a Yukon-based exploration services company, we understand the importance of responsible mineral exploration to the Territory's economy, while also recognizing the importance of protecting the lands, waters and communities in which exploration occurs. We believe Bylaw 2026-25 represents a practical and balanced opportunity for the City to demonstrate that responsible resource development and environmental stewardship can coexist.

Of particular significance is the support for this proposal from both Kwanlin Dün First Nation (KDFN) and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council (TKC). Their support represents an important and constructive example of Indigenous governments recognizing an opportunity for responsible mineral exploration within their traditional territories. We believe this perspective deserves particular weight in Council's consideration. It demonstrates that responsible resource development, environmental stewardship, and respect for Indigenous interests do not have to be competing objectives, and that there is an opportunity to move forward in a way that reflects the interests and priorities of the broader Whitehorse community.

We encourage Council to move away from the notion that mineral exploration is inherently incompatible with a love of the outdoors or with environmental protection. Many Yukoners who work in the exploration and mining sector are also deeply connected to the outdoors and care profoundly about the land and water around them. Responsible exploration is not synonymous with environmental disregard. In this case, the





*Supplying*  
**EXPLORATION  
MINING  
CONSTRUCTION**

proposed activity is temporary exploration—geological mapping, surface sampling and drilling to collect rock samples—not mineral extraction, processing or permanent infrastructure.

Finally, we believe this is a particularly compelling opportunity for the City of Whitehorse. The proposed exploration would take place in an area that has already experienced significant disturbance, is close to existing infrastructure and a readily available workforce, and is subject to substantial territorial regulatory oversight. The project therefore presents an opportunity to generate valuable geological information while minimizing the need for new infrastructure and limiting additional disturbance. It also gives Gladiator Metals the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to be good corporate citizens before further exploration and mining decisions are made.

From an exploration services perspective, this is precisely the kind of project that should be encouraged: a temporary, regulated activity in a previously disturbed area, close to existing infrastructure and skilled workers, capable of providing important geological information without committing the City or the Territory to future development. Exploration can help establish whether an area has genuine critical-mineral value, allowing future land-use decisions to be based on evidence rather than speculation.

We respectfully encourage Mayor and Council to **adopt OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25** and to recognize the opportunity it presents for Whitehorse to support responsible exploration while maintaining strong environmental safeguards, meaningful Indigenous engagement, and appropriate municipal oversight.

Sincerely,

Alan Lebedoff  
President

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Fw: Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 3:19 PM  
**To** Public Input <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>



**Michael Prowse**  
Manager • Legislative Services • Corporate  
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Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.*

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**From:** Alexandra Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2026 2:44 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bylaw 2026-25

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Hello mayor and council.,

I am writing to you with grave concerns regarding Bylaw 2026 25. As a resident of Copper Ridge, I am incredibly concerned at the potential for mining within city limits due to impacts to the environment, human health, and limiting the ability of the City of Whitehorse to plan for future growth.

Allowing mineral exploration within city limits is egregious, in any place. Mining companies carry out mineral exploration with the assumption they will be able to recoup costs through future mining operations. By allowing mineral exploration to occur, you are de facto giving the position that mining operations within city limits is theoretically acceptable. This is far from the case. While I appreciate the idea that having "good jobs" where people can "go home each night" sounds reasonable, the socio economic figures related to mining in the north maintain that the vast majority of jobs are fly in/fly out. Those that are local, are more closely associated with the building of the mine, a short 3 5 year window compared to the actual 20 year + operations of the mine.

This small job creation and economic boost does not offset the grievous environmental impacts both on wildlife, and people due to dust and impacts to water. Further, having a mine within city limits will be disastrous for property values. We do not have a single case of a mining company in the north responsibly completing closure, and therefore we have yet to have any assurances that responsible mining can occur within the present regulatory context.

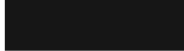


Additionally, allowing mining exploration within city limits will tie the cities hands regarding future planning of infrastructure. Whitehorse is rapidly growing, and options for new housing, recreation infrastructure, and other considerations will only grow. As more land is alienated, the city will have fewer and fewer options to explore how to manage our growing population. You only need to go as far as Yellowknife to see all the complications of the Giant Mine and how it has caused problems for the people of Yellowknife, and the town itself.

Bylaw 2026-25 must be rejected, and all consideration of mining within city limits needs to be rejected until the City of Whitehorse finalises the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework **AND** the Government of Yukon updates and modernizes mining legislation.

Thank you,

Alexandra Taylor



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## OCP amendment opposition letter

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**From** Amaya Cherian Hall [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 4:32 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

As a Mclean Lake Road resident, I am writing to share my strong opposition to amending the city's OCP to enable mineral exploration in areas designated as greenspace.

I am concerned that mineral exploration activity and potentially mining will fundamentally change the character of the area I and fellow Whitehorse residents call home. The green spaces allocated in the OCP represent valuable areas for recreation and wildlife habitat. Gladiator makes the argument that these areas are not pristine and therefore hold less value as a greenspace. I disagree with this premise. The value of these areas does not depend on them being untouched or pristine; their value lies in the fact that they provide accessible natural spaces within and around the City where people can experience nature, recreate, and where wildlife can live and move. The fact that an area has already experienced some disturbance does not mean that further industrial development is appropriate or that its existing environmental and recreational values should be discounted.

As someone who lives near Mclean Creek and plans to install a well down gradient of gladiators proposed work area, I am concerned about potential impacts to surface and groundwater. Drilling can intersect groundwater, alter drainage, require water withdrawals and create pathways for contaminants even when the operator isn't using chemicals. Where will Gladiator be getting the water they need for their work?

More broadly, I am concerned about the precedent this amendment would establish. The Official Community Plan should reflect the community's vision for how Whitehorse grows and how surrounding natural areas are protected, rather than being amended to accommodate mineral interests. I do not think the fact that mineral claims exist in or near the City should, in itself, justify changing the City's land use designations to facilitate exploration. I believe areas within and immediately surrounding the City should instead be protected for the environmental, recreational and community values they provide.

Amaya Cherian Hall





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## mining exploration bylaw

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**From** DeWolf Andrej [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 4:55 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I am against allowing more exploration in City limits.

This will reduce the greenspace available for the public to use.

Please stop putting corporate interests ahead of people's interests.

Andrej Dewolf

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**Fw: mining in Whitehorse**

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**From** Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 7:53 AM  
**To** Public Input <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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**Michael Prowse**

Manager • Legislative Services • Corporate  
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**From:** Angeline [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2026 7:14 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council <MayorCouncil@whitehorse.ca>  
**Subject:** mining in Whitehorse

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Please !!!!!

No drilling or mining in Environmentally Sensitive Areas !!!!

IT'S A NO BRAINER !!!!!





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## reject Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Ashley Dubnick [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 11:58 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hi,

My name is Ashley Dubnick, and I am a resident of Porter Creek. As a frequent user of Whitehorse's parks, trails, and natural areas, I consider the greenspaces within city limits to be among our community's most valuable assets. These areas contribute significantly our quality of life and help preserve the unique character of Whitehorse.

I urge City Council to reject Bylaw 2026-25. Before considering any request to amend the OCP or any City bylaw related to mineral exploration and development, the City should first complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework.

Completing this framework before advancing bylaw or OCP changes would provide residents and decision-makers with a clear, transparent, and comprehensive understanding of the potential impacts on greenspaces, recreation opportunities, environmental values, and community priorities. This process should guide future decisions rather than follow them.

I respectfully request that Council reject Bylaw 2026-25 and complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before considering amendments to the OCP or other City bylaws.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ashley Dubnick



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**Local resident Feedback: Whitehorse public hearing on OCP amendments Monday Aug 24**

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**From** B Warner [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 9:57 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I currently live in the area proposed for rezoning, and I do not support rezoning it to allow for further mining development. Residents in this area are not connected to municipal water systems and rely on private wells for their water supply.

While I recognize that mining is an important industry, I also believe that industrial mining activities should not be located in close proximity to established residential neighbourhoods. I have visited brownfield sites in both the United States and Eastern Canada, and I have seen firsthand the challenges associated with containing environmental incidents and preventing impacts on nearby communities.

The consequences of environmental contamination can be significant. When residents are no longer able to safely drink from, swim in, or enjoy local creeks, rivers, and ponds, or consume fish caught in those waterways, their quality of life is diminished. These impacts affect not only residents' enjoyment of their surroundings but also the value of their homes and properties.

For most people, their home is the largest investment they will ever make. Approving a zoning amendment primarily for the benefit of a company and its investors, while overlooking the significant investments made by the residents who live, work, and raise their families in the area, would not reflect the interests of the community that elected officials are entrusted to represent.

I respectfully ask that Council consider that mining activities can take place outside city limits and should remain in areas where, if incidents occur, the risks to nearby families are minimized. Environmental incidents, whether minor events such as fuel or oil spills or more significant occurrences such as tailings pond failures, can have serious consequences. While such events may still impact the environment, they should not place residential communities directly at risk.

The area was mined during a period when environmental mitigation measures were virtually non-existent. There is little doubt that buried barrels of chemicals to separate ore and other contaminants may remain beneath the surface, and any disturbance of these materials could result in further environmental damage.

In addition, mining activities can create significant noise disturbances and may limit or eliminate the area's use for other recreational purposes enjoyed by residents and visitors. The risks and cons clearly outweigh the 'possibility' of pros when rezoning to further exploration and mining in city limits.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## Aug 24 mining exploration City Hall meeting

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**From** Barb Gauthier [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 8:51 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello.

Please reject mining exploration within city limits and maintain the current plan for existing green space.

Thank you.  
Barb Gauthier (Whitehorse)

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OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25

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From Becky Nash [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 10:32 AM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I am writing in opposition to the proposed OCP Amendment of Bylaw 2026-25, brought forward by Gladiator Mining to allow mineral exploration within the future planning designation and currently zoned green space and environmentally sensitive areas.

It is appalling that after a thorough OCP process where ESAs and green space zones were designated, that all it takes is a City Worker with no education in Environmental Science to come to a site, say it is disturbed and believe this is an accurate assessment to change an OCP designation that supports a mining company.

Future planning designations anywhere in the Municipal limits should NOT include mining as an acceptable land use.

I am opposed to any mining within Whitehorse City limits and will make my opposition known to YG and the future public input session for the upcoming Mineral Exploration and Development Framework the City of Whitehorse is currently working on.

I am a born and raised Yukoner and want the Municipality of Whitehorse to retain land use rights on behalf of all citizens of Whitehorse.

Sincerely,

Becky Nash  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, YT  
[REDACTED]

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YFNCC Letter of Support for Gladiator Metals Working with KDFN and TKC

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**From** Ben Feltmate [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 9:00 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mavor and Council  
[REDACTED]; Marcus Harden [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

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Good morning,

Please see the attached letter of support for the meaningful engagement process Gladiator Metals followed with KDFN and TKC.

I hope tonight's event is a positive and constructive process.

Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully yours,

Ben Feltmate

**Ben Feltmate**  
Business Development Manager  
Yukon First Nation Chamber of Commerce (YFNCC)

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# Letter of Support

## Gladiator Metals Working with KDFN and TKC

**August 21, 2026**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

YFNCC supports the economic development of Yukon First Nation Businesses across the territory. We believe that meaningful relationships and engagement between industry and the First Nations on whose traditional land the project takes place is key to supporting the indigenous business community and respecting Chapter 22 of the Umbrella Final Agreement.

In this case, Gladiator Metals has first reached out to the Kwanlin Dün and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council before beginning the project. They have received letters of support from both First Nations. Gladiator Metals has also engaged Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council in a formal consultation on environmental management and reclamation.

YFNCC supports the process that Gladiator Metals has followed to first consult the First Nations involved before the project begins and continue communicating with them as the project moves forward.

Thank you,

YFNCC President Blair Hogan

A handwritten signature of Blair Hogan, written in black ink, positioned above a horizontal line.



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**Bylaw 2026-25**

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**From** Barney Smith [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:32 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I request that city council not approve bylaw 2026-25. I am not in favour of changing the Official Community Plan to allow drilling indicates areas where the OCP does not allow drilling.

My name is Bernard Smith. I am a 48 year resident of the southern side of Whitehorse.

This amendment matters to me because I participated in good faith in the OCP consultation process and understood it was a serious and significant OFFICIAL Community Plan, not a document open to change with minimal consultation. As a resident of the southern part of the city I've seen a lot of development here and am concerned that future planning needs to be well organized and not done on a piecemeal basis. It could be argued that much of the subdivision development planning here was not well done. And the current territorial mining legislation is way out of date. I am very worried about the quality of our groundwater and how it might be altered by any surface and underground disturbances in the source or catchment areas.

I am alarmed by the behaviour of Gladiator metals, their history of infractions and the mess they have left on previous drilling sites.

Permission to drill implies permission to mine. Saying no to drilling indicates no potential for future mining.

The future planning zones, green space and environmentally sensitive zones in the current OCP should not be changed.

Councillors and Mayor Cameron, please reject bylaw 2026-25, and related changes to the OCP, complete and consult broadly on the mineral exploration and development framework, and take the time to think this through.

Yours sincerely,  
Bernard (Barney) Smith

Sent from my iPhone



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## Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Brad Danielson [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 11:03 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I'm a resident of Porter Creek, and an active user and admirer of the Chasan Chua / McIntyre Creek area.

Mining is important. Responsible resource development is important.  
Mining has its place in the Yukon.  
But that place is not within the boundaries of our primary urban residential center.

Please recognize that the Green Spaces and Parks within our city limits ARE valuable natural resources.

We can be pro resource development, while still maintaining sensible boundaries regarding where mining should and should not take place.

**Please reject Bylaw 2026-25 and complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before considering any request to change the OCP or any City Bylaw.**

Sincerely,  
Brad Danielson



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## reject proposed Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** B. Parker [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 5:24 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello to City of Whitehorse Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you as a 29-year resident of the City of Whitehorse.

I am reaching out to express my utter opposition to the proposed amendments to the City of Whitehorse's Official Community Plan that would reclassify 3 greenspaces and environmentally sensitive areas (along Mary Lake, near Copper Ridge, and near Mount Sima) as areas for Future Planning, and then permit mining exploration in all Future Planning areas.

The OCP process was an important one that identified and reflects the priorities of residents and local First Nations for city planning. This careful and thoughtful planning is key to balancing the needs of the people who live here, the health of the land and the health of the economy. I find it quite disturbing that a one-off stakeholder is trying to bypass this process with artificial and manufactured urgency. There is no urgency to this matter nor is there a legal need to proceed immediately with these changes.

I am confused as to why the City of Whitehorse is prioritizing industry interests over community needs and established, sound processes. This is the impression I am left with. I find it disrespectful of those of us who live and work and are and remain part of the Whitehorse community long after these "short-term, short-sighted, not-much-benefits-to-us-residents" projects come and go.

I oppose this trend of transforming Yukon's wild spaces into industrial development before planning occurs. By considering this amendment, the City of Whitehorse is allowing Gladiator Metals (and more to follow) to bypass the process and change the OCP for their own self-interest. This sets a dangerous precedent for mining companies, whose goal is for exploration to become a mine, bringing more impacts that can quickly escalate around Whitehorse.

This proposed change throws all that careful planning for the OCP on decisions for housing, transportation and development into an unnecessary uncertainty. I do not understand why the City is even considering this change.

I much rather support the City turning its focus on developing a proper Mineral Exploration and Development Framework first to ensure that "exploration and development progress in a manner consistent with local planning objectives and community values".

While I currently live in the Riverdale, I consider this a major issue that affects all residents of Whitehorse.

Who is in charge of the City and the OCP? We are - the residents who pay the city's taxes. Our collective voices and wellbeing should always come first.

I respectfully ask that Mayor and Council reject proposed Bylaw 2026-25.

Kind regards, Brigitte Parker





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Bylaw 2026-25

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City of Whitehorse

Mayor and Council

**Re: Proposed bylaw 2026-25**

I oppose the proposed changes as suggested in the bylaw 2026-25.

I am a resident of Whitehorse and have lived in Cowley Creek subdivision for over 30 years.

I participated in the OCP process and don't agree that it should be amended so arbitrarily to accommodate mineral exploration. I don't agree with changing the proposed areas to future planning and allowing exploration on any future planning areas.

To date the City of Whitehorse has not completed its Mineral Exploration and Development Framework. As well the Yukon Government, after years of discussions has still not been able to update the Yukon Mining Legislation. These initiatives should be completed first before considering changes to the OCP and the City's management of mining activities.

The citizens of Whitehorse and the Yukon are being asked to trust the ability of regulators and proponents to consider other values in these areas and ensure responsible and well managed exploration. Compliance and enforcement of mineral exploration and mining have to date had mixed success. Given some of the issues with recent mines and their burden on the Yukon taxpayer it is understandable why there is little trust in the current mining legislation.

The notion of benefits of a potential mine is so speculative at this point that it would be misleading for Council to put much emphasis on that. There is currently no concept of the potential scope or impacts of such a proposal and it would be irresponsible to support such a vague notion as a rationale for the proposed changes to the OCP at this time.

Yours truly,

Bruce McLean

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**Proposed bylaw 2026-25**

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**From** Caelan McLean [REDACTED]  
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Mayor Cameron and Whitehorse City Councillor,

I wish to register my opposition to passage of this bylaw.

I am born and raised in Whitehorse having lived most of my life in Cowley Creek Subdivision. The areas where Gladiator Metals are currently doing exploration has been a major area for recreation and enjoyment of living in this subdivision. The proposed changes to zoning in this bylaw has the potential to significantly impact the residents of these subdivisions in a negative way.

There are 4 points of which I want to highlight.

- 1) Support the existing OCP - This took many years of work and consultation with Whitehorse residents and to have bylaw change to it so soon after completion and in such a speedy manner undermines confidence in it.
- 2) Focus on completing the City's mineral strategy first before any changes happen regarding where exploration is allowed. Additionally waiting for the updated Yukon Minerals Legislation to responsibly manage mining in the 21st century before opening any consultation with all Whitehorse Residents about suitability of mineral exploration and mining within the city.
- 3) Residents of nearby neighbourhoods, Cowley Creek, Mary Lake, Wolf Creek, Whitehorse Copper and all of Whitehorse are being asked to believe there would be benefits from a potential mine in this area. However the scope of the project and the potential impacts of a mine are unknown at this time. The exploration company has a vested interest in promoting the notion of a mine while exploration has a negative impact on the environmental and recreation values of an area that might not be a suitable location for a mine.
- 4) Lack of trust in the ability to properly regulate and enforce good mining practices. The Yukon has a poor track record stretching back decades and even as recently as Victoria Gold's 2024 mine collapse and default resulting in a large amount of Yukon Government money being spent on mine remediation. Until such time as mining regulations and enforcement can prove that responsible mining is possible in the Yukon I will be opposed to any any mine development within City Limits and especially this close to residents. I recognize that this bylaw is a change that would benefit exploration and not development but the practice of changing a well consulted OCP to suit the demands of a private company erodes trust in the consultation process.



Caelan McLean  
Cowley Creek Subdivision



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## Request to reject bylaw amendment 2026-25

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Dear Whitehorse Mayor and Council,

Whitehorse's Official Community Plan outlines the vision for Whitehorse in terms of land use and is the result of months of engagement with the community. This plan was published in 2023. In less than three years since its publication, a major change to the land-use designation of Future Planning areas is being proposed and disconcertingly this is being led by a private company, Gladiator Metals, and not Whitehorse citizens. Proposed Bylaw 2026-25 will change the definition of Future Planning areas to include mineral exploration on existing mineral claims. Future Planning designations are defined in the OCP as areas identified for potential future development but where planning is required to determine most suitable mix of uses. Notably 'mineral exploration' is only mentioned five times in the OCP, never under Future Planning designations and never in a full section on its own. It is assumed that the heavy thinking and community consultation behind mineral exploration within City's boundaries would occur in the City's Mineral Exploration and Development Framework which is yet to be completed. Notably, 62% of respondents in the What We Heard report on this framework do not support mineral exploration in the City's boundaries.

Given the lack of support by Whitehorse citizens on mineral exploration with the City's Boundaries, it is very concerning that the City would proceed with a Bylaw amendment without fulsome consultation and completion of the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework. It is also concerning that the proponent is writing bylaw amendments for the City leading to questions about the independence of the City and whether the City is acting in the best interests of its citizens.

Given the lack of an updated territorial mineral legislation, it would be incumbent upon the City of Whitehorse to not proceed until there is a modernized legislative framework in place that can protect the interests of Yukon citizens and deliver benefits directly to citizens from any existing or proposed exploration or mining activities within the territory, especially in the City of Whitehorse. Continuing to rely upon the existing mineral framework and processes will only raise the City of Whitehorse political and legal risks as citizen's private interests will collide with the mistakes of the past of granting dated mineral tenures.

We have lived in Whitehorse for over 18 years. We ask you to reject Bylaw 2026-25.

Carmen Wong

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Bylaw 2026-25

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I am a resident of Whitehorse. My name is Chantal Frances and my address is [REDACTED].

I am strongly opposed to bylaw 2026 25, as it opens the door to increased exploration and mining in Whitehorse. There are plenty of options for these activities that are already sanctioned by law. There is no need to expose Whitehorse residents to the detrimental effects of these activities.

Thank you,  
Chantal Frances



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**Bylaw 2026-25**

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**From** Christine Aikens [REDACTED]  
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My name is Christine Aikens. My family and I live in Pine Ridge and have lived in Whitehorse for 19 years. My background is in environmental science, and I have spent my career working in protected area management, land use planning and impact assessment.

I want to thank Mayor and Council for your careful consideration of this amendment.

I am asking you to vote no to Bylaw 2026 25.

**The process used to evaluate the three parcels was fundamentally flawed.**

City staff have not adequately reviewed why these parcels were protected in the first place. Nor have they conducted sufficient field investigations or assessments to determine their current ecological and recreational value.

At the July 10 Council meeting, the Senior Planner acknowledged he didn't know the original rationale behind the City's Greenspace and ESA designations. He suggested they may have been related to slope angle and proximity to water. But these parcels were not protected recently or arbitrarily. Their designations are the result of decades of planning, environmental studies, public consultation, and Council decisions.

Building on the 1999 Yukon River Corridor Plan, large areas around Mary Lake have been identified as Greenbelt since the 2002 OCP and some of these lands have been included within the proposed Wolf Creek Regional Park since 2010.

In the June 29 Administrative Report, staff reported they conducted careful policy and mapping reviews and field investigations, and concluded these lands were 'significantly disturbed' and did not warrant protection. Yet no technical environmental or recreational assessments were conducted to support their conclusions.

As the Mayor and some council members observed firsthand through recent site visits – portions of the GEM parcel consist of mature, moss covered forest with no obvious sign of past disturbance. Other sections are part of an expensively reforested fuel break that was always intended to remain greenspace.

I recognize that as Whitehorse grows, some Greenbelt or ESA lands may need to be rezoned. But before protections are removed, the City should have a clear process in place: understand why the land was protected, use accurate maps and GIS data, and assess its current ecological and recreational value.

**This amendment makes a much larger change to the OCP than has been widely acknowledged.**

Much of the public discussion has focused on the three parcels. Indeed this morning I heard this issue discussed on CBC twice in one hour. Both times it was presented as an amendment about temporarily allowing mineral exploration in three parcels of land. But this amendment is neither temporary nor limited to three parcels. This proposal would permanently change our OCP to allow mineral exploration across all Future Planning areas in the City where valid mineral tenure exists.

Future Planning lands are intended to preserve options for Whitehorse's future growth and community needs: housing, schools, parks, transportation corridors, and community facilities. Allowing mineral exploration and drilling across these areas would significantly change how they may be used and create uncertainty for long term planning.

This is not just a Copper Belt issue. Today it is these three parcels. Tomorrow it could be any Future Planning area in Whitehorse where valid mineral tenure exists.

For more than two years, the City has been developing a Mineral Exploration and Development Framework to address these issues. Public engagement found residents generally want more restrictions on exploration, not fewer. Yet before that Framework is finalized, Council is being asked to make a significant policy change that creates a pathway to more mineral exploration within city limits.

This amendment would fundamentally change how Future Planning lands may be used across Whitehorse. A decision of that scale deserves a comprehensive review, not a single amendment to a plan that was adopted only three years ago following extensive consultation.

Economic opportunity has been raised as one of the reasons for supporting this amendment. We all want a strong local economy. But where is the evidence? This proposal is moving forward without an independent, evidence based analysis of the potential benefits, costs, and risks to the City. What municipal revenues could reasonably be expected? What are the potential impacts on recreation, tourism, future development, and property values? Until that analysis is completed it is difficult to assess whether the potential economic gains justify the proposed changes. Decisions of this scale should be based on evidence, not expectations.

The crowded chambers tonight and the hundreds of submissions received demonstrate how important this issue is to residents. This amendment is being advanced quickly, during the summer, through a narrow process, and many residents are only now becoming aware of its city wide implications. Yet the public response makes it clear this issue deserves broader review and more meaningful discussion.

The City should complete its Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before making a policy change of this magnitude.

For those reasons, I respectfully ask Council to vote no to Bylaw 2026 25.  
Thank you for your time.

Christine Aikens

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## Greenspace Amendment for Mining

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**From** Christopher Griffiths [REDACTED]  
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**Cc** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my disappointment and disgust that the City of Whitehorse is considering an amendment to permit mineral exploration in an area designated as green space.

Every city faces a push-and-pull between economic development, growth, and the preservation of green space and quality of life. Whitehorse is among the cities where the responsibility to preserve significant wildlife corridors and habitat is in addition to these. It took years of hard-fought battles to identify green or protected areas in the city, and these are not areas to be lost or transformed on a whim, or creating amendments at whenever lobbying efforts for development might appear, is unpalatable—especially when these amendments are to the benefit of companies that are not based here.

As with the minerals themselves from any mineral extraction that might occur one day, the money will flow out of the territory. Should damage be done during the exploration phase, or any actual mining, the likelihood that taxpayers will eventually be on the hook to clean things up after people from outside of the territory have extracted their wealth, is high. Time and again it's the same formula, and time and again we see councils look at the prospect of new income with an eagerness that defies rationality.

The Mayor and Council were not elected on a platform to sort out the Yukon's economic woes. When the Mayor said "My bugbear is we've got no development in Whitehorse or most of the Yukon. We just aren't doing very well other than living off money that's transferred from Ottawa," that suggests an agenda that he did not run on, nor is it the responsibility of the Whitehorse mayor and council to resolve. That is a territorial matter, not a municipal one.

Chasing some kind of transformative economic change as a goal, especially when this amendment would open the door to mineral exploration in areas designated as Future Planning where there are existing claims, presents a huge long-term risk to the city and repercussions that we can't yet see.

I strongly urge Mayor and Council to vote against this proposed amendment.

Christopher Griffiths  
Riverdale, Whitehorse





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## support for bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Daniele Heon [REDACTED]  
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Please find attached my letter in support of Bylaw 2026 25.

Daniele Heon

Danièle Héon  
Mary Lake subdivision

Re: support for Bylaw 2026-25

August 24, 2026

To Mayor and Council

My name is Danièle Héon. I've been living in Mary Lake since 1995. I am a geologist and I have experience in the Copper Belt. Most relevant to this issue, I coordinated the YTG mineral assessment requested by the City in 1998, and, again for YTG, I compiled a guidebook for the general public on the geology and mineral occurrences of the Copper Belt. I also worked for H. Coyne & Sons on some drill projects in the northern part of the belt. I am totally independent from Gladiator Metals yet I have friends who work for them.

I support the proposed OCP amendment captured in Bylaw 2026-25 to the extent that it would finally normalize mineral exploration within the City boundaries in some areas of known high potential. Mineral exploration, a traditional activity that has been conducted for decades, has only become problematic since it got too close to Cowley Creek. I disagree with the City imposing an additional layer of permitting in addition to well-established, qualified, and UFA-approved decision bodies such as YESAB and EMR. I appreciate that the City is trying to develop a system that shows City oversight to appease those who mistrust these UFA-approved decision bodies, but so far, the exercise is lacking and this duplication does not show the expertise necessary to manage mineral activity. For example:

- The proposed mineral framework was not adequately reflecting the realities of the mineral industry [REDACTED]
- The mapping conducted for the OCP was not adequate, which this amendment is partially trying to correct, with the approval of the City administrators
- The language used shows no familiarity with the values and regulations being discussed, which does not inspire confidence that planners took steps to be sufficiently informed ... *however, there are many **stakes** that were **claimed** in the prohibited area ... These **stakes** are grandfathered and do not expire so long as they are kept in good standing (p.3, 13-June 29 Committee Package).*

It's not a stake, it's a claim. And the verb is staking, not claiming.

The City's newfound role as a regulator has also opened the door to influence by detractors to the mineral industry who posit that any mineral activity poses extraordinary threats to the environment—these allegations are unsubstantiated and have not been vetted by democratically accepted regulatory bodies sanctioned under the UFA, such as EMR and YESAB.

The serial objectors do not need to be accountable for what they say, unlike the proponent or other members of the geoscience community. They instill unreasonable fears in an uninformed public and inflame further polarization. Intolerance and entitlement have reached toxic proportions. This strategy serves the anti-mining lobby well but I do not think that it serves the long-term needs of our community at all. As a regulator, the City now has to respond to an unending litany of complaints without having the internal technical capacity to evaluate them. Decisions are guided by the court of public opinion fuelled by biased public-opinion messaging and non-statistical surveys. I care deeply for this community, including for those who don't agree with me, former friends who now can't return my greeting when we meet on the street. We all lose if our social contract is broken and let an angry mob mentality discriminate against a specific social group. This is the greater threat and even YESAB can't regulate that.

### **To the factual points of the proposed amendments.**

Provisions for mineral exploration were included in the previous OCPs but somehow the rights of the valid claim holders got forgotten or bypassed in this current one. It is disappointing that the City did not see it necessary to consult directly with the sole claim owner of this historical mineral belt before finalizing a very imperfect designation system in which former industrial sites were designated as Greenspace or Environmental Protection. I think that the claim owners are deserving of more respect.

The claims are owned by H Coyne & Sons, a company that employs more than 200 people in Canada alone, and their activities support many other companies. Their contribution to the Yukon economy is significant. They were pioneers in the development of low-impact diamond drills and a local machining company help design and now builds the parts. The Coyne's now provide employment to the Challenge Group, an enthusiastic group whose challenges and disabilities make it difficult to find regular employment. Although Coyne's were part of the Mt Mac ski club and donated their time and equipment to create new trails, the ski club now lobbies to withdraw the claims where their lease is located. Coyne's rights to their Crown Grants, a permanent legal deed, exactly like a private property title, were simply ignored with the development of the Ravens 2 subdivision. No compensation was given. Now, even though they own the surface title of other Crown Grants, they are told they cannot work those properties due to the City's current restrictions. In good faith, they relinquished 32 claims in support of the establishment of the McIntyre Creek park, yet I've heard no acknowledgment nor appreciation. One councillor is even still complaining that she doesn't like the jagged outline of the proposed park because it follows claim outlines. Mineral claims have value and require constant investment to maintain. Crown grants have even more value. In my opinion, the City has not acted respectfully towards the claim holders.



**To the request to re-designate three parcels:** The City administrators agree that these parcels were incorrectly captured in their original mapping. The sites were designated as Greenspace or ESA, yet they are heavily disturbed and/or deforested; the City admin agrees that their current designation does not meet the intent of the ESA definition and therefore recommend the change in designation to Future Planning.

***Field investigations of the specific work areas, in regions known as Arctic Chief, Gem and Little Chief (Map 4, 5 and 6), revealed these sites have been significantly impacted by previous mineral resource activities and / or clear cutting for fire protection. Based on field investigations, and in the opinion of Administration, these areas do not meet the intent of the ESA definition.***

We are referring here to the Keewanah open pit, Gem area that was stripped in preparation for mining in the late '70s I believe, and the Arctic Chief open pit. I'm not sure why this has to go to a public hearing and I don't understand why these are not assigned an industrial designation. I nonetheless support the correction recommended by the administration and take exception to the Cowley Creek association's alarmist, inflammatory, and misleading statement that Gladiator seeks to allow mining exploration in Greenspace and ESAs. This is incorrect. Gladiator are asking, with city admin approval, that the designation on these three parcels be corrected to reflect actual ground conditions.

**I support the request to allow mineral exploration in areas designated as Future Planning,** as I believe that mineral exploration, regulated by UFA-approved YESAB and EMR mechanisms, can be conducted in respect of natural and social values and does bring benefit to the community, economically and otherwise. I also believe that the Copper Belt's industrial history and location make it a perfect place to look for copper and to regulate that activity.

**To the objections and concerns brought forward by the serial objectors:**

To provide context, be aware that the Cowley Creek residents successfully managed to shut down the Kara Speedway, a race track that operated for 30 years 2 Sundays every summer month, before being shut down after the new subdivision was established. Later, the Yukon Horse and Rider Association applied to use that space in the summers and they were eventually denied permission, again by opposition by residents of Cowley Creek who opposed any nearby development. I'm saying all this to indicate that the spirit of compromise is not exactly overflowing here.

Now, the serial objectors object to noise and somebody says it keeps them from sleeping. I wouldn't want noise either, especially if it kept me from sleeping. Cowley Creek residents have been offered noise monitoring devices but so far have refused them. I can hear the drone of the drill sometime from my place, maybe 1 km from the site; I know that it is a temporary

disturbance so I accept it. The highway is louder although not at night. With a drill actively turning behind Cowley subdivision (outside of City limits by the way), a friend in Cowley 1 on the city boundary says he hears nothing and another friend in Cowley 2 near the city limit never hears anything either, even though they spend a lot of time outside. Although the sound surely varies with the weather, it seems unlikely that the person that can't sleep because of the drilling noise lives in Cowley Creek. The closest houses there would be about 800 m from the drill sites.

If this sleepless person lives in the few house that overlook Mary Lake per se, I estimate that the drill would be almost 2 km away. I'm sure sound travels farther than normal across the wide deforested firebreak plus the lake, but how far would a motor have to be to not disturb this person? Who else in Whitehorse City limits has the luxury to have nobody making noise for 2 km? I truly empathize but I would hope a site-specific solution could be found, instead of lobbying to shut down an industry in a >30-km belt, most of it away from residences.

The serial objectors advocate that the groundwater is threatened by exploration drilling and that radon will be released in dangerous amounts. With my limited knowledge of hydrology and geochemistry, which is small but not nil, I do not believe that these issues carry the threat they think they do, and I certainly don't trust an angry group of fearful residents to become instant expert in geochemistry and accurate evaluators of those threats. That's why we have decision bodies that have been established to objectively evaluate all risks posed by land-based activities, and we should rely on them.

Since the serial objectors' concerns keep on shifting and since there seems to be no appetite for solutions, it looks to me that their concerns are not really actually about environmental values, but maybe just a general distaste of signs of industrial activity and a fear of having it impinge on what has been an unlimited and outstanding access to recreation. The irony is that the serial objectors are **opposing** the very activities that created all the trails and swimming holes that we are all enjoying now. Why can't we have a spirit of compromise where we accept that certain areas may be affected for a limited time? If we don't want to bump into a drill, can't we choose another of the more than 1000 km of trails Whitehorse has to offer?

I would never support a project that puts air and water quality at risk, but I will have to trust the decision bodies that consult with qualified scientists. As imperfect as the system is, it is better than trusting a politically motivated group with an intolerant agenda. It's the democratic process we've agree to. We need to trust that the safety mechanisms put in place through the UFA are robust and effective.

It's time to put some common sense and civility back in our discourse. I'm asking the City to respect pre-established rights and normalize a situation where mineral exploration is accepted. I'm asking the City to show leadership and support established and accountable assessment

processes. Not decimate an industry and its community, ignore its established rights, put people out of work, cater to vigilante activism just so that mountain biking can be enjoyed on over 1000 km of trails within the City without ever encountering any machinery.

Given the above, I encourage Council to adopt bylaw 2026-25.

If you read this far, I thank you for doing so. I remain, as always, available for questions and discussion.

Danièle Héon, geologist.

Whitehorse, August 24, 2026





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Proposed OCP amendment

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**From** Danusia Kanachowski [REDACTED]  
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To Mayor and Council, City of Whitehorse

I have been a resident of Whitehorse since 1994 and live in Valleyview.

I have been following the information regarding amendment of the OCP to allow mineral exploration within city limits. I am absolutely dismayed that such a significant change would be approached so soon after the OCP was completed. I am also surprised that such a thing would be contemplated given the now known devastating effects of mining within the city limits of our neighbouring territory capital, Yellowknife.

We call ourselves the Wilderness City and promote ourselves as such but seem to have little regard for the health benefits of wilderness and preserving green space in town and wilderness and wildlife corridors around us.

Yes, mining is important for our society to function but there are vast areas in the Yukon so why would we mine within our city or right nearby our city. We cannot predict the probable significant compromise to our safe water supply and other health concerns.

I oppose any changes to the OCP regarding mineral exploration or mining. I thank Mayor and Council for all the work they do on our behalf. I encourage Mayor and Council to give this issue considerable thought given the gravity of the precedent that this amendment would set in more than one way.

Danusia Kanachowski  
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Whitehorse  
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**Re Bylaw 2026-25**

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**From** Dave Waldron [REDACTED]  
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Dear Mayor and Members of Whitehorse Council,

I am Dave Waldron of [REDACTED] in Mary Lake Subdivision. I have lived in Whitehorse for over 20 years and have dedicated my career and spare time to this community through my work in Healthcare as well as numerous community volunteer roles in sports coaching (skiing, soccer, biking, biathlon etc). I am a proud Yukoner who believes strongly in Yukon values of trust, land Stewardship, honesty, and respect.

I am writing to request that Bylaw 2026 25 be rejected by City Council and to further urge Council to continue to protect our "Wilderness City" by declining Gladiator Metal's application for exploration and mining activities in Mary Lake area and surroundings in the Copper Belt.

I believe that any move to opening up our Wilderness City to further mining exploration will have a Net Negative impact on our beautiful environment as well as economically over the long term.

I believe there is something very wrong with rushing ahead with amendments proposed by a mining company to allow expansion of mineral exploration literally out my back door. I live on a property which backs directly on to Mary Lake and one of the proposed areas Gladiator Minerals wishes to access through amending designation of protected green space and ecologically sensitive areas to Future Planning Zones which, if I understand correctly, could allow mining companies mineral exploration rights with few restrictions or controls.

As it is, I have noticed increased noise in the neighbourhood and dust from increased traffic and presumably work being done at the site(s). We've been told by our neighbours here that the noise we hear—the dull droning sounds of equipment and at times sharp clanging or banging—is new and it was always so quiet there up until recent explorations and activity in the area. I moved to this beautiful country residential neighbourhood of Mary Lake because I wanted our family to be able to be closer to nature. To enjoy the peace and harmony of the Wilderness City.

It has been a dream of mine to be able to enjoy living in country residential since I moved to Whitehorse over 20 years ago. It has been a long road to get here and finally in November 2025 we took possession of 51 Fireweed Drive. A major investment in real estate terms. I am quite devastated to think that this dream is being eradicated as I see the possibility of our natural spaces surrounding us being altered in a very negative way. Even the conditions placed on current mining exploration activity is quite honestly saddening and falls way short of protecting the peace and tranquility of our neighbourhood: Residential Buffers and Noise Mitigation for instance places 800m buffer or 340m (not

sure which one is correct) between my house and a potential drill site. Heavy equipment and drilling that close would be absolutely damaging to our peace and health. Compounded by the fact that the lake which separates us carries sound more clearly and amplifies it across the lake right to our properties at the back of Mary Lake.

Also, the exploration equipment and activity would be our new view instead of the relatively untouched wilderness we currently enjoy.

Further reasons to please reject the Bylaw 2026-25:

- This will undoubtedly cause property values in the area to plummet, and may even mean our investment will be a complete loss as it would be impossible to sell
- There are also the negative health impacts that (copper) mining brings such as respiratory damage, and well water contamination (many of us rely on well water in the area)
- The proposed areas include Environmentally Sensitive Areas and forms part of the Wolf Creek Watershed which would be impacted negatively. Wolf Creek Park is designated as one of the key regional Green Spaces under the City of Whitehorse Official Community Plan (OCP) which is designed to protect local natural values. Allowing further mineral exploration is in direct conflict with the OCP and the values it represents and supports
- Pushing through an amendment for the sole purpose of enabling a mining company whose purpose is for self interest and profit prior to finalizing the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework as well as failing to protect our natural spaces in Whitehorse will create more distrust between its citizens and Government Office whose job it is to represent the citizens not outside private interests
- Gladiator Metals specifically does not have a reliable track record with numerous infractions and disregard for the natural environment they are working in. A "slap on the wrist" fine is a drop in the bucket to such a wealthy corporation, so I do not believe this company is acting in good faith or cares about our community
- Mining presents significant environmental risks which can generate numerous toxic elements which travel by air or water and affect humans and wildlife and the surrounding ecosystems
- The toxins produced in the mining processes are left behind in "storage" piles or containment systems (which often enough fail) which take decades to mitigate at taxpayers' expense long after the valuable metals have been extracted and the mining company has moved on

I strongly believe that not opposing Bylaw 2026-25 is a step in the wrong direction which I believe does not align with the core values of Yukoners I've grown to appreciate and could mean irreversible damage for decades to come. Not the legacy we want to leave behind for future generations.

I therefore implore that Council vote to protect our community, its ground water, watersheds, and ecosystem including not diminishing the OCP in order to maintain for future generations our natural "Wilderness City" and support our health and quality way of life!

Thank you for the opportunity to formally raise my view and be heard!

Kind regards,



Dave Waldron



Mary Lake Subdivision  
Whitehorse YT

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**Fwd: Request from Gladiator Metals for amendments to OCP 2040 for Whitehorse Yukon**

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**From** Deanna McArthur [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:46 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Deanna McArthur [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Request from Gladiator Metals for amendments to OCP 2040 for Whitehorse Yukon  
**Date:** August 23, 2026 at 10:45:46 PM GMT-7  
**To:** Deanna McArthur [REDACTED]

I strongly oppose ANY amendments to the Whitehorse 2040 OCP that have been requested by Gladiator Metals for land for their mining project, land that is in addition to what they have already gained access. This new request has involved a redefinition of land solely for the purpose of making it more accessible for mining. That redefinition is an amendment to the 2040 OCP and should not happen.

The OCP was the final product of many years of work by many individuals from all parts of the community. The process began in 2018 and went through many stages and levels of development in order to produce a document that was thoroughly researched, reviewed by community and finally completed only two years ago.

I am very concerned that the OCP which required community involvement from the beginning and was to be in effect until 2040 could be so easily modified or otherwise brushed aside in order to indulge a whim of the mining company that has already been granted privileged access to mine within our city limits. Dealing with regulations as impediments puts me in mind of what is happening in the country below our southern border where making money is the only important activity, not protecting our environment.

There are many words and numbers in this application. Just one of them described the size of the land under discussion. It is said to be .81 km<sup>2</sup> which I'd guess (have no idea) is miniscule but turns out is actually about 95 acres. To include such an odd number in a document for the public is quite misleading. It could have been presented this way so a reader might assume this is a tiny request by Gladiator when in fact it is not. I have walked through this area recently and have been able to compare vegetation, landscape, trails, rough roads and mining pits from the past. I also learned about the wide range of wildlife that use this area at various times in the year.







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## Support letter for bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Daniele Heon [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 11:14 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]; Denis Jacob [REDACTED]

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Denis Jacob - Coureur des Bois Ltée Ltd.pdf;

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Please find attached a letter of support for Bylaw 2026-25 sent on behalf of Denis Jacob.

Thank you.

**Denis Jacob – Coureur des Bois Ltée Ltd**  
**Wolf Creek, Whitehorse**  
**August 21, 2026**

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

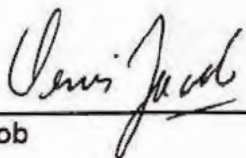
I am the owner of a Whitehorse-based business that provides services to the mining and mineral exploration industry, here in the Yukon and elsewhere across Canada. My business provides employment to many local workers. I support responsible and regulated mineral exploration as it contributes significantly to the healthy economies needed to support our social programs.

Mineral exploration supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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Denis Jacob

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## Concerns Regarding Proposed OCP Admendment

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**From** Desiree Coad Broeren [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 8:07 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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To Mayor and Council, City of Whitehorse

My name is Desiree Coad-Broeren. I am a resident of the Wolf Creek community and a Ta'an Kwach'an First Nation member.

I am writing to express my strong concern regarding the proposed changes to the City of Whitehorse Official Community Plan that would allow mineral exploration in areas currently designated as Greenspace and redesignate certain areas for Future Planning.

These areas are not abstract spaces on a map. They are immediately adjacent to our communities, are regularly used by residents, and provide important habitat and movement corridors for wildlife.

### 1. Protection of Greenspace and Environmentally Sensitive Areas

I am deeply concerned about opening Greenspace and environmentally sensitive areas to more intensive mineral exploration. Before changing the protections currently afforded to these lands, I believe Council should be able to clearly demonstrate what environmental, wildlife, hydrological, and cumulative-impact assessments have been completed specifically for the affected areas. I personally spend time in these areas weekly, if not daily, and regularly see evidence of wildlife, including moose, caribou, beavers, bats, migratory birds, and other species. Once disturbance occurs, particularly through road construction, drilling, vegetation clearing, increased traffic, noise, and industrial activity, its effects cannot always be easily reversed. The question should not simply be whether exploration can legally occur. The question should be whether allowing more intensive exploration in these particular locations is compatible with the environmental and community values the OCP is intended to protect.

### 2. Recently Treated Forest and Wildfire Mitigation Areas

I am also concerned about areas along the Copper Haul Road/firebreak being characterized in a manner that undervalues their future ecological importance. Vegetation management and wildfire mitigation can temporarily leave an area looking heavily disturbed. That does not mean the land has no environmental value or should therefore be considered appropriate for industrial activity or future development. These areas have the opportunity to regenerate, including through the establishment of deciduous vegetation that can contribute to wildfire resilience and provide new habitat. Residents should not have to choose between wildfire protection and long-



term environmental protection. We should be asking how these lands can recover while continuing to provide a protective buffer around our neighbourhoods.

### 3. Community Use and Quality of Life

These Greenspaces are an important part of why people choose to live in communities such as Wolf Creek. Residents, families, friends, and visitors use these areas throughout the year to walk, hike, bike, ski, horseback ride, birdwatch, exercise their dogs, and simply enjoy the wilderness and quiet. Their value cannot be measured only by their potential mineral deposits. Once an area is opened to increased industrial access and exploration, its character can change significantly. Noise, traffic, clearing, drilling, road improvements, and increased industrial activity can affect nearby residents even before a mine is ever proposed.

The people who live beside these areas should have a meaningful voice in determining how much industrial activity is appropriate immediately adjacent to their homes.

### 4. Water Protection

I am particularly concerned about potential impacts to groundwater and the broader watershed. Before Council permits expanded exploration activity, residents deserve clear information about groundwater movement, surface-water drainage, contamination pathways, and how exploration or any future mining proposal could affect private wells and Whitehorse's municipal water supply. Water is simply too important to approach reactively. If there is uncertainty about the potential consequences to groundwater or downstream water sources, I believe the City should apply a precautionary approach rather than changing land-use protections first and addressing those questions later.

### 5. Exploration Creates a Pathway Toward Future Mining

I recognize that the amendment before Council concerns mineral exploration, not approval of an operating mine. However, exploration is undertaken for a purpose: to determine whether a mineral resource exists that could potentially be economically developed. That is why the decision being made matters. Allowing more intensive exploration in currently protected or restricted areas creates the possibility that Council and future Councils will eventually face proposals for significantly larger industrial activities. Approving exploration does not automatically mean approving a mine, but it moves the process further down that road. Residents therefore deserve to understand the potential long-term implications before, rather than after, these land-use protections are changed.

### 6. Whitehorse "The Wilderness City"

Whitehorse has long identified itself as "The Wilderness City." That identity should mean something in our land-use decisions.

We can support responsible economic development and recognize the importance of the mining industry to Yukon while still determining that some areas; particularly those beside established residential neighbourhoods, wildlife habitat, recreational Greenspace, and important water resources ; are simply not appropriate for expanded industrial activity.

This should not be framed as being "for" or "against" mining. It is a question of where industrial mineral activity is appropriate, what protections should remain in place, and how much risk residents should be expected to accept in their own backyards.

My Request to Council

I respectfully ask Mayor and Council not to approve the proposed OCP amendment in its current form. Before considering the redesignation of Greenspace or allowing expanded mineral exploration in these areas, I ask Council to require: Comprehensive, site-specific environmental and wildlife assessments; Groundwater and watershed studies; Assessment of cumulative impacts from exploration and potential future development; Clear protections and buffers for established residential neighbourhoods; Meaningful consultation with affected First Nations and nearby residents; Protection of important recreational and wildlife corridors; and A clear explanation of how allowing exploration today could influence future mining and land-use decisions. These lands are part of our neighbourhood, our environment, and the character of Whitehorse. Decisions affecting them should be made cautiously and with a long-term view. Once Greenspace is lost or an environmentally sensitive area is significantly disturbed, it may never return to what it was. I ask Council to prioritize the long-term interests of residents, wildlife, water, and future generations when making this decision.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Desiree Coad-Broeren  
Wolf Creek Resident  
Ta'an Kwachan First Nation Member



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## Response to OCP Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration from Downtown resident

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From Diane [REDACTED]

Date Mon 8/24/2026 8:55 PM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council [REDACTED]

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I am writing to convey my opposition to the OCP Plan Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration – all versions. There should be no preferential treatment of Gladiator Metals when it comes to following municipal law – or any Yukon law for that matter. This mining company should follow existing laws, like everyone else! The OPC should not be weakened to meet the demands of a mining company which has shown a clear disregard for the law in the recent past, i.e. significantly violating several terms and conditions of its permit. Let us not forget that only 3 years ago (August 2023), Gladiator was found guilty of and pleaded guilty to six charges under the Yukon's *Quartz Mining Act* and charged (\$43K)! Gladiator “exceeded the scope of its exploration permit” which resulted in six serious charges:

- ▶ “Creating clearings greater than 400 square metres;
- ▶ Upgrading access roads without authorization;
- ▶ Exploration without approval by the Heritage Resources Unit;
- ▶ Removing the vegetative mat without storing it for reestablishing it later;
- ▶ Failing to contain drill fluids in a sump; and
- ▶ Rutting and gouging roads and trails.”

And that's just for a Class I level project which is designed to be the lowest impact level of mining exploration activity that can occur as part of an exploration project. Class I activities are **not** subject to a YESAA assessment but they are regulated by YG.

See links below for full news stories.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/gladiator-metals-guilty-cowley-creek-whitehorse-1.6943990>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/gladiator-whitehorse-fined-1.6952449>

This company, with its poor track record, will need to be watched very closely. The City, if it approves a municipal temporary permit will need to conduct regular inspections and enforce the terms and conditions of the permit and not leave it to the government of Yukon to enforce, which has its own enforcement capacity issues.

Instead, City Council should be acting in the public interest of its citizens, i.e. those who actually live here and pay taxes here, and follow the legitimate and publicly-informed Mineral Exploration and Development Framework which is soon to be finalized. To allow this company to evade the Framework and instead change the OCP to suit Gladiator's wants seriously undermines the OCP and sends a disturbing political signal to Whitehorse residents and to the mining industry. As you know, the development of the OCP was a very long (4-years) but legitimate public process which was finally approved in 2023.



It appears that Gladiator wants to rush in a better deal (i.e. changing the OCP in its favour) in advance of the Mineral Exploration and Development framework being established. This is unfair to Whitehorse residents as well as other mineral claim holders within the City and will result in potentially allowing Gladiator more permissive requirements than any other proponent. It's sadly ironic that Gladiator's request to change the OCP took up so much city staff time (not to mention all the time taken by City Council over several official meetings), that it effectively delayed the schedule to deliver on the mining framework.

This should never have gone to the Public Hearing process, at least not in its current form(s), given the very soon to be finalized Mineral Exploration and Development framework. It's really unfair to put citizens through yet another onerous public hearing process. It's very taxing on citizens, timewise work/effort-wise and psychologically to constantly have to defend themselves from powerful and well-financed mining and other corporate entities developers often trying to change the OCP and other (municipal) laws in their favour, especially those who are most directly affected (those residents who live in the area in question).

I also have serious concerns with the whole process that has led to this premature Public Hearing related to: inadequate public engagement, accountability, fairness, due process, undue influence, private company pressure on City staff and Council, questionable practices related to City staff informally changing zoning designations (greenspaces) without professional (ecological) or public input and more. The whole process has raised many red flags for me during the entire process from the start (by viewing all the proceedings and relevant documents since the start). Unfortunately, there is not sufficient time for me to elaborate on these key issues. This process has been too rushed for most residents to sufficiently research and think through the potentially far-reaching implications of this rushed amendment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Diane Brent  
Downtown Whitehorse Resident



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## Amendment to OCP sought by Gladiator Metals

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From Don Murphy [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 9:42 AM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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To whom it may concern:

I want to register my support for Gladiator Metals' application to modify the OCP to allow mineral EXPLORATION in areas designated as Greenspace/Future Development. I also want the definitions and text in the OCP to reflect commonly accepted definitions of mineral EXPLORATION (as opposed to MINING). These processes are distinct, defined in YG legislation, and it is clear that the City Staff who wrote the OCP don't understand that they are separate activities, regulated separately by YG and also separately from QUARRYING. The language in the OCP needs to be clarified accordingly.

The western part of the Yukon Valley in which Gladiator Metals is currently exploring was a mining district before the City expanded its boundaries in 1971 to encompass it. It is not a pristine, unimpacted green space. It is, by definition, a brownfields region, one in which several mines, waste rock dumps, a mill and tailings facility, and a road connecting all the workings, the Copper Haul Road, were developed. Brownfield sites have high mineral potential (hence the adage: "If you want to find a mine, look for a mine!"). Therefore, when the City expanded its boundaries to cover the district, the City should have zoned the area as Future Industrial Development, with provisions for future EXPLORATION and MINERAL DEVELOPMENT and regulated under the EXPLORATION and MINERAL DEVELOPMENT legislation at the time, now YG legislation. I realize that hindsight is 20/20, but the knowledge that the western part of the City is a brownfield site is important in this debate. Indeed, the area's defacto Industrial status has recently been reinforced by the large-scale clearcut logging being done to create a firebreak to help wildfire fighters protect the City of Whitehorse. The OCP should reflect this status and Gladiator Metals' application should be approved.

If the City had taken, in my opinion, this logical and appropriate course of action at the time of its expansion, the unadvisable development of country residential on the district's fringes would never have occurred and the current controversy would not be happening. I feel strongly for the property owners whose quality of life will be impacted by the DEVELOPMENT of any new MINES nearby; I don't feel much sympathy when I hear they are complaining about EXPLORATION activities, which are low impact and being mitigated by Gladiator as they proceed. I especially don't feel much sympathy when the objectors' stated reason is lack of access to their sites of recreation. Summarizing the comments that I've heard in CBC interviews: 'My recreation is more important than your ability to work, to provide for your family, to support Whitehorse's and Yukon's economy, and to help offset the multi-billion dollar Federal transfer payment sent our way every year.'

Sincerely yours,

Donald Murphy  
Granger, Whitehorse





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**ByLaw Amendment 2026-25**

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**From** Donald Reid [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 3:36 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to record my opposition to By Law 2026 25, a proposed Amendment to the Official Community Plan (OCP). This amendment would change the designation in the OCP of various parcels of land from Greenspace to Future Planning, thereby facilitating mineral exploration on those parcels.

I do not support such changes because I believe that a Plan should be a Plan that has persistence and resilience, and not be subject to ongoing changes that support the interest of select subsets of society. Why did the citizens of Whitehorse go through many months of consultation, thought and interactions to create a Plan, just to have it reconfigured via the application and lobbying of a special interest group – a corporate entity. The City needs to stand by its OCPlan and not act out of expediency. This is despite the preamble to the Amendment which claims to act out of expediency, while the definition of an expedient action is "convenient or practical though possibly improper or immoral". I suggest that the proposed Amendment is at least improper. It might be immoral given how it places the interests of a select few over the interests of the majority (as expressed in the OCP).

In this regard, I note that this proposed OCP Amendment is applied for on behalf of an interest that would **reduce** the area of Greenspace or Environmental Sensitivity. There is no proposed reciprocal action, for example of off setting the area of lost Greenspace with an equivalent gain elsewhere. In other words, the proposed amendment is just another in the incremental net loss of natural habitats that plagues our behaviour. This behaviour gradually amounts to a significant loss of the numerous values that natural spaces provide for society, ranging from wildlife habitats, through recreational prospects, quiet neighbourhoods and carbon capture. For residents of this City, these losses amount to a significant reduction to our standing of living, because the values lost are of much higher worth than the economic gains of some corporate entity.

I consider the argument that some of the land in question can be reasonably disturbed because it has been impacted by human activity in the past to be largely immaterial. Where natural vegetation and forest growth are occurring, the Greenspace is already providing real value as greenspace (e.g., carbon capture, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities), notwithstanding past vegetation removal. Greenspace does not have to be pristine to provide significant value in its OCP designation.

In sum, I urge you to vote against this Amendment to the OCP.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my views,

Sincerely,  
Donald Reid

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, [REDACTED]

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**Proposed Mineral Exploration in current Greenspace**

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**From** Ed McLean [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 11:51 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Good day,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed amendment to the City of Whitehorse Official Community Plan that would permit mineral exploration within areas currently designated for future planning.

I understand the importance of mineral exploration and the potential economic benefits it can bring to Yukon. However, I do not believe that expanding mineral exploration into areas identified for future planning is appropriate at this time.

Whitehorse is growing, and land within and around the city is increasingly important for future housing, recreation, parks, trails, wildlife habitat, and other community needs. I believe these areas should be protected for thoughtful long-term planning rather than opening them up to activities that could potentially conflict with future residential, recreational, or environmental uses.

I am also concerned about the potential impacts of exploration activities, including disturbance to land and wildlife, noise, increased traffic, and impacts on trails and recreational areas. Even if the proposed amendment is intended to permit only limited forms of exploration, I believe it is important to consider the long-term consequences and the possibility that today's exploration could lead to more intensive development in the future.

Whitehorse residents deserve a clear and predictable planning process that protects the community's future needs while allowing appropriate development in areas specifically designated for those purposes.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask Council to reject the proposed amendment and maintain the existing Official Community Plan designations until there has been a more comprehensive assessment of the potential environmental, recreational, residential, and long-term planning impacts.

Thank you for considering my concerns.



Ed McLean

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## Mining in city limits

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From Eileen Wally [REDACTED]

Date Mon 8/24/2026 9:36 AM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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To whom it may concern as a resident of the Yukon all of my life, I'm opposed to any mining in city limits, we humans and animals and the environment and the water have suffered a great deal of harm from the impacts, of mining in the Yukon, we still do there are mining sites that have been abandoned for years and the tailing ponds from these mine sites are still as I write this letter, leaking into our water system and our animals and environment suffer a slow death, please here my plea to get our land cleaned up from all the other mines that are poisoning our land and wildlife and humans, All of the signs and the fences don't stop the destruction that is happening from the cyanide and all the other chemicals that's used. That is seeping into the land. I send this letter with respect and hope that people in power, that reads this will understand that this is for our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren, we need to work together to clean all these places up before trying to make another place to mine. Your in unity concerned Yukon citizen

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**Fw: Gladiator Mine - Official Community Plan**

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**From** Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:33 AM  
**To** Public Input <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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**Michael Prowse**  
Manager • Legislative Services • Corporate  
City of Whitehorse • [whitehorse.ca](http://whitehorse.ca)  
*Working and living within the traditional territories of the  
Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.*

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**From:** Ed Redlin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 23, 2026 8:57 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Gladiator Mine - Official Community Plan

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Mesdames/Sirs:

Attached are my comments on the proposed changes to the Official Community Plan and the proposed mining activity within City of Whitehorse limits.

Regards,  
Elizabeth Redlin



Whitehorse City Council

Mesdames/Sirs:

### **Gladiator Mine Exploration Application**

I have lived in Whitehorse for approximately 40 years. I am not a resident of the areas affected by Gladiator but believe that what concerns one should concern all. I have some comments and questions about how this issue is being handled by local and territorial governments.

The Official Community Plan (OCP) will be worth less than the paper that it is written on if changing it just takes a show of hands of a majority of council. This is particularly odious if it is done at the behest of and for the sole interest of one party.

YESAB's approval for a project is subject to interpretation, and its recommendations can be cherry picked to suit the purposes of those supporting the project. Even though the YESAB approval stated, in part, that "environmental impacts are moderate to high risk", those risks are acceptable to its supporters on council with or without the approval of the residents affected.

Proponents of the project use soothing phrases like the "work is temporary and limited in scope" when describing the exploration. If local residents find little comfort in those words, it is understandable as "temporary and limited in scope" will not apply to a working mine.

The homeowners of the areas affected by Gladiator's operations did not buy or build their homes because they needed or wanted to live close to a mine for their livelihood, like the former residents of Faro. Rather, the mine owners want to move into their backyards without their permission. The very real possibility of mining operations poisoning their wells should be enough to cancel this operation. When and how well monitoring will be done remains something of a mystery, as is any mention of what will be done if contamination in a well is discovered. History tells us that it is an uphill battle for any community to prove that an industry located close to it has caused environmental contamination and related illnesses in that community.

As a taxpayer, I am also concerned about the possibility that residents of Whitehorse will be left holding the bag when, like too many past experiences with mines, the owners go riding off into the sunset waving their middle fingers at us while local, territorial and federal taxpayers are left to pay for the clean up of their messes. Gladiator has already plead guilty to six charges under the *Quartz Mining Act*. Why would anyone believe Gladiator will do anything differently if it is given the go-ahead—or that it will not continue to ask for more and more latitude in its operations?

I am old enough to remember when it was legal to drive down the road with one hand on the steering wheel and the other on an open bottle of beer. Eventually we decided that drinking and driving was an irresponsible relic from our past and changed the law for the better. Our outdated and archaic mining legislation does not imagine, let alone address, the technological and societal changes since it was written. Rather than impose the "moderate to high risk" of unwanted mining activity on local citizens, our different levels of government should more rigorously apply themselves to bringing that legislation into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

I strongly oppose any amendment to the OCP. Gladiator should be sent packing and mining outlawed inside the City of Whitehorse boundaries, as should have been done before this absurd activity started.

Regards,

Elizabeth Redlin



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Amendment to OCP - Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Ella Parker [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 12:58 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

Hello City of Whitehorse,

My name is Ella Parker and I live at [REDACTED], we are located adjacent to the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**I am writing to express my opposition to Bylaw 2026-25.** What is concerning to me about this amendment is that new definitions for key terms and policies are being considered (e.g. disturbance, mineral exploration) without broader engagement or input from Whitehorse residents and relevant experts. Changes made could have unforeseen implications in the future and lead to more conflict surrounding the Copperbelt region. It seems to me that the process already underway to develop the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework could be expanded to include a process of working through developing definitions and how the framework should interface with the OCP, instead of adopting piecemeal changes to meet the immediate needs of one company.

Thanks very much,  
Ella Parker

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Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Felix Olaney [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 2:19 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

My name is Felix Olaney. As a resident of Whitehorse I am writing today to voice my opposition to Bylaw 2026 25.

I oppose the rezoning of 3 parcels from Greenspace to Future Planning due to the potential and current (as it is already occurring) destruction of greenspace, trails and recreation areas within city limits.

Gladiator has already caused issues for many who live in the area they are currently doing exploration.

I sincerely hope Council reconsiders and does not pass Bylaw 2026 25.

Regards,  
Felix



## Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Garret Gillespie [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 12:26 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Garret Gillespie [REDACTED]

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Good day,

Please see the attached written submission. Please acknowledge receipt.

Thank you,

Garret Gillespie

Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse,  
2121 Second Avenue,  
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1C2

Garret Gillespie

[REDACTED]

Whitehorse, Yukon [REDACTED]

August 23, 2026

**RE: Proposed Bylaw 2026-25 OCP amendment**

To Mayor and Council,

I am writing to request that you do not allow the proposed amendment to proceed. The proposed bylaw, if passed, will weaken the Whitehorse 2040 Official Community Plan and the integrity of the process that created it in the first place. Allowing private interests change public policy and land use designation definitions at the highest level sets a dangerous precedent and undermines the value of OCP land use designations. At the very least, the administration should be directed to complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before contemplating fundamental changes to the OCP that would benefit a single mineral exploration company.

In Gladiator Metal's May 11<sup>th</sup> 2026 application to amend the OCP, the applicant intentionally mischaracterizes the Whitehorse South Fuel break as a clearcut, conveniently omitting the fact that it is a forest conversion process where the land will be replanted with fire resistant deciduous trees. It is a process of creating living fire resistant infrastructure that will help protect Whitehorse from wildfire. It is not, as Gladiator suggests, permanently disturbed land on a par with the abandoned mineral workings that litter the copper belt.

Risibly, Gladiator claims that its mineral exploration activities are providing the community with a public service in a similar fashion to the Yukon Government fuel abatement program, suggesting that, as copper is a critical mineral, Gladiator are somehow being good public-spirited corporate citizens by reworking tired claims that have been explored many times for over a hundred years. Do not forget that Gladiator only cares about rules when it benefits their interests, and will push the boundaries to see what they can get away with. We understood this more clearly when Gladiator were fined by the Yukon Government for multiple breaches of their class 1 exploration permit.

That the city's administration appears to accept this nonsense as rationale for redesignating public lands to the sole benefit of a private corporation is very disappointing. The individuals with ownership stakes in Gladiator are already making a lot of money off the strength of the data they are collecting from the ground, and should council approve this amendment, will have the potential to access considerably more land in the future, allowing more data collection, further fluffing up the value of Gladiator's data sets.

As a resident of Cowley Creek subdivision, our property backs on to city greenspace and Gladiators' so-called Cowley Park claims. We have watched in horror as Gladiators partner, Kluane Drilling, has literally bulldozed into the forest, destroying trails and habitat, leaving behind a mess that includes pools of drilling mud and permanently disturbed ground. Caribou and moose have relied on this area for winter habitat, but the disruption is obviously displacing them away from these areas.

If council approves this amendment a precedent will be set, whereby any greenspace areas that have fuel abatement activities or abandoned historical mineral workings, such as outside my house, may be subject to reclassification as future planning areas, and potentially opened up to further exploration activities.

A number of years ago, the administration reclassified a small block of greenspace between Mary Lake and Cowley Creek subdivisions to allow for two parcels of land for home construction. At the time I thought that it was setting a dangerous precedent that signals that city land use plans for country residential subdivisions are in fact a moving target. As homeowners we pay a premium to live in these subdivisions both in terms of property values and property taxes. It is not unreasonable to expect land use classifications in and around any subdivision to be fairly rigid, upholding existing property owners rights to peaceful enjoyment of our lands. In this particular case, at least, the reclassification provided homes for two young families, a very small gesture by the city, but at least a step in the right direction to alleviate the housing crisis.



In contrast, Gladiator's proposed amendment seeks to undermine the greenspace designation, solely to the benefit of its owners, the majority of whom are non-resident and have no ties to the community. No housing or other tangible public benefit flow from this work. Gladiator, by their own admission, are engaged in speculative, extractive work. Like any council, they will not be here for long, but the consequences of changing the OCP to boost the short-term value of a private corporation will have long term consequences that will affect the entire city.

Gladiator's class 3 exploration permit already grants them access to 35 square kilometres of the copper belt. Granting them access to an additional 0.8 square kilometres of city lands will not make or break their business plan, but will signal that any well-resourced private interest group can rewrite public policy at the highest level.

If there were viable copper claims in the copper belt, they would have been exploited a long time ago. The days of Whitehorse Copper are over, back when the population hovered around 10,000 residents in the 1970's. Today, Gladiator are attempting to exercise their Victorian-era mineral tenure rights adjacent to numerous subdivisions that did not exist 30 years ago. The population has increased dramatically, and has very different expectations and ideas about mining and mineral exploration. According to the city's own What We Heard Report for the second engagement under the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework, a clear majority of respondents wish to see an outright ban on mining activity and mineral exploration inside the city limits.

Now is the time for council to show some leadership, and demonstrate that it actually heard, and is listening to the majority of residents who are opposed to expanding speculative mineral exploration within the city limits. Please reject this amendment.

Sincerely,

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Garret Gillespie



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## opposition to proposed changes to OCP

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**From** Heather Finton [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 11:04 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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My family (residents of Riverdale, downtown and Whitehorse periphery) is opposed to proposed changes to the OCP that would open the door to mining in Whitehorse.

We are opposed to changing the status of green spaces, to broadening the definition of disturbed spaces, and to any expansion of mining activity in Whitehorse.

Whitehorse is a "wilderness city" and has put many hours into developing an OCP with community input. The people have already spoken, it is time to stand up for public decisionmaking and not corporate interests.

Heather Finton and family



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## Bylaw 2026-25 proposal

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**From** Helen Slama [REDACTED]  
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Good morning,  
Please accept the attached letter as my input into the proposed Bylaw 2026-25 before Mayor and Council.

Helen Slama



August 24, 2026

To City of Whitehorse's Mayor Cameron and Council Members,

I respectfully request that the City Mayor and Council members vote against the proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan (OCP) – Whitehorse 2040 – identified as Proposed Bylaw 2026-25 in which Gladiator Metals suggests significant amendments in favour of mineral exploration within the city limits of Whitehorse.

The City of Whitehorse (COW) administration defines mineral exploration in its review of the proposal 2026-25 on page 1

"Mineral exploration is one of the first steps in determining if Mineral Development (mining) is viable in a given area."

In reviewing the OCP there is no indication that the residents of Whitehorse are in support of active mining occurring within the limits of the COW. Neither mining or exploration are part of the "Vision" in the OCP. The OCP does speak about Water Protection, Air Quality, Noise and Light Pollution starting on page 40.

There is an implied assumption that if mineral exploration is permitted within the city then mining, including open pit mining, are expected to be permitted within the city. If the city council permits exploration but denies mining in the future, I believe the council leaves itself open to compensation claims by thwarted companies who invested in the proven mineral claims in the city limits.

Most amendments to the OCP have been for addressing specific parcels, in 2026-25 the proponent proposes changes to the definitions within the OCP, therefore these changes are not to a specific parcel but to the entirety of the city of Whitehorse, of which this proponent has a vast expanse of mineral claims that they can pursue future exploration work across the city from Mary Lake to Crestview.

The development of the OCP – Whitehorse 2040 – was developed over a period of 4 years ending in the adoption of the OCP in March 2023. The city spent countless dollars and hours consulting with all citizens of Whitehorse. The consultations received thousands of comments from citizens that helped to formulate an OCP that properly reflected the vision of the city's residents. When an amendment is proposed that would affect the entire city, I believe it is the city's responsibility to consult with all the citizens, and give ample information and time for their input. I do not feel that the city has done so with this proposal, but rather perceived that this was a Mary Lake issue based on the proponent's indication of initial location of interest.

The OCP under Policy Direction states on page 27 that

"It is important to the City that municipal decision-making processes are open, transparent, and fair. All community members should have the information they need to understand and provide input on the decisions that will impact them."

I believe that the city council has failed to meet this objective. I suggest that the city continue to work in the Mineral Exploration Development Framework in full consultation with the citizens of Whitehorse, as well as the affected First Nations governments before considering any request to change the OCP or any city bylaw regarding such enterprises.

For the reasons outlined above, and many more which I have not delved into, I respectfully request the Mayor and Councilors vote to

“3. Do not proceed with the proposed amendment” Bylaw 2026-25

Respectfully,  
Helen Slama  
Resident of Wolf Creek Subdivision,  
Whitehorse



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## Asking City Council to reject Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Helen Stappers [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 12:24 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hereby I am kindly reminding Whitehorse City Council that you were elected by Whitehorse Citizens like me. We believed in the OCP process and ask you to take our contributions and concerns seriously. This is not the vibe I received when attending the City Council meeting of August 7.

I strongly oppose mineral exploration in the city. I strongly oppose you making changes to the OCP 2024 without our consent and approval.

I ask that City Council focuses on other tasks that need to be completed first. They are: 1. Update Yukon's mining legislation; 2. Complete the City's Mineral Exploration and Development Framework  
3. Finalize the proposed Wolf Creek Park identified in the 2014 Regional plan  
4. Complete a financial cost benefit analysis of the cost of mining in the Yukon.

I like many other Yukoners do not believe that there are economic benefits over a 20 years or longer term and that the environmental destruction that comes with mining outweighs all its potential benefits.

Please tread more slowly and carefully and do not rush this decision just because a mining company wants it. We are your citizens and we want a future for our children. Sincerely, Helen Stappers

Sent from my iPhone



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## Mining inside City of Whitehorse

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**From** Elizabeth Redlin [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:10 AM  
**To** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]; publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
<publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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My name is Ian Redlin and I live at [REDACTED]. I moved to the Yukon with my family in 1988 and have lived here since.

I strongly oppose any mining activity within or around the city limits.

I have worked in the construction and mining industries most of my adult life. Many years were spent in either mining or construction camps. Mining is a necessary activity in our society, but I have enough personal knowledge of mining practices to know that it would NEVER be a good idea to have it in anybody's back yard. It is hard to believe this is even being considered.

Modern mining by its nature destroys the environment around it. The very best planning and operations still leave their mark, and looking at Gladiator's history and the mess it has already made suggests that it is not the very best. The arguments that have been made in favour of this project require some crazy magical thinking. Supporters argue that it will create jobs and grow our economy. Sure, but where are these workers going to live? Housing is in short supply and very expensive. I know people who have left the Yukon because they cannot find an affordable place to live. I also know businesses that have trouble hiring because of housing costs. Will Gladiator be coming back to council looking for permission to build a camp for fly-in, fly-out workers? In addition to the excessive noise, pollution and disruption of a mine in our backyards, it is entirely possible we could also have a mining camp full of transient workers whose pay cheques leave the territory. Who wouldn't like that?

I believe that city council should use its time and energy trying to fix the affordable housing crisis we are in rather than giving permission to some company to destroy that which we already have.

Gladiator needs to be made to clean up the mess it has already made and then permanently shut down. And sooner rather than later.

Ian Redlin  
[REDACTED]



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## Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Ira Webb [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 1:07 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Good day,

I am writing to record my opposition to the proposed OCP amendment in Bylaw 2026 25 being considered this evening.

Regards,

Ira Webb  
Granger Subdivision

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**Fw: Public Hearing - Gladiator Metals on August 24, 2026 submission**

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**From** Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 8:32 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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**From:** Irene Lubbers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2026 8:05 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Public Hearing - Gladiator Metals on August 24, 2026 submission

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Dear Mayor and Council,

We will reiterate our previous submissions.

We strongly oppose bylaw 2026-25 which seeks to amend the Official Community Plan (OCP) to enable mineral exploitation within city limits.

My husband and I are not against mineral exploration or mining in Yukon, however NOT WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opposition.

Gord and Irene Lubbers (residents of Mary Lake since 1988)

Sent from my iPad



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OCP Bylaw Ammendment 2026 - 25

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**From** Jane Londero [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 1:56 PM  
**To** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]; publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
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Dear Mayor and City Council!

Attached please find a letter of support to for Gladiator Minerals request for an amendment to the OCP.

Thank you!

Jane Londero

Jane Londero  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
August 24th, 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

I am an Exploration Geologist and High School Geology and Math Teacher in Whitehorse. For over 40 years I have worked as a Geologist and Teacher taking students out along the Copper Haul Road since 1993, when it was little more than an off road ATV track to look at the historical Copper showings and explaining how they were formed, identified the minerals and explained Copper's place in Yukon history and it's importance in the Yukon, Canadian and Global economy. It is very important in our present economy for wiring, keeping the Yukon Electric generators and batteries running, to provide power to house, cell phones, electric cars, electric bikes for commuting and thousands of products we use everyday!!

This work must be allowed to continue to keep Yukoners working, supplied with the modern technologies we depend on and this starts with mineral exploration!!!

Mineral exploration supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jane Londero



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## OCP proposed amendment

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From Jean Hogg [REDACTED]

Date Mon 8/24/2026 1:55 PM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I am totally against the proposed amendment to the City's Official Community Plan (OCP) to enable limited forms of Mineral Exploration within select areas currently designated as Greenspace is being considered by City Council.



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## Submission for the August 24th Public Hearing

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**From** Jennifer England [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:32 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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My name is Jennifer England. I live in Mary Lake, where I've lived for 23 years

I want to begin by thanking many of you on council for your engagement on this proposed bylaw. I appreciate your presence at community tours and meetings in recent weeks, and your thoughtful questions as you work to better understand this complex decision.

With that, I am asking Council to reject Bylaw 2026-25 for three main reasons.

First, this bylaw is not only about one proponent, nor only about the re-designation of three areas of Greenspace and/or Environmentally Sensitive Areas to Future Planning so mineral exploration can be considered.

It goes much further than that.

This bylaw changes our City's Official Community Plan 2040: its definitions, its policies, and the very meaning of the Future Planning designation.

Right now, Future Planning is for areas that need more planning before the most appropriate use is determined, often in the context of how to meet the needs of a growing city: housing, schools, parks, infrastructure, health care, and community services.

Future Planning does not currently enable mineral exploration. In fact, mineral exploration is more closely connected to the Natural Resource Extraction land use designation.

But this Bylaw would change that, expanding the definition of Future Planning to include a pathway for mineral exploration.

Looking at Map 2, Active Crown Grants and Claims from the June 29th Council package, I count at least 14 other Future Planning areas that appear to overlap with the proponent's current claims. If Council votes for this amendment, those areas could also become eligible for the same pathway. That could

affect areas beyond Mary Lake, Wolf Creek, and Cowley Creek — including Mount Sima, Copper Ridge, Raven's Ridge, Crestview, and other neighbourhoods and businesses.

Second, what makes this pathway even more concerning is the proposed definition of “disturbed land.”

In this bylaw, “disturbed land” includes areas impacted by historical mining and fuel-abatement work, including large areas south and west of the Alaska Highway. That definition risks treating disturbed land as disposable land, and therefore, as land available for mineral exploration.

But if you walk in the fuel break, including near the parcels proposed for re-designation like GEM, you do not see disposable land. You see mature forest in places, and in others a recovering ecosystem enriched by significant silviculture investment to reduce the risk of destructive urban wildfire. Furthermore, it's important to note that with heavy government investment into reforestation along the fire break, I'm not aware that the public nor the territorial government who has led that initiative, ever intended that original forest and greenspace to be rezoned.

Third, I care about Council's ability to make informed, robust land-use decisions guided by the input, consultation and engagement of city residents in the form of frameworks or legislation.

But Council is being asked to make a major land-use decision before two critical pieces are complete: the City's very own Mineral Exploration and Development Framework and Yukon's updated mining legislation.

These are exactly the frameworks that should help Council decide if and where mineral exploration is appropriate inside city limits, and what lands should remain protected for other public values, such as housing, community services, the integrity of watersheds and greenspaces.

Instead, this amendment creates an exception before those frameworks are done.

This leaves the City Council exposed and grappling with too many unanswered questions: what process should be followed if the City re-designates greenspace or Environmentally Sensitive Areas? How should “disturbed land” be defined when it is also recovering and/or thriving ecosystems interconnected with watersheds and recreational trails? How do we square this proposed Bylaw with the conceptual Wolf Creek Regional park that has been envisioned (including draft boundaries) since 2010 and remains in our OCP 2040? And how should Council weigh mineral tenure against the long-term needs of a growing city?

Those questions should be answered through robust and completed planning frameworks, with significant public consultation, not through a one-off amendment under pressure.

In conclusion, I do not see this as a pro-mining or anti-mining decision.

This is about how Council decides to use land within city limits, and what rigorous process is required to guide those decisions, especially with such a major change to the Future Planning land use designation. It is about whether Council will rely on the planning work already complete or underway — OCP 2040, the draft Mineral Exploration and Development Framework, and updated Yukon territorial mining legislation— or whether the City will begin making major land-use exceptions before those frameworks are complete.

A mining claim is not a land-use plan and individual proponents should not be writing City policy.

Future Planning should invite careful and deliberate public planning based on the needs of a growing city rather than providing a shortcut to exploration.

Please reject Bylaw 2026-25 and complete the draft Mineral Development framework to make a careful, rigorous land-use decision and build further trust in our municipal governance system.

Thank you.

Jennifer England





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## Opposition to Bylaw 2026-25 Amending the OCP re Mineral Exploration

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**From** Jennifer Trapnell [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 11:59 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I wish to express my opposition to the proposed Bylaw 2026 25.

My position considers the following points, some shared by others:

The OCP 2040 contains the key land use decisions the community has already made on greenspace/green belt or environmentally sensitive lands, and even those areas compromised by permitted or non permitted activities should not be re designated as Future Planning. The requested bylaw and its rationale undermines the OCP process and outcomes and facilitates more mining/industrial activity and contrary land use that compromises biodiversity, recreation, wildlife corridors, and essential watersheds.

A valid mineral tenure should not mean automatic land use compatibility. A company may hold mineral rights under Yukon mining laws, but that does not mean exploration is appropriate within city limits, in city greenspaces, environmentally sensitive areas or close to citizen residences, wildlife corridors or watersheds.

In addition, past disturbance of greenspaces and environmentally sensitive areas doesn't mean such areas should be removed from protections or permitted more disturbance. Previously disturbed areas are living ecosystems and recovering habitat, aided by restoration efforts by many levels of government. Some degraded green spaces have recently gained higher levels of protection such as Chàsan Chùà Territorial Park, based on increased principles and awareness around the need for healthy boreal ecosystems, watersheds and communities.

The living ecosystems around the Whitehorse Copper Belt including Mary Lake, Cowley Creek, Wolf Creek, and Mount Sima are worthy of recognition and protection. The benefits from the existence of such natural areas cannot be replaced nor can their loss ever be truly compensated.

The City of Whitehorse is already developing a broader Mineral Exploration and Development Framework. Council should complete that broader framework rather than make ad hoc, significant changes to our Official Community Plan now driven primarily by the interests of one proponent.

I believe the City, generally, needs to more actively recognize and protect nature and biodiversity in our community. Every land use decision that does not do this or prioritizes development or makes

protections subject to increasing exceptions will have, cumulatively, harmful impacts on our overall well-being.

As well, it is worth noting that because there is currently no application of Yukon's *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to the City of Whitehorse (as it is not considered a "public entity" under that act), it is reasonable for the public to have questions and want more scrutiny of the City's decisions and the role of proponents, especially around contentious land use proposals.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and concerns and my support for other residents who oppose Bylaw 2026-25.

Jennifer Trapnell  
Whitehorse Yukon



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**Fw: BYLAW 2026-25**

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**From** Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 1:46 PM  
**To** Public Input <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>



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**From:** Jill Pangman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2026 1:39 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** BYLAW 2026-25

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Dear Mayor and Council,  
I am writing concerning the proposed amendment to Bylaw 2026-25.

I am asking Council to reject Bylaw 2026-25 for the following reasons:

1. The OCP took many years to develop and it was only signed off 2 years ago. The city did an excellent job of seeking and listening to input from citizens in the drafting of the OCP. It is unfathomable to me that the city would now be considering opening up the OCP at the request of a foreign mining company, to change designations and to do so without even seeking input from citizens, in a fair, transparent, and timely process. The fact that this current process has been taking place in the middle of a short precious summer when many citizens are either away on holidays or busy with summer activities adds an additional level of distrust and disappointment with the city administrators.
2. Turning green space and environmentally sensitive areas into Future planning which can then be severely impacted by mineral exploration and potentially active mining is extremely concerning to me. This of course would just open the door for more and more industrial inroads into the natural environment around Whitehorse and the characteristics that make Whitehorse "the Wilderness City", the concept of which citizens were in favour of during the OCP consultations. It is these very characteristics that make Whitehorse an appealing place to live and call home for the bulk of the city's residents including people who live on the outskirts of the city.



3. The city has already been undergoing a Mineral Exploration and Development Framework and have consulted citizens on this , and received overwhelming support for not allowing mineral exploration within the city. Why would the city stall this process to respond to the requests of an Australian mineral exploration company to change the OCP to suit their interests. Why should the interests of this company more important than the desires and needs of Whitehorse citizens?

4. The proponent says that this is strictly about mineral exploration. Let's face it. If a mineral showing is good enough then exploration leads to mining. Why else would a junior mining company spend millions of dollars in exploration if it could not then be "allowed" to sell their claims to a mining development company. Gladiator staff have spoken publicly about the excellent results they are receiving from their cores and the geophysical work that has been done. Have any council members listened to the interview with the CEO of Gladiator on "money Matters", an Australian podcast, that Mayor and Council was made aware of during the council meeting earlier this summer when the bylaw passed First reading?. There a number of statements in that interview that are extremely concerning . You cannot listen to that interview and then say there is no link between mineral exploration and mining, and the scale of that the mining that would lead to very serious impacts on the environment, wildlife, culture, and the physical and mental health and well-being of Whitehorse citizens. Let's face it. There is an abysmal track record of mining in this Territory! How many abandoned mines that are leaching their toxic waste into the environment, that we will be needing to clean up for for generations to come, do we need before people wake up to the true long term impacts of mining. And the short term gains that are negligible in comparison.

5. Proponents of changing the land designations to suit Gladiator's interest and requests imply that the fire smarted areas are no long worthy of being called green space or environmentally sensitive IF they had been zoned that in the OCP. As well the fact that all areas within Future Planning designations would now be open for exploration as well. Citizens were willing to reluctantly accept the impact of fire smarting in order to reduce the likelihood of a fire sweeping up the valley from the south and burning the greater Whitehorse area. BUT citizens never agreed to fire smarting being a way for a mining company to get its foot in the door to open up lands within city limits for their use. If you walk in the fuel break, for example in areas near Mary Lake, there already is significant green growth, which will reduce the likelihood of fire. In larger clear cut areas of the fire break there has been some significant silviculture investment in planting deciduous trees for the purpose of mitigating fire potential and for regenerating the land.

6. I am concerned about the impact on water - on the health of Cowley and Wolf creeks and McIntyre Creeks and of course the Yukon River which they all flow into- which impacts humans and wildlife/fish alike. and I am also concerned about the impact on the quality of well water in resident's homes.

7. This is about much more than mineral exploration and potentially mining. This is a LAND USE ISSUE. It begs the question, what IS an appropriate use of city lands and waters? How do we live within our environment in a respective and sustainable way, which honours the needs of all species, including the people that live near and downstream of any form of activity which can impact the water, the land, the air, the soundscape, etc. The city gladly accepts tax revenue from residents in neighbourhoods across the city. This is a long term permanent stream of revenue for the city than a short term influx of monies from mineral development, that will leave scars for generations to come. What responsibility does the city have to speak on behalf of its residents and the people that are continually paying into the city coffers through their taxes. I feel that the city has great responsibility in this regard. City councillors are voted in to represent citizen's interests. City councillors are paid to represent their constituents, NOT a mineral exploration or mining company.

sincerely,  
Jill Pangman

30 year resident of Cowley Creek subdivision



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**Fw: OCP amendment bylaw 2026-25 support letter**

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**From** Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 8:00 AM  
**To** Public Input <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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**From:** J van [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 23, 2026 11:58 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council <MayorCouncil@whitehorse.ca>  
**Subject:** OCP amendment bylaw 2026-25 support letter

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached my letter regarding the proposed amendment and re-designation of small parcels of land corresponding to long standing mineral claims which fall within the City of Whitehorse's huge boundaries.

Regards,  
Jo van Randen  
Mary Lake resident



Jo van Randen

Mary Lake Subdivision

To Mayor and Council

August 23, 2026

Re: I support OCP amendment-bylaw 2026-25

Dear Mayor and Council,

How did we get to this place----City council is hosting a public hearing to hear from Whitehorse residents regarding a bylaw amendment to change land designations under its Official Community Plan.

We need to step back in order to understand how we got here.

Very unique geology exists along a 30 km belt of rocks along the Copper Haul Road, where limestone sediments are in contact with the Whitehorse batholith, which locally creates skarn deposits, several of which have been historically mined for copper, gold, and silver. In the 1970s, the City of Whitehorse expanded its boundaries to include most of the prospective ground along this belt to benefit from royalty fees from the copper mines.

Along this past-producing belt, crown grants and quartz claims have been continuously kept in good standing since Whitehorse Copper Mines ceased operations in 1982. Exploration activities including diamond drilling have happened sporadically in accordance with all applicable regulations and government oversight.

In 1998, the City of Whitehorse consulted the Yukon geoscience office to conduct a mineral potential study to help planning; at that time the city administrators were advised that past-producing mines and areas of partial development were considered highest mineral potential. The City of Whitehorse then built subdivisions over some of the highest mineral potential (ex Raven's Ridge) and basically ignored the good science which they initiated. All three of the small parcels of land being considered to be re-designated here fall within the highest mineral potential ranking.

Recently, the City has developed Official Community plans where all areas within the city boundary are given some type of designation – including creating areas marked green space and environmentally sensitive areas was done without consulting with the existing land-title owners (quartz claims in good standing and crown grants).

The city has created this current situation:

- deciding they too have to become a regulating body over activities on quartz claims (this has never been the city's jurisdiction so why now?),
- that they should make more rules in addition to those 98 operating conditions outlined in the class 3 YESAB permit;
- that the city administration admits that areas marked greenspace are actually over highly disturbed ground and that there are mapping errors in the marking of their greenspace polygons on the OCP AND
- that the OCP does not take into account the mineral assessment document and valid quartz claims.

As a 35-year resident of Mary Lake subdivision and someone who recreates heavily in and has worked in the copper belt, I am discouraged that certain citizens and councillors with agendas are trying to stop access to valid mineral claims with a class 3 permit because of OCP mapped polygons they called greenspace overtop of long-standing quartz claims. This all is a colossal waste of taxpayers' money when a bit of fact checking could show rights of access on quartz claims which are fully permitted through a public process called YESAB that has set out many conditions that the regulators (and the city and public) can ensure are upheld. The city should consult its own mineral potential map when doing planning exercise like the OCP and heed the prudent advice in the accompanying document to the mineral potential map.

We do not need to say no to everything just because it requires some compromise to coexist with legitimate economic industries like mineral exploration. If we can't explore for copper in a past-producing belt with many disturbances, existing access like the copper haul road, a local workforce and electrical grid nearby, where should Canada's copper come from? It is not good enough to say "well, not here" – we are the ones with so much – it is rare to find copper deposits, never mind economically viable deposits like those previously mined and may be defined one day again. We should not squander such a precious resource just because a few don't need the jobs and don't want their piece of paradise infringed upon.

The City suggested that an application be made for these three parcels to be redesignated and City administration itself is recommending this bylaw be passed so I am not sure why all the effort is required for this to be approved.

I support the proposed OCP amendment to allow for continued exploration on valid quartz claims.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jo van Randen', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Jo van Randen, Mary Lake resident

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## Gladiator Metals

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**From** Jordan Minifie [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 12:23 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Whitehorse City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Gladiator Metals drilling on the land behind my home in the Mary Lake area.

I am a young Yukoner who is currently home for the summer while attending the University of Victoria, where I study neurobiology and am preparing for the MCAT. Growing up in Yukon, I have always valued the land, the outdoors, and the community that makes Whitehorse such a special place to call home.

This property means much more to me than simply being the place where I live. It is part of my family's legacy, and I hope that one day, after finishing school, I can move back to Whitehorse and raise my own family on this land. It is difficult to imagine that future while facing the possibility of industrial drilling taking place directly behind my home and impacting the land that I hope to pass on to the next generation.

I strongly encourage City Council to carefully consider the long-term environmental and community impacts of this project. As a young Yukoner who hopes to return home and build my future here, I want to know that the land and communities I grew up with will still be protected for future generations.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the concerns of residents and young Yukoners like myself.

Sincerely,  
Jordan Minifie





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## Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 1:39 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Good afternoon,

I am expressing my opposition to Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you,

JP Pinard, [REDACTED] Whitehorse  
We are based in Territories of Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.  
We thank all Yukon First Nations people for letting us live and walk with you.

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## OCP and bylaws 2026-25

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**From** Judith van Gulick [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 7:05 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

As a long-time Whitehorse citizen (20 years) I would like to let the City know that I don't agree with Gladiator Metals' proposal for changes to the OCP and urge Mayor and Council to reject the proposed bylaw 2026-25.

The OCP process is clearly laid out and it was carefully crafted with input from many stakeholders. It doesn't make any sense to now allow one stakeholder to make changes that are only for their own benefit and considering it, let alone allowing it, sets a dangerous precedent. Gladiator Metals is only here for the lifetime of their business and their financial gain - and we all know they could abandon their project at any time, leaving the mess for tax payers to clean up -, they don't think about the long-term effects on the land, water, and its inhabitants. They state the land is already 'disturbed', which in their definition, seems to encompass any use of the land, however that doesn't mean the land can handle more disturbance - it'd be much better to give the land and water a chance to heal. The City calls themselves 'the wilderness City' and it needs work to keep it this way.

Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwach'an Council haven't even had a chance yet to finalize land use plan for their traditional territories. We know from other areas in the Yukon that when we allow corporations to continue doing their business before land use plans are in place, the land and waters are permanently damaged before the people who have cared for this land for many generations have an opportunity to create a long-term vision for the places that are important to them. The OCP is the next best thing we have for this area and it should be respected by all. Corporations are never more important than residents - animals and humans alike. Residents have made this area their home for many generations and want to keep living in the 'wilderness city' with its clean water and plenty of nature.

Once again, I urge Mayor and Council to reject the proposed bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you,  
Judith van Gulick  
downtown resident

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## Update on proposed OCP amendment

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**From** Julien Revel [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 1:47 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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### **To Whom It May Concern,**

I am writing as a Whitehorse resident to express my concern and opposition to the proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan that would allow limited mineral exploration within areas currently designated as Greenspace.

I appreciate that City Council has revised the proposal to reduce the area being redesignated and to provide a larger buffer between potential mineral exploration activities and Mary Lake. However, I do not believe that simply increasing the buffer addresses the broader concerns about allowing mineral exploration in this area.

I have personally seen the impact that the current exploration activities have had on the trails and surrounding area behind Mary Lake. The noise, vehicle traffic, and disturbance are noticeable, and the area is an important recreational space used by residents for walking, biking, skiing, snowmobiling, and other outdoor activities.

My concern is that approving this amendment would set a precedent for allowing industrial exploration activities within areas that were originally designated as Greenspace. Once access roads, drilling areas, and other exploration infrastructure are established, it can be difficult to restore the area to its previous condition.

I understand the importance of mineral exploration to the Yukon economy. However, I believe that some areas should remain protected because of their recreational, environmental, and community value. The area around Mary Lake is one of those places.

I respectfully ask City Council to reject the proposed OCP amendment and maintain the current Greenspace designation for this area. I believe the long-term value of protecting this recreational area for residents should be given greater consideration than allowing additional mineral exploration activities.

Thank you for considering my concerns and for providing residents with the opportunity to provide input on this important issue.

**Regards,**  
Julien Revel

[REDACTED]





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**Fwd: Bylaw 2026-25**

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**From** Justin Lemphers [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 5:25 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hi folks,

I voted for a Mayor and Council to work in the best interests of residents, not industry. Changing the OCP to benefit industry is putting the interests of the majority in second place. Most folks won't write about this, they don't have time trying to make a living in this town. And with what scant time they have, they want to enjoy the benefits of the natural elements of our city. They don't want to increased risk environmental abuses that cross over into quality of life degradations - impacts to air, water, sound, sight, odour, and more. Then there's the risk of industrial accidents on top. More industry brings more risk.

Seriously, how does any of this make the City better? Show me an industry that hasn't cost ALL levels of government more money than it's made a very select few individuals.

Signing off with hope for common sense,  
Justin Lemphers

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re amendments to OCP hearing August 24 2026

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From Karen McKenna [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 4:41 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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**RE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY CITY OF WHITEHORSE TO OCP 2040**

***Public Hearing Monday August 24 2026***

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**Proposed ByLaw Amendment 2026-25**

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**From** Kathleen [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:32 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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**Mayor and Councillors:**

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed amendment for the following fundamental reasons:

1) The amendment proposes to add mineral exploration to those lands currently designated as *Future Planning*. Currently, the OCP makes no mention of mineral exploration or any other mining related activity on lands designated as *Future Planning*. As proposed, this precedent setting and consequential amendment would allow mineral exploration on all lands currently zoned *Future Planning*, as well as any lands that are proposed to be rezoned from *Green Space/ESA to Future Development*. This amendment opens the door, not just to Gladiator Metals, but to any future mineral exploration project for the life of the OCP (2040). One must assume that the City, when presented with similar mining proposals in years to come, would be crippled by the precedent set with this proposed amendment, and find it very difficult to reverse course.

**If the OCP was intended to provide certainty about the future direction this City would follow, this amendment shatters that certainty, and erodes any public confidence in the entire OCP process.**

2) The proposed additions to the GLOSSARY definitions is not a MINOR change, in particular the definition of disturbed area. If the definition of "disturbed area" is adopted, is there ANYWHERE in Whitehorse, the Wilderness City, that is UNDISTURBED? It is ironic that the new firebreak, (which under the proposed definition qualifies as disturbed land), intended to protect neighbourhoods from devastation, is now being used as rationale to change the current Green Space designation to Future Planning. It is this two-step shift in the OCP that potentially renders any disturbed land open to mineral exploration and the enormous disturbance that entails. Is this how the City will address any future applications for zoning changes on Green Space areas within the City? By looking for historic evidence of disturbance?

3) Over many decades, as Whitehorse has expanded and matured, the incompatibility of a modern city and mining exploration has been raised multiple times indeed, whenever the price of copper is high. Surely it is clear to the City by now that modern cities are not compatible with mining activity? I cannot think of any other Canadian city (maybe Sudbury) where mining occurs in the city, close to residential and recreational areas. Surely this is the fundamental issue that the Mineral Policy Framework would consider before any decisions are made to amend the OCP.

4) The precedent that this proposed amendment would set is significant and alarming. It puts Whitehorse on a slippery slope that would be difficult to reverse. Once allowed, how would this Council, or any future Councils, be able to correct course, when the public outrage becomes even more evident than it already is? What arguments would the Council have in the future to disallow mineral exploration, having enabled it now? The City should, at long last, have the backbone and foresight to understand that the long-term livability of this City depends on having livable neighbourhoods.

In closing, I urge this Council to request that the Government of Yukon withdraw *all lands* within the City from mineral staking, and begin the long but necessary process of compensation for remaining grandfathered mining claim holders. This is what has always been required if the City is to continue to develop as an attractive, liveable, modern, northern capital.

Kathleen Wood





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## Comments on Proposed OCP Amendment (Bylaw 2026-25)

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From Kelly Milner [REDACTED]

Date Mon 8/24/2026 4:02 PM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Mayor and Council

I oppose Bylaw 2026-25 because the process undermines the integrity of Whitehorse's Official Community Plan. The OCP should guide individual development proposals, not be rewritten when a proposal does not fit. Whitehorse 2040 was adopted only three years ago after extensive public engagement. Yet we are now being asked on an accelerated timeline (and in the middle of summer) to change that plan to accommodate the objectives of a specific mineral exploration proponent. Characterizing this as a simple amendment diminishes the significance of what is being proposed. Changing land designated as greenspace to allow mineral exploration is a fundamental land-use decision with potentially lasting implications for how Whitehorse develops.

This process also raises serious concerns about transparency. City reports show Administration has worked directly with the applicant on how its proposal could be accommodated, while the broader municipal and territorial frameworks for managing mineral exploration remain unresolved. The public has little insight into the discussions that led to this amendment. Meeting the statutory requirements is not the same as having a transparent and credible planning process.

Council should reject Bylaw 2026-25 until the broader regulatory work is complete. This is bigger than one proposal. It is about whether residents can trust the OCP to guide development. Rewriting it through a rushed process developed in close consultation with one proponent risks undermining the credibility of the entire community planning process.

Sincerely,

Kelly Milner

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon



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## Proposed OCP Amendment

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From Kirsten Hogan [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 3:50 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed amendments to the OCP that would allow mineral exploration in Future Planning areas, and especially to the proposed changes from designated greenspace and environmentally sensitive areas to Future Planning, allowing mineral exploration to take place in these areas.

I am not opposed to mining in the Yukon. My concern is that Council is considering a large, blanket amendment to a public document at the request of a single actor. The OCP is a document drafted following extensive public engagement and the opportunity for individuals, businesses, and other entities to provide their input. Changes to the OCP should be made in a similarly transparent way, and should consider the perspectives of Whitehorse residents and what is best for our community. As residents of Mary Lake, my family and I regularly use the areas that you are considering changing from greenspace and environmentally sensitive to future planning. Those areas are great spaces to enjoy, but more importantly they provide wildlife habitat along an environmentally sensitive wetland and lake complex, and provide protection for our groundwater and surface water resources. We have accepted the work on the fuel break as a necessary protection for the whole City and have put up with the noise, disturbance, and changes to our natural areas that this has caused because we know it would benefit everyone in the end. Mineral exploration does not meet the same bar for having a positive effect on our community as a whole, and has the potential to do irreparable damage to our groundwater resources.

Gladiator metals, the main driving force behind this proposed amendment, has not proven themselves to be a good neighbour or a company that follows the rules set out for them. Their exploration activities continue to damage summer and winter trails in the areas adjacent to Mary Lake (damage that they could have avoided if they had tried). In the past they have left drilling fluid on the ground surface, have left equipment running unattended, and have failed to attempt or complete reclamation of any of their drill sites. There is no reason to assume that they will do any better if allowed to expand their exploration activities into other areas. Their main interest is in proving a resource to sell to others. In their public open houses they made it clear that they have no future stake in our community, in the quality of the groundwater that most residents of the south Whitehorse community rely on, or in cleaning up the messes that they have made so far.

The proposed bylaw amending the OCP would give companies like Gladiator Metals broad permission to damage sensitive areas. Establishing a 5 m wide access road, even on previously disturbed ground, is a significant activity. No individual citizen is allowed this kind of latitude. The OCP represents our collective ideas about how the City should develop. Changes like this should be part of an OCP update where all parties have an equal opportunity to present information. Bypassing the process like this is not a responsible use of your powers as mayor and council, and I urge you to not proceed with considering the proposed Bylaw at this time.

In planning and allowing residential development in Mary Lake and in other south Whitehorse neighbourhoods, the City has established its responsibility to the residents of these areas. Residents are already using the resources (like groundwater and green/protected areas) that you are considering allowing Gladiator metals to access. Has the City considered how they will supply the residents of these neighbourhoods with clean drinking water if the drilling activity contaminates the aquifers that are already

in use? You have a responsibility to protect the groundwater we use for drinking and the green/protected spaces that were established when these subdivisions were built. The City should use its work on the mining framework to make sure that resource development is responsible and considers the needs of existing resource users. The proposed OCP amendment ignores these important questions, and I urge you not to approve it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kirsten Hogan

Kirsten Hogan, FEC, P.Eng.

**Aperture Consulting Inc.**

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**Rejecting By Law 2026-25**

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**From** Lana Marshall [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 6:57 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

Please REJECT bylaw 2026-25 and complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before considering any requests to change the OCP or any City Bylaw.

Thank you  
Lana Marshall  
Mary Lake, Whitehorse.



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Please review.

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From Lanny Kipling [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 8:12 AM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I live in Whitehorse and I am asking you to vote down Bylaw 2026 25. This is the second time this year that Gladiator Metals has asked the city to change its Official Community Plan to suit an exploration program. The first attempt, which would have exempted mineral exploration from OCP governance altogether, was rejected in May after administration warned it would undermine the city's ability to regulate mining in the future. The company has come back with a narrower request, but the direction is the same, and I do not think council should treat repetition as a reason to eventually say yes. What concerns me most is that the OCP is close to the only lever the city still holds. Gladiator already has a Class 3 territorial exploration permit covering its Copper Belt project, most of which sits inside city limits, authorizing up to five kilometres of new road, twenty kilometres of new trails, four hundred drill pad clearings, and as many as four rigs running at once. Those approvals came from the territory, not from Whitehorse. The land use designation is where the city gets a say, and this bylaw would hand a portion of that away, not only on the parcels near Copper Ridge, Mount Sima, and Mary Lake, but by making mineral exploration a permitted use on Future Planning land throughout the municipality. Gladiator's conduct at Cowley Creek in 2023, which ended in guilty pleas to six charges under the Quartz Mining Act and a \$43,700 fine, is not a record that earns that kind of latitude. Please reject the amendment, or at minimum require independent review before it goes any further. Thank you for adding my comments to the record.

Respectively,  
Lanny Kipling  
Sent from my iPhone

LAURA CABOTT

Resident of Cowley Creek for 27 years,

I utilize the trails and wilderness for many recreational activities.

Mining within City limits is incompatible.

If you don't believe the speakers tonight, ask Dawson City or Yellowknife where they had a mine for many years in their City and are now going through the complexities and dangers of cleaning it up at a price tag of \$1 billion.

### THE CURRENT OCP

The current official community plan which tries to reflect the community's values and priorities was finalized in 2024.

The City conducted extensive consultation. There were 5 phases a couple of different drafts and many opportunities for citizens to give input 2024 final Plan. Advertising, mailouts, education sessions, surveys, pop up at various locations and times, targeted consultations, and public hearings.

Citizens of Whitehorse were very engaged in the process and generally liked what they saw as far as green spaces, protected areas and future planning designations in the areas that are subject matter of this amendment. There was no mention of allowing mining activities. The Applicant and the previous claims holders would have been aware of the OCP process and draft Plan .

[Some of you may recall that as recent as 2010, the Wolf Creek area was actually identified as a potential regional park intending to protect natural habitat and environmentally sensitive areas. Residents were good with that. I am referring to the very same area you are now being asked to allow certain mining activities. ]

During Phase 3 of the process a *What We Heard* document was released and included an emerging direction to conserve natural areas. 67% of respondents either liked or really liked the emerging policy:

- "work cooperatively with various groups to protect existing green spaces and create MORE green spaces." Not take them away.

Nothing that I saw in the What We Heard document that supported mining exploration or mining in the City.

## **AT THIS POINT IN TIME, AMENDMENT PROCESS NOT THE RIGHT PROCESS TO CONSIDER THIS CHANGE**

By definition amend means to make minor changes or modify something to modernize it. The application before you neither minor or modernizing.

The ideal process to consider mining in the City is a full OCP process where all residents are informed and participate not a paired down limited amendment process.

Some people think “oh this amendment just effects those people that live in Cowley Creek, Mary Lake or Wolf Creek”. Wrong.

Firstly the Applicant seeks an amendment that would include existing claims along the entire south/west flank of Whitehorse from Cowley Creek to Crestview. Unlikely, residents in all of those neighbourhoods are aware of proposed amendment and its implications.

Secondly it effects more than the immediate residents because the area in question is used by residents from across the City for snowmobiling, mtn. biking, dirt biking, hiking, skiing..... These are the activities that occur regularly, and have been for 30 years, in area proposed for mining activity.

OCPs are by convention revised every 5-8 years. Likely the next Council will start and complete the process during its mandate.

Timing:

This amendment is a bit the cart before the horse,

Finish your own analysis- Mineral Exploration and Development Framework -, allow YG to complete it's work on new Mineral Exploration Legislation. Realistically YG is best suited to consider these types of questions on mining as they have the resources and legal responsibility to manage mining in the territory. The City has no department of Mining, no dedicated mining policy analysts.

The second point is the timing of this application. I do not see the rush in this rush for this application. There is no urgent, pending action that needs to be taken in fact from what I've heard from the proponent is that all they want to do is explore and are curious what's underneath the ground? There are no plans to mine.

Finally, there was some statements about the great economic benefits that would come to the City if we allowed mining activities in the City. Bold statements without independent analysis and report. I haven't seen any report from a consulting expert. Municipalities do not directly receive a share of territorial mining royalties or resource extraction revenues. Mayor and Council can not simply rely on the mining company's prospectus (typically used to entice investors) or recent Yu Tube posts that there would be a significant economic benefit to the City. To rely on such info would be unreasonable and even negligent.



Finally, saying no to the amendment is not final, it is not a stop work order and does put a nail in the applicant's coffin. Firstly they have many claims they are exploring and doing work on outside of the city boundary, and they can come back at the appropriate time and in the appropriate process for such a request.

THANK YOU,  
Laura Cabott



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Fw: Opposition to Bylaw 2026-25

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From Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 8:30 AM  
To Public Input <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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**Michael Prowse**

Manager • Legislative Services • Corporate  
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From: Laura Holmes [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2026 8:28 AM  
To: Mayor and Council [REDACTED]  
Subject: Opposition to Bylaw 2026-25

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to ask you to vote **against Bylaw 2026-25**.

I'm concerned that this amendment sets a bad precedent by changing the OCP to allow mineral exploration in areas that are currently designated for Future Planning, Green Space, and Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

I understand that mineral exploration is part of the Yukon economy, but I don't think the OCP should be changed to accommodate the request of one company, particularly while the City's own work on a broader Mineral Exploration and Development Framework is on hold.

The OCP is supposed to give residents some certainty about how land in our community will be used. If areas designated as Green Space or environmentally sensitive can simply be opened up for exploration, those designations don't mean much.

Please respect the existing OCP and the feedback residents have provided through the City's consultation process. I strongly encourage Council to vote **no on Bylaw 2026-25**.

Thank you,

Laura Holmes

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Fwd: Reject OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Lawrence Vano [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 1:32 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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**From:** Lawrence Vano [REDACTED]  
**Date:** August 24, 2026 at 12:48:50 PM GMT-7  
**To:** puplicinput@whitehorse.ca  
**Subject:** Reject OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25

Lawrence Vano, Mary Lake Subdivision Whitehorse Yukon I would like to express my rejection to amending the City Of Whitehorse Bylaw 2026 25.

I have lived in the Mary Lake subdivision for 36 years and in Whitehorse for a total of 39 years. Over the years I have witnessed many changes to the city, many of them positive , some not so much. I do understand that we are a growing city and taking back green space and sometimes even park areas may be necessary for housing or commercial development. Mining Exploration with in the city limits is not development, it is short term gain which in some cases is not sustainable. There is a lot of land outside the city limits which is more in line with Mineral Exploration Practices. To amend the OCP to allow Mineral Exploration with in the city limits will become an on going nightmare for City Council for years to come. City Council has done an excellent job stick handling all the issues of a fast growing city and this is one controversy that may be resolved when the Government Mineral Exploration Frame Work has been completed. I am not sure why this is being pushed through what I would call a very tight timeline. This issue should be well thought out with careful consideration as to the impacts that it may have in the future. Thanks Ever So Much for all you hard work and my chance to have a voice in the pressing matter. TAKE YOUR TIME WITH THIS ONE. See you Monday night  
Sent from my iPhone



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**Bylaw 2025-26**

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**From** Leslie van Tongeren [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 8:08 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Scott.Kent [REDACTED]

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Dear City Counsel,

I arrived early to the town hall today, waited 2 hours to speak, and decided to leave to be with my children. My youngest child went to highschool today for the first time. He was very nervous. Rather than be with him to talk to him about his day, I sat at city hall for the majority of our evening. The first day of high school is a moment I will not get back.

I came tonight because I live in Whitehorse Copper. A neighborhood that was just recently added to the city. A neighbourhood downstream in the same watershed where the drilling will and has been occurring. I do not have the option to go onto city water. I do not have the luxury of speaking at a town hall about mining while drinking city water in Riverdale. I have a 30 foot well. I am being asked to believe that my well water will not be impacted, yet the YESAB recommendation was for gladiator to test residential well water and to make this information public. Why would this be a recommendation if my well water is not at risk?

I breathed in smoke from the fuel break project. I watched my air monitor show me that my air was dangerous and that I should not go outside. I now have asthma and it does not seem to be going away. I was told I should be grateful because now I have a fuel break, which means I have protection from a wildfire. I watched contractors pour diesel fuel onto the ground to keep green tree trunks burning in the snow. And, now this needed fuel break, is no longer needed? It was an excuse to call an area disturbed land?

It is clear to me that I have no right to clean water or clean air. I have fought for this and lost. So maybe the only salient point remaining is this:

62% of the city does not want mining in the city limits, and as an elected public official it is your job to represent your constituents. That's it. This is actually the only information that you need to know to make a decision.

Thank you for your time,  
Leslie van Tongeren  
Whitehorse Copper





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## Support of OCP Amendment 2026-25

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From Leyla Weston [REDACTED]

Date Mon 8/24/2026 9:14 PM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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To Mayor and City Council,

I attended the city council this meeting and I have to say I was quite disappointed in some of the misinformation brought forth by the opposition. I am a geologist that lives in the Raven's Ridge subdivision. As an example of misinformation, a speaker spoke to radon gas release to groundwater from exploration drilling, this information based from a recent publication from research at the University of Calgary. The research is clearly referring to rural water wells. Please find the paper at the following link

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38409201/>

I urge Mayor and Council to accept the proposed amendment 2026 25 of which I fully support.

**Leyla Weston**

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, YT  
[REDACTED]  
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## Support for Amendment Bylaw 2026-25

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From Leyla Weston [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 2:17 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council  
Cc [REDACTED]

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*Leyla Weston*

[REDACTED] *Whitehorse,* [REDACTED]  
*August 23, 2026*

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

### **Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt. The areas proposed, are for the most part, already within disturbed areas and are contained within claims that are in good standing.

I am a geologist who has been working in the Yukon for the better part of the last 30 years. I also own a home in Raven's Ridge and have been living within the discovery claims of the Whitehorse Copper Belt for the last 19 years and have a good understanding of the geology of this deposit. While I understand that some citizens of Whitehorse have valid concerns with respect to any future mining in their backyards (the Yukon definitely has some past mine disasters, e.g., Faro), Gladiator Metals is currently undertaking mineral exploration, which may or may not result in the reopening of the mine. That being said, I do believe that having a mine within city limits could result in enormous benefits to our community. It should also be acknowledged that having a mine so close to major infrastructure (roads, supply services) greatly reduces the environmental footprint compared to a mine opening in a remote location without road access (e.g., transportation of workers, goods and all materials related to the development of a mine).

Mineral exploration supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Leyla Weston*

*Geologist and resident of the City of Whitehorse*



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Submission re Bylaw 2026-25: Lois Johnston

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**From** Lois Johnston [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 4:20 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council  
[REDACTED]

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Please find attached my submission opposing proposed Bylaw 26-25.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Lois Johnston  
Mary Lake



Mayor and Council,  
Whitehorse City Hall,



My submission regarding proposed Bylaw 26-25

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please reject the proposed Bylaw 26-25.

The proposed text and map amendments reveal a process that is complex and not well understood. The amendments in this bylaw are not typical, such as changes to building heights, or lot sizes. They are of much greater import. They make **significant and permanent changes to the OCP, to allow mineral exploration within the municipal boundaries.** They should be considered in an OCP review.

The proponent, via this bylaw, proposes to add new policies to the Future Planning Land Use Designation. These policies would allow Mineral Exploration on valid mineral claims within the Future Planning designation. Mineral exploration is not an activity that the current Future Planning designation allows.

OCP Land Designation maps show that Future Planning areas include large areas of land spread across the western flank of Whitehorse, close to residential and recreational areas, many of which have valid mineral claims. If this bylaw is passed, these new policies would allow mineral exploration to take place in these Future Planning areas. **Is this what residents want, close to their homes and communities in our Wilderness City? I think not.**

The proponent, via this bylaw, also proposes to amend the OCP by adding definitions. The details in these definitions, especially that of “Disturbed Area” which can be broadly defined as areas with any detectable previous human disturbance, can then be used to redesignate Greenspaces to Future Planning, where, with the addition of the 4 new policies proposed in this bylaw, would allow mineral exploration. If you look at the OCP Land use designation map, you will see large areas of Greenspace, all of which might have some kind of historic human disturbance and risk being redesignated into Future Planning if the new definition for disturbed area is applied.

In this bylaw proposal, the proponent’s definition for “disturbed area” is being used to redesignate 3 parcels of Greenspace, that of Gem, Chief’s Trend and Arctic-Chief Gafter areas, to Future Planning where, according to the proponent’s proposed new definitions in this bylaw, would no longer align with the OCP Greenspace designation.

If this bylaw is passed, these Greenspace/ESA areas would be changed to Future Planning areas to allow mineral exploration to take place. The Greenspace/ESA designation would be gone.

The Gem parcel, the one that I am most familiar with, is approximately 108 acres in size. It is located directly across Mary Lake, very near the Mary Lake Residential area and is situated entirely within a greenspace area and the city's proposed Wolf Creek Regional Park. In fact, the proposed exploration area fractures the wildlife corridor that is central to the park's formation. This Greenspace complies with the current OCP 2040, and has been reaffirmed as a Greenspace/ESA through former OCP's, Regional Park planning processes (2014), Trails Plan (2007), and the Yukon River Corridor Plan (1990) since the 1990's. It must not be subject to a land use designation change from Greenspace to Future Planning based on the proponent's new definition of disturbance. This definition only suits the proponent's needs.

If this Bylaw is passed, it will likely set the precedent for future applications for mineral exploration within the City of Whitehorse regardless of what the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework says. This bylaw is not in the best long-term interest of Whitehorse residents. It should be dealt with in a formal OCP-2040 review. Please reject the proposed Bylaw 26-25.

Thank you.

Lois Johnston



A picture is a 1000 words

From: Lorraine Lach

Date: Mon, 6/24/2020 4:51 PM

To: "pubinput@whitehorsecity.ca"; "pubinput@whitehorsecity.ca"

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I would like to submit these images and hopefully I will be able to speak to them this evening at the council meeting.

Thank you

Lorraine Lach

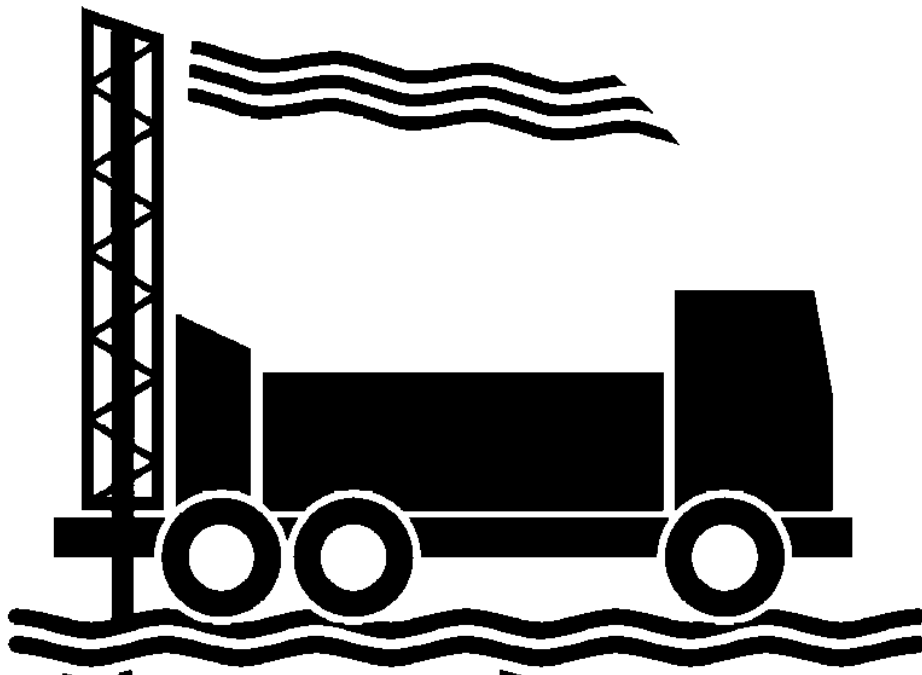
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**OCP amendment**

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**From** marc S [REDACTED]  
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**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am asking you to reject Bylaw 2026-25. The territory is currently rewriting the Quartz Mining Act, legislation that has been in place for more than a century and has been under review since 2021, with a draft framework produced last year and First Nations consultation continuing this summer. It makes little sense for Whitehorse to loosen its own land use protections while the rules governing mineral exploration are being redrawn above us. Staking is already prohibited within much of the city, which suggests the direction of travel is toward more caution near where people live, not less. Mining was last active in this part of the copper belt in the 1970s, when the residential neighbourhoods closest to these claims were much smaller or did not exist at all. The mineral rights may not have changed since then, but the geography certainly has. I would rather council hold the OCP as it stands until the new territorial legislation is finished and we can see what protections it does and does not provide. Please vote this down, or at least defer it until then.

Marc Sosnowski  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse

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Re: corrected input OCP Proposed change.

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From Margaret Tanner [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 8:30 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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On Mon, Aug 24, 2026, 8:08 p.m. Margaret Tanner [REDACTED] wrote:

| City Council,

| I grew up in Whitehorse. I currently live in Takhini East.

Please reject Bylaw 2026 25. At a minimum, please complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before considering any mineral development related changes to the OCP or City Bylaws.

A public hearing presenter noted that "real wealth" would be created by a new mine. This is not in question. But it is not yet clear how much this wealth would benefit the citizens of Whitehorse. There are also "real costs" associated with mining development, and the long term environmental costs will be borne largely by the local people and environment. (Recent mining history in the Yukon suggests that the financial costs associated with the environmental impacts are also likely to be borne by the citizens.)

Upon completion of the Mineral Exploration and Development framework, any proposed changes to the OCP should be considered in light of clearly calculated and Communicated Costs and Benefits to the Citizens (of Whitehorse, of the Yukon, of Canada) now and in the future. How would Whitehorse air quality, water quality, wildlife habitat and greenspace, road safety, energy costs and availability, housing costs and availability, etc be impacted? How would environmental problems be mitigated?

Please thoroughly examine and communicate the potential impacts to our City of mineral exploration and development before making any amendments to the OCP.

T.Tanner



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**OCP Proposed change.**

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**From** Margaret Tanner [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 8:08 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Margaret Tanner [REDACTED]

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**Fw: Gladiator Mines request for amendments to OCP**

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**From** Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 9:26 PM  
**To** Public Input <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>



**Michael Prowse**  
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**From:** Maria Berger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2026 9:05 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council [REDACTED] Cameron, Kirk [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Gladiator Mines request for amendments to OCP

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To the mayor and city council,

I wish to voice my opposition to Gladiator Mines request to amend the OCP (to allow operations in lands formally protected under the OCP). This planning document represents land-use decisions arrived at through a comprehensive review process.

Altering the planning framework established by the community to cater to the interests of one company should NOT be considered. I ask city council members to NOT make bylaw amendments to the OCP (especially at short notice, in the summer season when many residents are away/traveling and unable to readily participate in reviewing proposed changes).

Thank you.

Maria Berger  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



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## I oppose the OCP being changed to accommodate mining

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From M.A. [REDACTED]

Date Mon 8/24/2026 9:26 AM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello to Mayor and Council,

I OPPOSE the proposed amendment to the OCP.

There must be no mining within City limits. To allow it would be to give mining precedence over residents needs.

PLEASE :

- DO NOT remove any greenspaces so they can be explored for mining or mined
- DO NOT permit mining in future planning regions or any regions within City limits
- DO NOT change the definition of disturbed areas without a public consultation focused on that.

Mary Amerongen





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Fw: Bylaw 2026-25

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From Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 9:10 AM  
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From: Mary Sloan [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2026 9:06 AM  
To: Mayor and Council [REDACTED]  
Subject: Bylaw 2026-25

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To the Mayor and Council, city of Whitehorse:

Respectfully, we are strongly opposed to Bylaw 2026 25.  
Please reconsider your position on Bylaw 2026-25 and vote against the amendment.

Mary and David Sloan



Whitehorse Yukon [REDACTED]



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Bylaw 2026-25

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From Mary Egan [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 1:03 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

I am Mary Egan and I live in Cowley Creek subdivision.

I strongly encourage you to reject proposed changes to the OCP or any City Bylaw at this time. It is premature to change it before the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework is completed.

We cannot allow mineral exploration in greenspaces and environmentally sensitive areas. To designate certain areas as "future planning" lands is inappropriate.

How can we let an Australian company (Gladiator), who have broken our laws in the past, determine the use of our lands? They have already changed the trail network near Cowley Creek, have widened the roads, have made many new roads, and used lots of water. To give them more freedom and power is outrageous and dangerous.

It's appalling to suggest that the fire break is an already disturbed area. It was created to preserve our forests, not to open it up to destructive pursuits.

The mining companies do not have the health and welfare of our citizens in mind.

Does the Mayor and Council have our health and welfare in mind? Will they listen to the residents and reject the proposed changes to the bylaw?

Sincerely,

Mary Egan

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**Letter for the Record re: Bylaw 2026-25**

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**From** Matthew Lien [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 2:24 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Honestly, it feels preposterous that this letter need be written, to register my opposition to Bylaw 2026 25: the proposed Official Community Plan amendment sought by Gladiator Metals.

My concern is not only with the specific parcels near Copper Ridge, Mount Sima, and Mary Lake that would be redesignated from Green Space to Future Planning, but with the accompanying change that would make mineral exploration a permitted use across all lands designated Future Planning within city limits.

As this would be a city wide change to how Whitehorse governs mineral exploration, it deserves to be weighed as such rather than as a narrow, site specific accommodation.

The Yukon's history has shown that the mining industry requires extreme caution where permitting is concerned.

The Faro mine, once the largest open pit lead zinc mine in the world, was abandoned by its bankrupt owner in 1998, leaving behind 320 million tonnes of waste rock and 70 million tonnes of tailings that leach metals and acid into the surrounding land and water. It is now one of Canada's most contaminated sites, and the publicly funded remediation has been estimated at more than \$500 million over 10 to 15 years.

More recently, the June 2024 heap leach failure at the Eagle Gold Mine sent roughly 1,800,000 dry tonnes of material out of containment, spilling cyanide solution into a nearby valley and contaminating groundwater and Haggart Creek.

Even when catastrophic media worthy contamination does not occur, I have personally observed mining activity in some of the most pristine country in the Territory where sacks of chemicals marked as carcinogenic have been stored in the open and unattended, torn open by animals and left to blow in the wind; while barrels of fuel leak into the ground all left unmonitored with the apparent presumption that nobody would be coming around to notice.

With respect to the matter at hand, the proponent's own record is worth noting: in 2023, Gladiator Metals pleaded guilty to six charges under the Quartz Mining Act for work at its Cowley Creek exploration site just outside city limits and was fined \$43,700 for offences including creating clearings larger than permitted, upgrading access roads without authorization, failing to contain drill fluids in a



sump, removing the vegetative mat without storing it for reestablishment, rutting and gouging roads and trails, and proceeding without approval from the Heritage Resources Unit.

This indicates that Gladiator Metals is not a good faith partner where the environment and the health and safety of our families is concerned.

The lands which would be impacted by Bylaw 2026-25 hold great ecological value and recreational interest for the residents who live beside them -- a value nearly impossible to restore once industrial activity is permitted, and impossible to restore once contamination has occurred.

I ardently urge Council to reject this amendment, or at the very least require an independent environmental and community impact review before any further reading.

Thank you for including my submission as part of the public record.

Matthew Lien  
Whitehorse, Yukon  


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## Mining Exploration South Whitehorse

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**From** Matthew Wolsynuk [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 4:45 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Pine Ridge, located 15 minutes South of downtown Whitehorse and across the Alaska Highway from the area affected by the proposed Bylaw 2026 25, I am writing to request that:

The City of Whitehorse reject Bylaw 2026-25 and complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before considering any request to change the OCP or any City Bylaw.

The area of interest has been used for decades as recreational area for families of nearby neighborhoods, Yukoners from all over, as well as the many wildlife that call this area their home. Moving forward with Bylaw 2026 25 and the potential mining exploration and what could follow would have tremendously negative impacts on the communities and environment in this area.

Thank you for your time.

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Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Maya Poirier [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 8:44 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Thank you for your time.

Maya Poirier





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## Support for OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25 - Mineral Exploration

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**From** Melissa Friend [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:00 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Mavor and Council [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Hello,

Please find attached my letter in support of the proposed Official Community Plan amendment, Bylaw 2026-25, for your consideration.

Kind regards,  
Melissa

Melissa Friend  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
August 24, 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

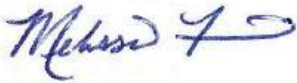
I am writing to express my support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which outlines a clear municipal process for temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt. I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

I am a geologist and employee of Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited (Archer Cathro), a Whitehorse-based mineral exploration company. I live in Whitehorse and have worked in the Yukon for 10 years. I love living here, being part of this community, and working in the place I call home. Mineral exploration supports local employment, commerce, health and wellness, and community sponsorship, creating positive and lasting impacts throughout the community.

The Yukon needs mineral exploration, development, and mining, but these activities must be conducted responsibly, with respect for our communities and the environment, and within a well-regulated framework. I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to allowing temporary mineral exploration in Whitehorse while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight and ensuring responsible practices.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25. Thank you to the team that drafted this balanced and considerate amendment.

Sincerely,



Melissa Friend  
*Senior Geologist*  
Archer Cathro



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## Oppose Bylaw 2026-25

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From Meriya Gmeiner McPherson [REDACTED]

Date Mon 8/24/2026 8:45 AM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hi there,

My name is Meriya Gmeiner-McPherson i live at [REDACTED] and I oppose the Bylaw 2026-25.

Gladiator Metals has already caused problems for nearby residents with their current exploration activities, including noise and impacts on recreation trails to the fact that the City has been working to develop a Framework about mining activity on City lands, but that work has been interrupted because of this current proposal.

Thank you,

Meriya



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**Fwd: Bylaw 2026-25 — Gladiator Metals' Request to Amend the Official Community Plan 2040**

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**From** M Svoboda [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:02 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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**From:** M Svoboda [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 24, 2026 at 9:57 AM  
**Subject:** Bylaw 2026 25 — Gladiator Metals' Request to Amend the Official Community Plan 2040  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Whitehorse City Council,

I'm writing to make the case that the process being used to enable this bylaw does not match the scale of what's actually being changed.

Bylaw 2026-25 redefines "disturbed area" and essentially opens a pathway from Future Planning toward natural resource extraction activity — not just for the three claim blocks named in this application, but for every Future Planning-designated parcel in the city with valid mineral tenure.

To get a sense of scale: the Future Planning area currently positioned to be redefined this way is roughly 800 to 900 hectares — more than ten times the 79 hectares, or 0.79 square kilometres, this specific proposal covers (I had to estimate since mapping data is not available from the city). This is a citywide policy change moving through as a single-project amendment. Moreover, this change doesn't use the Natural Resource Extraction designation the OCP already defined. It reaches resource-extraction-type activity through the back door of a Future Planning definition instead —without any of the safeguards the OCP already built for this (relying on imaginary Temporary Use Permits – based on imaginary policies that would need to be the foundation of any meaningful permit condition).

A change of that size deserves a comprehensive, methodical review of the City's collective vision — which is what Whitehorse did so well during the last OCP. What's in front of us instead reads like a shortcut around that review. And that gap is exactly what has left so many residents questioning whether this process is fair, or valid, at all.

Alternatively, it doesn't have to be this way, because the City has already written down how to handle changes of this size. Sections 13.22 and 13.23 of the OCP require a Master Plan for any development over 1.5 ha to those over 80 ha— and they say that where a proposal doesn't conform with the OCP, the applicant is required to apply to amend the OCP. However, the together the OCP and the City's Land Use Master Plan Policy spells out what that full process looks like: with significant meaningful

public consultation and engagement that documents how public concerns were actually addressed. That process exists for a reason — it's how a proposal gets properly vetted, and how public trust gets built before land-use expectations change.

That matters because of what happens when engagement is diminished instead. It doesn't leave people better informed — it leaves them divided, distracted, rushed, and stressed. I've heard from many residents who believe this bylaw is a "mine or no mine" decision. It isn't. That confusion isn't an accident. It's a direct cost of the shortcut.

I saw the alternative firsthand. Residents south of town organized an information night because there was no other real support to learn what was actually being proposed. Over a hundred people showed up — some from as far as Porter Creek and Whistle Bend. That turnout is what genuine public interest looks like when the formal process doesn't leave room for it.

Trust isn't granted by checking boxes. It's earned through logical, authentic engagement with the actual issue on the table. That hasn't been offered here to the people of Whitehorse — and there are still too many open technical questions, questions about process, and about why this is being rushed, for Council to treat that process as adequate or informed.

Shortcuts often look like they save time. But many of us have seen what happens when a process that should be serious, careful, and meaningfully engaged gets truncated — the consequences don't just land on this community, they can negatively impact the proposal's own timeline too.

A more appropriate process is already written into the City's own policy — a full the Master Plan process or wait to include this issue in the next OCP review, for changes this drastic and far-reaching.

My recommendation/ my ask is that Council avoid a procedural misstep and follow a process designed to bring this community together, not pit neighbours against each other in a rush to understand and participate in a hurried timeline — one built on comprehensive engagement, on bridging multiple perspectives back to the OCP's actual vision, rather than one decided by hot takes or how much money is ready to be thrown around.

Sincerely, Michael Svoboda 

Whitehorse.

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**Regarding Changes to the OCP and BYLAW 2026-25**

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**From** Michele Emslie [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 12:08 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing with respect to proposed changes to BYLAW 2026-25 and changes to Section 15 of the OCP.

This proposed amendment would allow mineral exploration within the Future Planning Designation. The changes proposed would affect three specific areas currently zoned as Greenspace and Environmentally Sensitive Areas to allow mineral exploration.

I have grave concerns about this proposed amendment, and am categorically against these proposed changes.

It illustrates to me, the antiquated system we are operating under, that one company can issue a request that would so adversely affect those of us who live in and around these areas.

These areas are designated Greenspace and Environmentally Sensitive for a reason, and all the hard work, consultations and considered knowledge that went into these areas being designated so, should be respected.

I am a regular use of the greenspace areas around Mary Lake, living and recreating here for the last 27 years.

I have seen first hand how this company leaves devastation and garbage and how they disrespect the land they are working on.

And in fact, were cited for not following regulations in the past.

Furthermore, the fuel break is also Greenspace, and was developed with considerable community consultation, and serves two purposes – to act as a fuel break, and to create more Greenspace for all of us – humans, plants and animals.

This proposed amendment includes intrusion into the fuel break/Greenspace and they are already tearing down the trees to drill – that our tax dollars paid for – the seeds, the trees, the planters and all the infrastructure to help the tree planting program function.

We did not pay for Aspens to be planted, only to be torn up by mineral exploration. The fuel break is shown as grey on the map, but please consider it GREEN.

Please do not allow this amendment to move ahead. Stand with us, our community and those who have loved, maintained and used these spaces for generations, and more generations to follow.

What is being proposed is not a Temporary Use Permit, but an amendment to the OCP. I ask that you reject the Bylaw 2026-25 and complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before considering this and any future requests to change the OCP or any City Bylaw.

This is your due diligence and your responsibility to honor the intent of the OCP and Future Planning Designation.



Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

With great respect,  
Michele Emslie

[REDACTED]

Whitehorse, YT

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**From** Michelle Christensen [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 5:07 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Good afternoon,

As a resident in Mt Sima, I'm requesting that Council reject Bylaw 2026 25 or at the very least defer until the draft Mineral Exploration Framework is complete.

Thankyou  
Michelle Christensen

**Bylaw 2026-25**

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**From** mike Burke [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 7:38 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council  
[REDACTED]

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This comment is in addition to my previous letter in support of the Bylaw 2026-25.

This is submitted before the Mayor's gavel falls.

Many references have been made to previous surveys of Whitehorse residents on whether they support mining within city limits. Those surveys have had a majority of letters not in support.

These are statistically insignificant surveys. Whitehorse residents and the number of responses including the submissions such as mine in this public hearing as well are statistically not relevant and support or rejection of the Bylaw cannot be based on the number of responses for or against.

Regards,

Mike Burke, B.Sc, P.Geo  
[REDACTED]





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August 24, 2026 public hearing re: OCP Amendment regarding mineral exploration

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**From** Michael McCormick [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 5:37 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Please be advised that I support the OCP amendment regarding mineral exploration.

Regards,

Mike McCormick  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, YT



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**Fw: Bylaw 2026-25**

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**From** Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 3:20 PM  
**To** Public Input <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>



**Michael Prowse**

Manager • Legislative Services • Corporate  
City of Whitehorse • [whitehorse.ca](http://whitehorse.ca)

*Working and living within the traditional territories of the  
Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.*

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2026 2:44 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bylaw 2026-25

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Mayor and Council, please reconsider your position on Bylaw 2026 25 and vote against the amendment.  
thank you for your service.  
Mike Peltier  
Whitehorse

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**Written Submission – Proposed Bylaw 2026-25 (Official Community Plan Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration)**

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**From** Mona Luxion [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 12:56 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Mayor Cameron, Whitehorse City Councillors, and staff,

I am writing to share my strong OPPOSITION to the proposed Official Community Plan Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration, and to urge you to vote AGAINST the amendment when it comes before you later this fall.

First, the mineral exploration activities allowed under the proposed amendment will cause pollution, hazards, noise and nuisance that have no place within City limits, where Whitehorse residents, our children, and pets live and recreate. In addition, although the current amendment is limited to mineral exploration activities, the obvious follow-up will be to pursue mining activity if suitable deposits are found. While mining in the Whitehorse Copperbelt may have been feasible 50-100 years ago, that is no longer the case today. In the years since 1999, we've developed multiple new residential subdivisions (including in the Whitehorse Copper area) and increased the city's population by more than 50%. The city is facing new pressures including traffic congestion, wildfire risk, strains on power and water infrastructure, and geological instability -- all of which could be made worse by an active mine site. There is no reason to open up City land to the nuisance of mineral exploration when the resulting mining activity would be disastrous for Whitehorse residents.

Second, the proposed amendment would remove protections from two Greenspace/Environmentally Sensitive Areas at a time when the City's green space is already at a premium. Whitehorse residents rely heavily on our parks, greenbelts and undeveloped lands -- not only for the outdoor recreation that makes Whitehorse such a great place to live, but also for the ecological services they provide, including helping to regulate flooding and recharge our water table, keep our air clean, and provide a buffer for wildlife like bears, moose and other threats who would otherwise be even more of a nuisance in residential neighbourhoods. With Whitehorse's rapid expansion and active population, the available green space has shrunk while the population pressure on it has grown. The protections afforded by the Greenspace Network & Parks in the Official Community Plan are essential, and we cannot afford to remove them on a whim.

Third, decisions about the City's future, planning and policy-making must remain in the hands of City of Whitehorse residents and our democratically-elected officials. Making major changes to the city's land use regulations and Official Community Plan through a bylaw amendment seemingly crafted by and for a single company sets a dangerous precedent that the City can be bought and sold with no regard for its residents.

I am confident that you will hear from many Whitehorse residents who are deeply opposed to the proposed amendment. As our representatives, I ask that you listen to these concerns, protect our green spaces, and reject the expansion of mineral exploration within the City.

Sincerely,

Mona Luxion



[REDACTED]

Whitehorse, YT

cell: [REDACTED]

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## Citizen input regarding Gladiator Metals' would-be modification of our Whitehorse Official Community Plan (Bylaw amendment 2026-25)

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From murray munn [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 12:58 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
Cc Mayor and Council [REDACTED]

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Mayor and Council, Whitehorse residents:

As far as print news goes, the Yukon now being dependent solely upon one weekly newspaper, and perhaps I've somehow missed any local CBC-Radio stories about it, proposed Bylaw amendment 2026-25 feels like it's barely been flagged. Like it's being slipped beneath the barbed-wire fence, over the transom.

Thanks to Keith Clarke's warning letter to the editor in Friday's paper, as well as a notifying e-mail by the Yukon chapter of the Council of Canadians, I have barely time to compose a letter to submit by end of the working day, today; I'm told council will discuss this amendment to the Official Community Plan beginning around 5:30 pm today.

I realise that for a man over 60 I'm pretty naïve, for I believe that when our slogan is "Wilderness City," I believe it should not be wink-wink. I think the noun phrase ought to be sincere, but evidently it means "visit or move to Whitehorse, and have at it!" Dirtbikes and ATVs, snowmachines and side-by-sides, daily grunt and rip wherever they please in all areas—but especially the College pond areas. Bicycles are a further insult to the woods, and full trees are routinely removed so that adrenaline-seeking cyclists can race that much faster. This has nothing to do with loving Nature; it's a humans-first selfish assault on it. Funny how so much profit is made on "free" stuff—"Crown" land, the land out there beyond sight ... and also any area, signed for no machines or not, within Whitehorse.

With Firesmart, so much more land has been opened up to miscreant machine-users. One can walk in any of the trail systems near which Firesmarting has taken place, and see evidence in all seasons of access by the machines mentioned. No bylaw activity ever occurs. After Copper Haul Road saw Firesmarting near the T-junction where the gravel pits are, I saw snowmachine tracks in those woods. I routinely see that destructive activity in Hillcrest, the College, the Research Forest, just anywhere really.

I've been shy of speaking up against Firesmarting because ... I'd hate to be wrong. (It is my belief that taking out bush and lopping off lower branches and thinning trees not only makes a forest ugly and drier ... it creates a funnel for the fire winds to blast through. There's little danger that Firesmarting will be ceased because Murray Munn said he doubts it performs as promised... still, I have opted to believe in the assumptions.) I call it ForestDumbing, for it cannot be said that it's good for the forest. But when recreational machines take advantage of the absence of shrubs and stumps to rip around, that is against the intent of Firesmarting.

I am now hearing that Gladiator is wishing to label any land that's been Firesmarted as "disturbed," which means that it thinks it then should have the right to conduct test drilling and generally tear it up. That, too, is contrary to the spirit of Firesmarting. Firesmarting pretends to be about a compromise between loving our wild forests and keeping the human overlords from burning up in a wildfire. It is NOT supposed to be used as an excuse to further pummel and abuse it.

Firesmattered areas—and these are vast and ugly areas—MUST be off the table as “disturbed” lands. It’s like the Israeli settlers saying “Well, no one’s living in the area we blew up, so we can live there.”

No doubt all the bicycling paths being pushed through every area of the city, as well as all the ramp and beam “features” are also to be seen as mining-ready disturbed areas.

Speaking of purported plans, the Whitehorse OCP was not supposed to have been a *pretend* guiding document among council and citizens, but an *actual* statement of agreed principles and expectations. It was not created, hands were not shaken, to be amended by corporate interests. 62% of citizens felt that mineral exploration ought to be entirely banned within City limits.

As we drive around Whitehorse and the Yukon we see those bumper stickers that say “Love your device? That’s from mining.” The other day I was behind a city bus that had a large advertisement that read “Love your bicycle? It came from mining.” Preaching to the converted, I thought—cyclists are quite content to plunder the woods for the sake of their fitness, for adrenaline—but while it is true that minerals are located and smelted to make bicycles and buses, it does not mean that all areas ought to be opened up.

One of my personal tenets is that, to me, it does not matter if a species is in abundant supply. Of course it does, but it’s not the only consideration. When a machine—be that an ATV, snowmachine, or bicycle—strips off the glacially acquired soil-and-plant cover for someone’s fun, that’s simply unethical. It doesn’t matter if there’s no shortage of moss or kinnikinnick ... those particular plants need not have died, and every growing thing, every moss cushion or twig, matters.

So I was very pleased to discover in my book, *Ethics and the Environment* by Scherer and Attig, purchased for a U. of Regina course I subsequently opted not to audit circa 1981 (I’d left the Yukon to get a degree), this very concept spoken of. Donald Scherer presents “Anthropocentrism, Atomism, and Environmental Ethics.” He speaks of individual (plant, creature) rights, and against one J. Baird Callicott’s opinion that “deliberate sacrifice of individuals may be required to protect ecosystems.”

It does not matter that there are loads of prickly wild rose or soapberry bushes; if there’s no good reason to kill any particular one, it should not be killed. All the more so, of course, if it’s a rare species ... but this conservation ethic applies to the common ones, too. One can argue that Gladiator Resources’ profits or that of the cycling and off-road machine shops, the adrenaline rush of the cliff-tumbling cyclists, are of more import than are the security and peace of the citizens who enjoy the land in a less rapacious manner, but it’s a difficult argument to support.

I thus cannot agree with W.H. Murdy, who believes that human beings ought to pursue their own interests, not the interests of other species. I think we can agree that that’s a shortsighted and anthropocentrically absurd idea, although it’s certainly the tack I think “The Wilderness City” has taken, and will be more coldly taking if it permits this mineral-seeking company to plunder our greenspaces and forests. If anything, a greater use of humans’ intelligence and, we hope, cross-species empathy, would be for us humans to be the guardians and support system for the other species—the ones that cannot relocate, that cannot escape our knobby tires and Kubota buckets and treads.

It is not all about us humans! We have to be the species that controls ourselves, that lays down the spade when it’s not for the collective good of not just humans but the environment as well.

Thanks for reading. I know I am long-winded, but I think some subjects warrant deep discussion.

Murray Munn,

Whitehorse





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## Proximity to ski area

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**From** Nadine Van Dalen [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 8:38 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

I comment as a Resident of the city of Whitehorse. Having reviewed the proposed amendment submission, can clarification be provided visually on the proximity of the area impacted to the Mount Sina ski hill? It would be helpful to see this articulated on the maps.

Thank you.

Nadine

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## Bylaw 2026-25 and Mineral Exploration within City Limits

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**From** Oliver Clark [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:01 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Good morning,

My name is Oliver Clark. I live in Arkell and I'm writing today to share my input on the proposed change to allow mineral exploration within city limits.

Please reject Bylaw 2026 25 and complete the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework before considering any request to change the OCP or any City Bylaw.

I do not support opening public greenspaces to mineral exploration. These greenspaces are part of what makes living in Whitehorse so special where else can you access beautiful hiking/biking trails and lakes all within a short walk from your doorstep? I've lived in many places across the country and have never found another city in which it's possible to live so closely to nature. It's my opinion that access to the land is important to many Whitehorse residents and, I would venture to say, a key part of Yukoners' identities.

Opening public greenspaces to mineral exploration raises many public safety and environmental concerns. It's hard for me to imagine how safe public access could continue to a greenspace that has an active mine site within it. Additionally, what kind of precautions would be put in place to prevent harmful byproducts from mining from leaching into our soils and waters? Allowing mining within city limits seems to be setting ourselves up for disaster, including negative impacts on human health and the health of other living beings. These concerns need to be resolved before any changes could be considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Oliver Clark

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Fwd: Gladiator

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**From** Patricia Cuning [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 2:55 PM  
**To** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]; publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
<publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Bylaw 2026-25: application to amend text and mapping of the Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit limited forms of Mineral Exploration within the Future Planning designation.

I support this amendment and encourage you to pass it.

The Whitehorse Copper Project exploration is authorized under a Class 3 Quartz Mining Land Use Approval issued following a YESAB assessment process. The approval includes 98 enforceable operating conditions regarding environmental protection, operational practices, and reclamation.

This is an application to clarify the City OCP rules for exploration only at this stage. Exploration improves knowledge of the land and the mineral resource potential. That information supports decisions about the future of the community and our economy. This Gladiator exploration project is creating immediate jobs and local investment in the Whitehorse region (\$40M spend in the next 18 months).

Copper is increasingly necessary. Our national government is working on Canadian security, resource independence, and broadening our economy so it is less reliant on one buyer. We have the critical minerals needed for growth and our city of over 400sq km has lots of room for mixed development including exploration and mining.

It is my understanding that both Ta'an and KDFN are supportive of the Gladiator exploration work underway in their traditional territories. I encourage the city to facilitate exploration, and potentially future mining, as one component of a strong, diversified economy for Whitehorse and the Yukon.

Congratulations to Council for working with a proponent and for making our OCP more reflective of our landscape and more flexible for our shared economic future.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cuning  
[REDACTED]



proposal to amend the OCP

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**From** patricia halladay [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 8:05 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello.

I have attached a letter outlining my opposition to this proposal.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse  
publicinput@whitehorse.ca

August 21, 2026

Re: Proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am a longtime resident of Whitehorse, now living in Whistle Bend. I write to express my opposition to the proposal to amend the Official Community Plan (OCP) in order to allow mineral exploration in three areas that the OCP has designated as "environmentally sensitive," and to change city bylaws to allow exploratory drilling as a permitted activity in areas designated for future planning.

Developing the Official Community Plan was a lengthy and complex process, and to amend it in this way negates the efforts of all those who participated.

It concerns me deeply to discover that an individual company seeking financial profit can have this much influence on our local government. This effort by Gladiator Metals should never have been considered, let alone advanced to the stage where it now is.

In the 16-page City of Whitehorse Strategic Priorities 2025–2028, there is no mention of mining, or mines, or mineral development. And one of the areas of focus identified in the document is protection of the natural environment. This protection is very much compromised by the Gladiator proposal.

In the 43-page City of Whitehorse Sustainability Plan 2015–2050, there is also no mention of mining, or mines, or mineral development. And one of the goals it identifies is Healthy Environment and Wilderness. Again, this is not a goal that will be met by allowing mineral exploration.

I know the amount of work and effort went into developing those two documents. How can all that work be disregarded in order to meet the wishes of one company instead of the needs and rights of the whole city?

I have worked for a placer mine, and am not opposed to mining in general. I am, however, opposed to it being considered in this context, and to the rules being changed because a corporate entity wants them to change.

I am opposed to this proposed change, and I hope the City will reconsider. The Mayor and Councillors must represent the citizens of Whitehorse, not a private company hoping to make a profit.

I am concerned that the City has not given enough thought to this proposal, and has not yet clearly considered all of the ramifications for all of its citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.



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proposed OCP amendment

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Dear Mayor and Council

I am concerned that the proposed changes to the OCP regarding mineral exploration within city limits will have a negative effect on current and future residents of the city. When an area is zoned Greenspace, it should remain that way unless there is ample and unhurried evidence to change it.

My perception is that the corporate desires of Gladiator Metals are forcing the city's hand in developing regulations and land use policies, which should be to focus on high standards for residential use first, and then industrial activity outside current zones second.

Thank You

Paul Mantle,  
Valleyview



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**Application to amend text and mapping of the Official Community Plan (OCP)**

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**From** peter long [REDACTED]  
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This is a very broad-ranging amendment. "Application to amend text and mapping of the Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit limited forms of Mineral Exploration within the Future Planning designation" links to a 9-page document that talks about changes that seem to allow fire-smarted land to be considered as future planning, that broadens mining activity, that changes recreation, environmental lands to be open to development. Clearly, the parties involved have worked with the city to address their needs. Understanding the implications of modifying the OCP and land designations puts us citizens in a big catchup position.

What is proposed seems significant, and changes the previous vision of the OCP in ways that seem contrary to earlier OCPs that gave promise of greenspace being of significant importance to our northern wilderness city. Many live here just because we have this. Better we should have a focus on developing healthy outdoor northern lifestyles. There is an economic value to trails and the outdoors, not well reflected in the City's general annual trails budget of \$100,000.

The Copper Belt has long been an interest for mining. However, it is in our City so neighbourhood and recreation needs should be a significant voice. Antiquated mining rules need updating to deal with this situation. Industrial scars last a very long time and those who mar the lands are usually not there to clean up in the future. Why are we suddenly changing the OCP?

It seems that the OCP is a living document when convenient, but a base-level guidance document at other times. The OCP should be a major vision of where we are going. It shouldn't be changeable on a whim. Is the intent to ditch the OCP and just run things by the latest industrial need? I hope not. Out of consideration to concerned citizens, the City should think about our abilities in keeping up with City activities, and trusting our input is actually meaningful. Minimizing the importance of the OCP process does not bode well for future OCP processes.

NOTE: A big focus should be on fire smarting for the inevitable fire year that is coming. This sudden OCP amendment would seem to discourage a neighbourhood's desire to protect against wild fires.

Peter Long

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## Mining exploration in green spaces

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Hello,

Please let me add my voice to those opposed to allowing mining exploration in current green spaces within the City of Whitehorse. Exploration and mining activities are not appropriate within the City's boundaries and especially not so close to residential areas. I do not agree with any land use change or designation that allows for mining activity, including trails, test outs and drilling within the City area.

Sincerely,

Rachel Pugh

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Councillors,

My name is Raffles McDowell, and I am a long-time (25 yr.) resident of Valleyview neighbourhood.

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed amendment.

I don't think that areas that are currently zoned as greenspace, or environmentally sensitive areas should be re-zoned as "future development".  
It seems like a back door way to allow mineral exploration.

Sincerely,

Raffles McDowell

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## Reject Amendment 2026-25

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Public Input,  
Whitehorse City Council.

Here are my comments in favour of rejecting Amendment 2026 25.

On Saturday, my wife and I joined a group under the leadership of a Mary Lake resident to visit the tracts of land in the copper belt that Gladiator Metals would like to see redesignated from "environmentally sensitive" to "future planning" to facilitate exploratory drilling.

Yes, we found an environment that had been disturbed from old copper mining and more recent work on the southern firebreak, but, more importantly, what we noted was the considerable greenery, the aspen, low shrubbery, cranberries, soapberries and lichen that were growing in this area. We heard about caribou in winter, waterfowl on the pond and beaver and how this area is a corridor for the movement of wildlife. So, far from being a barren landscape or a brownfield, this is the "recovering habitat" so eloquently described by Mary Lake residents during the August 3rd city council meeting. Their testimony and our experience accords well with the observations of Dave Loeks, well known Yukon forester, who commenting upon previous fire smarting near McCrae, described the flourishing deciduous vegetation and the return of wildlife that followed, thereby demonstrating how nature can be reclaimed and serve as a firebreak.

This brings us to the significance of green spaces as recognized in Section Seven of Whitehorse's Official Community Plan. The OCP says, "Natural spaces will preserve habitat areas and wildlife corridors while allowing people to feel the benefits of connecting with the land and being active outdoors, supporting ecological health clean water, air, soil, climate stability, habitat protection and providing economic benefits such as recreational activities and tourism."

The original designation of the three tracts of land adjacent to Mary Lake as "environmentally sensitive" was only arrived at through four years of development and public input. What would a determination of "environmentally sensitive" even mean, if, under pressure or advocacy from a mining company that designation is altered to allow for exploratory drilling? To say this would be a dramatic change is understatement. If an area was deemed "environmentally sensitive", can it become less so simply because a mining company sees an opportunity to pursue exploration?

Secondly, if city council were to pass the amendment, I am concerned about the precedent that would set in allowing a mining company to influence what is and isn't green space.

Should Gladiator succeed this time, would they, or other exploitative industries, return to council with requests for further amendments to other areas? Once a door has been opened, can further access be denied?

Concerning the manner in which this bylaw arose, I also question the involvement of city administration. Should they assist a company in undermining our city's Official Community Plan? Isn't it their responsibility to support the city, its policies and bylaws?

To conclude, council must recognize that the majority of citizens attending these meeting, and the overwhelming majority of speakers, are adamantly opposed to this amendment.

Mayor and council, act to preserve the integrity of our Official Community Plan and the process that brought it about. Preserve the designation of "environmentally sensitive" for the tracts of land adjacent to Mary Lake. Reject amendment 2026-25.







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Proposed amendment of OCP

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My name is Bob Hamilton

I live the Wolf Creek area and I appose the OCP amendment concerning mining in the Mary Lake area

Best Regards

Robert Hamilton

[REDACTED]

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## Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25)

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**From** Bob Stirling [REDACTED]  
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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached a letter of support for the OCP Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you.

Robert Stirling

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon [REDACTED]

August 24, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

City of Whitehorse

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

This is a letter of support for the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25). The amendment would establish a municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt. In this case, it is 0.81 km<sup>2</sup> of land surface being equivalent to 81 country-residential lots of 1.0 ha each.

Temporary exploration and development in the Copper Belt supports; the 'Whitehorse declaration of a climate emergency' (September 2019) and the 'Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy' (December 2022), relationship building with the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, an opportunity for discussion and understanding of the First Nations views of the proposed amendment, partnerships, local jobs and the flow-through economic benefits to the city and its residents, and the consideration of all views on the matter.

An opportunity exists to utilize the existing access and infrastructure in the City and surroundings in support of this project. Contrast this to other projects with complicated and expensive logistics for personnel and supplies, access and transportation, new roads and bridges, new energy infrastructure and so on.

If climate change is ongoing and there will be a demand for critical minerals in the future, the City needs to take responsibility and seriously develop and adopt policies and processes that supports this.

I am in support of and encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

My life experience has been in mineral exploration and mining in the Yukon since 1970 and full time from 1977 to the present. My business has supplied services to many aspects of the exploration sector over the years. Low footprint excavation and reclamation techniques were developed for remote and accessible sites. The same techniques are applicable to this project, it can be done.

In 2020, I collaborated with The Association for Mineral Exploration (AME) for their publication of 'Reclamation Guide for Mineral Exploration', contributing site photography and field techniques operating as Stewart Basin Exploration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Robert Stirling*

Robert Stirling

Stewart Basin Exploration





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reject Bylaw 2026-25

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From Rudy Sudrich [REDACTED]

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Hello,

I am writing to ask council to reject Bylaw 2026-25 and not allow mineral exploration within the municipality.

Thank you.



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## Input re OCP Amendment - Mineral Exploration

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Please take this as my objection to the current proposed request to change the OCP by Gladiator metals. Though I am not against development and mining I believe this company has not shown proper consultation coupled with the 6 previous convictions under the Yukon quartz mining act I do not believe they are acting in good faith. I have reached out a couple times to Gladiator Metals to discuss their plans to protect local wells and have not received a reply. I believe there is a lot of communication with CoW and other authorities, but they have failed to consult locals as they have claimed to.

Thank you.

Ryan Warner  
[REDACTED]



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re: Bylaw 2026-25

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To Whom it May Concern at the City of Whitehorse,

I oppose the adoption of Bylaw 2026-25. I would like to go further and support mineral exploration to be banned within Whitehorse City limits.

Sincerely,  
Sally Wright  
[REDACTED]



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## Gladiator Metals

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**From** Samantha Samuelson [REDACTED]  
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Dear Council,

I want to express that I am strongly against the bylaw amendment that would allow Gladiator Metals to explore within city limits.

I am one of only 4 general surgeons at Whitehorse General Hospital. I moved to Whitehorse in 2009 largely because we found a house my husband and I loved in Mary Lake. There were many other communities across the country in need of health care workers but we felt like the city of Whitehorse was special. We felt like we had found a place where wilderness and the green spaces that promote healthy living were actually valued. Daily since 2009 we have walked, run, biked, swam or skied in the area and raised our children doing the same. For many years, skiing and biking the "Swanstrom trail" was the thing that kept me sane in the craziness of my career and life. In the years since Don has groomed the trails, other residents have taken up the torch and we welcome countless Whitehorse residents to the area, in Winter especially to ski, skate and fat bike.

It has been difficult watching the area be greatly modified by the "firebreak" but that was accepted with some stoicism in the thought that it was for the greater good of the City. A planner friend assured me that there was still the thought of eventually making the area into a park as per the official community plan and so minimal complaints were made. To have someone now argue that the area is already disturbed and use that to justify further exploration is beyond maddening.

We pay city taxes out here. For these taxes, we get very little with respect to city services. We don't have garbage or recycling service. We aren't connected to the city water or sewer. We don't have access to transit. At the very least we should have some assurance that official community plans that were made with neighbourhood input are not modified against our will. If this can be so easily done then the City of Whitehorse has no integrity and it is not the place I thought it was. If this amendment goes through I am not sure I want to live and practice here any longer and will be seriously looking for other opportunities.

Sincerely,  
Samantha Samuelson

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Submission re.proposed Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Sandy Johnston [REDACTED]  
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Please find attached, my letter regarding proposed Bylaw 2026-25.

Thanks,

Sandy Johnston  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse.

Mr. Sandy Johnston,  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon.

August 24, 2026

Mayor and Council,  
City of Whitehorse,  
2121 Second Avenue,  
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1C2.

**Re: Opposition to proposed Bylaw 2026-25 — Mineral Exploration within City Boundaries**

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to oppose the proposed Bylaw 2026-25 and respectfully urge Council to vote against it. The Bylaw requires far reaching amendments to the City's 2040 Official Community Plan to allow mineral exploration activities in the City of Whitehorse in select areas designated as "Greenspace." The proposed amendments to the OCP are complex and convoluted, poorly understood by most residents and will have lasting implications for Whitehorse residents and neighbourhoods. The amendments are permanent changes that seek to change the definitions and uses of Greenspace and Future Planning Areas, add new, far-reaching definitions, and will compromise the original basic intentions of the OCP and the City Regional Parks Plan adopted in 2014, and adversely affect the City brand, the "Wilderness City".

1. As indicated in Map 1 Attachment 1 (see Appendix 1 of this submission which is the modified map approved at the Aug. 03 Mayor and Council Meeting) of the proposal, the proponent seeks to redesignate an area currently classified as Greenspace/ESA (where mineral exploration is prohibited) to the proponent's newly defined Future Planning designation that *will* allow mineral exploration. This constitutes a major and permanent amendment to the OCP, not a technical clarification. It has major implications across Whitehorse because there are several Future Planning Areas with claims that the new definition will apply to. To accomplish the re-designation of Greenspace, the proponent introduces a new definition of a "Disturbed Area," defined very broadly as areas with any detectable previous human disturbance. The proponent uses the definition of "Disturbed Area" to disqualify the Greenspace designation and re-designate it as their newly defined Future Planning designation.

The proponent provides two notable examples of what, in their view, constitutes a “disturbed area”. The most concerning example to me is areas that have undergone fuel abatement and/or FireSmarting. The suggestion that the Greenspace areas in the Whitehorse Fuel Break and FireSmart-ed areas should be re-characterized as “disturbed areas” and therefore no longer suitable for a Greenspace designation, is a gross mischaracterization of what fuel abatement really is, a stand conversion from one forest to another. Page 6 of the June 29 Administration Report implies the area shown on the Map 1 Attachment 1 (Appendix 1 below) is a clear-cut. This is simply not true! The Shaded Fuel Break in this area is green, with spaced conifers, willows and aspens. The ground is covered with kinnikinnick, berry bushes, mosses (caribou moss) and grasses. Regrowth of abundant willows make it an excellent browsing area for wildlife (moose, snowshoe hare). It is a pleasant open park-like setting to walk, ski, snowshoe, snowmobile through. The area contains two renown multi-use trails – the Swanstrom Trail and the Trans Canada Trail which are used year-round. It is undeniably a Greenspace.

I have personally overseen FireSmart projects undertaken on behalf of the Mary Lake Community Association, and I have also applied for, and managed, contracts for projects in the South Whitehorse Fuel Break. Public support, or social licence, for these projects was achieved largely because residents were assured that the work would convert existing mixed forests and landscapes that were extremely vulnerable to wildfire, into more fire resilient forests and landscapes. The Whitehorse Fuel Break is essentially a stand conversion—transforming a burnable Greenspace into a less burnable Greenspace. Actions to subsequently speed up the transformation by replanting less flammable deciduous aspen and berry bushes, and promote natural revegetation by willows demonstrates this. No redesignation was ever required or implied, and no redesignation was suggested or requested by the City. In fact, this is clearly reflected in the OCP, where fuel abatement is the only recognized development activity allowed in a Greenspace designation. Had the public known that fuel abatement and FireSmart projects in their favourite Greenspaces would jeopardize Greenspace status, I doubt they would have been as supportive. To accept the proposal to redesignate Greenspace because it has been treated for fuel abatement would be a betrayal of the public trust that was established throughout these projects. There is still considerable fuel abatement work to be undertaken in Greenspaces across the City, but if residents see that such work can result in the loss of Greenspace status, public support for these important wildfire-resilience activities may be seriously undermined.





Illustration 1. The shaded Fuel Break in Map 1 Attachment 1 in the proposed exploration area. Here, fuel abatement occurred through 2023. Since then, willows, aspen and kinnikinnick, and various other berry plants and wildflowers have revegetated the ground cover. The area is Greenspace.

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The second notable example of a disturbed area given provided by the proponent is areas that have any indication of previous mineral exploration and/or mining activity. Evidence of previous activity includes a broad, all-inclusive range of disturbances even if the disturbances have revegetated or naturally recovered. To infer that previously mined/explored areas within the City, will not qualify as Greenspace, is unacceptable. It means that as more disturbance evolves, Greenspace shrinks forever. All areas opened to mineral exploration within the City permanently lose any possible future designation of Greenspace. Furthermore, Disturbed Areas will become extremely vulnerable to cumulative effects...once disturbed, always disturbed. Restoration of mineral exploration and mining activities are often to restore the landscape to the original natural state – i.e. to a greenspace. Topsoil and surface layers are replaced and planted.



Illustration 2. Re-vegetation in progress of an area with previous mining activity 40-50 years ago in the Gem/Keewenaw site. Under the proposal, the area would be described as “disturbed” by historical mining activity and therefore unsuitable for any eventual Greenspace designation, even if it fully recovered.

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The notion that Greenspace is not a greenspace if it is “disturbed” is archaic. Most of Whitehorse greenspaces at one time or another have been disturbed – for example, the Whitehorse area was extensively logged for firewood to fuel the steamship boilers. There are many noteworthy iconic “greenspaces” that occur in previously disturbed landscapes, e.g. Stanley Park, Algonquin Park, the Burwash Uplands.

2. The proposed amendment will change the OCP definition of “Future Planning ” areas by adding new policies 15.4.7- 15.4.10 so that mineral exploration becomes an acceptable activity in Future Planning areas. Mineral exploration is not an activity currently allowed in existing Future Planning areas. Future Planning designations were meant to be used for developments/infrastructure in support of Greenspace and residential/community needs; not to allow mining exploration. In my view, Council should not treat this as a minor

administrative adjustment; it is a substantive policy shift in how future planning areas lands may be used and is a significant change to the OCP.

To redesignate Greenspace to Future Planning in the manner proposed sets a dangerous precedent and is alarming. The proposed method of redesignation effectively reduces/removes the protection currently provided for Greenspace and creates a pathway for mineral exploration in all Future Planning Areas across Whitehorse that have mining claims in good standing. This will affect other residents near these Future Planning Areas where their current expectation is that mineral exploration will not be allowed.

We all know that mineral exploration is an activity that precedes the development of a mine. Even though some will state a mine is “a long shot”, the primary objective of exploratory drilling is to find sufficient resource to mine. The proponent is already publicly talking about a world class open pit mine. This must be acknowledged and not minimized. Mineral exploration is allowed with this understanding. You are gambling on whether future generations will find such an outcome acceptable. The price then of refusal could be exorbitant and you leave it to future generations to pay the debt. In the meantime, you leave residents wondering if/when a mine might appear close to their neighbourhood. The Cowley Creek and Mary Lake subdivisions are already at this point!

3. As shown Map 1 of Attachment 1, the proponent seeks to reclassify a Greenspace and Environmentally Sensitive Area so that mineral exploration is allowed. The area shown in Map 1 Attachment 1 bisects the proposed Wolf Creek Park (and wildlife corridor along Wolf Creek) in the City of Whitehorse Regional Parks Plan. It must be emphasized that the existing Greenspace/ESA Area designation in this area is the result years of research, planning and consultation. Hence it should not be changed without thorough consideration of impacts on use by residents, wildlife and planned park areas.

The report, *Defining Ecologically-Based Significant Wildlife Areas for the City of Whitehorse*, describes the wildlife and habitat values of the Mary Lake area. This report was authored in 2000 by a team of experts in fish and wildlife, habitat and ecosystem research. This work and local knowledge gained during public consultations, confirmed the Greenspace and Environmentally Sensitive Area designations in the 2010 and subsequent OCP's and the Whitehorse Regional Parks Plan, adopted by the City in June 2014. The Parks Plan was linked to other significant planning efforts such as Strategic Sustainability Plan 2009, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2007, the Trails Plan 2007, and the Yukon River Corridor Plan 1999. Clearly, the land designations for the Mary Lake and Wolf Creek area are the result multi-year public planning processes, including public consultations. I



raise this history to emphasize that the Greenspace designations have been repeatedly reaffirmed over the past two and a half decades and should not be simply undone because of an application to conduct mineral exploration—an activity that is not allowed in these areas.



Illustration 3. The Wolf Creek Park outlined by the pink dotted line, is part of City of Whitehorse Regional Parks Plan. Besides benefits to Whitehorse residents, it provides an important wildlife corridor along Wolf Creek and Mary Lake and across the Yukon River valley. The proposed 100 acre mineral exploration area adjacent to Mary Lake cuts directly across this corridor roughly westward from the “L” in label for Mary Lake. The August 2000 report on Significant Wildlife Areas which has formed the backbone of the Greenspace and ESA classifications here, stated: “one of the most important aspects of this Wildlife Area is the important corridor it provides between lands outside of the City of Whitehorse in south



Whitehorse and the Wolf Creek – Yukon River confluence. The maintenance of this linkage is probably critical to the long-term viability of the Wolf Creek/Cowley Creek- Yukon River Wildlife Area”. The continuity of this Greenspace/ESA corridor will be fractured by the proposed amendments.

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4. The proposed mineral exploration area depicted in Map 1 of Attachment 1 is too close to residential areas and should be removed from the proposal. Although the bylaw does not authorize mining or permanent development, mineral exploration is not a minor or consequence-free activity. The mineral exploration activities currently occurring just outside City limits already are impacting residents of Mary Lake and Cowley Creek subdivisions. Noise from drilling and associated vehicles and equipment, impacts to trails and recreational activities, impacts to water bodies and crossings are being noted. These impacts will increase substantially if drilling activity is allowed to move into the proposed area shown in Map 1 Attachment 1.

Many residents of Mary Lake and Cowley Creek, rely on wells and groundwater, use trails daily, and expect green spaces and environmentally sensitive areas to be protected. Many would agree with the first quotation in the City of Whitehorse June 2026, Engagement Round #2 What We Heard Report: **“Residents of Whitehorse should be able to live, work and play within the municipal boundaries without fear of exploration being undertaken in recreational areas and in their backyard”**. Allowing mineral exploration here risks placing speculative private mineral interests ahead of the public interest, public health, ecological stewardship, recreation, and community well-being. Allowing mineral exploration compromises the years of stewardship by long term residents that has gone into making this area what it is, and has become as part of the “Wilderness City.”

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Illustration 4. A residence approximately 600m directly across from the eastern portion of the proposed exploration areas outlined in Map 1 of Attachment 1. It's too close! Impacts from drilling activities will be unavoidable and will travel across water (Mary Lake) from the top of the ridge on the west side of Mary Lake to the ridge on the east side of Mary Lake with no sound barrier to buffer the noise. There are several residences along the east side of Mary Lake. Noise is already a problem from drilling activities already underway much further away just outside but along the City Boundary.

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5. Access for the proposed mineral exploration in the area shown in Map 1 attachment 1 is through Mary Lake country residential subdivision which represents a safety problem. The site is accessed along a single lane, earthen road which serves mostly as access for a local residence, as a recreational trail for residents to access the Trans Canada Trail, Swanstrom's Trail and the Greenspace in between. The access route has blind corners and steep grades. Additional vehicular traffic poses a significant safety risk. Additionally, the

proponent wishes to use Swanstrom's Trail to access drilling sites. This is a well-used recreational trail year-round by Whitehorse residents.



Illustration 5. The narrow, dirt single lane road used to access the Gem/Keewenaw site presents safety issues with steep grades and blind corners. Additional vehicular use risks is a safety risk for residents and will impact residential and recreational use.

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6. A much more consultative approach is required before advancing this proposal. I urge Council to consider the level of public opposition already expressed in your recent 2025 and 2026 public surveys about mineral exploration in Whitehorse. Residents have serious concerns which are documented in the “What We Heard Reports” over the past 2 years. Whether to allow mineral exploration in the City should be addressed through a more comprehensive, community-involved OCP process which should include the City Mineral

Exploration and Development Framework; not through a bylaw that quickly opens the door to mineral exploration before residents have a thorough understanding of the proposal and how it fits into the Framework, nor before residents have confidence that the City's protections and oversight are strong enough.

We need to be able to consider, discuss and fully understand the implications of this proposal in an open and transparent forum. A Public Hearing is not the place to do this – we can't ask questions; we only have 5 minutes! Same for Mayor and Council meetings – no questions, no time! We need a forum that allows and promotes 2-way communication. I ask you to please bring a completed Mineral Exploration and Development Framework into an OCP process, a process that has history and has worked well. Until that is completed, please reject or defer Bylaw 26-25 and the amendments within in.

Thank you for considering my comments.

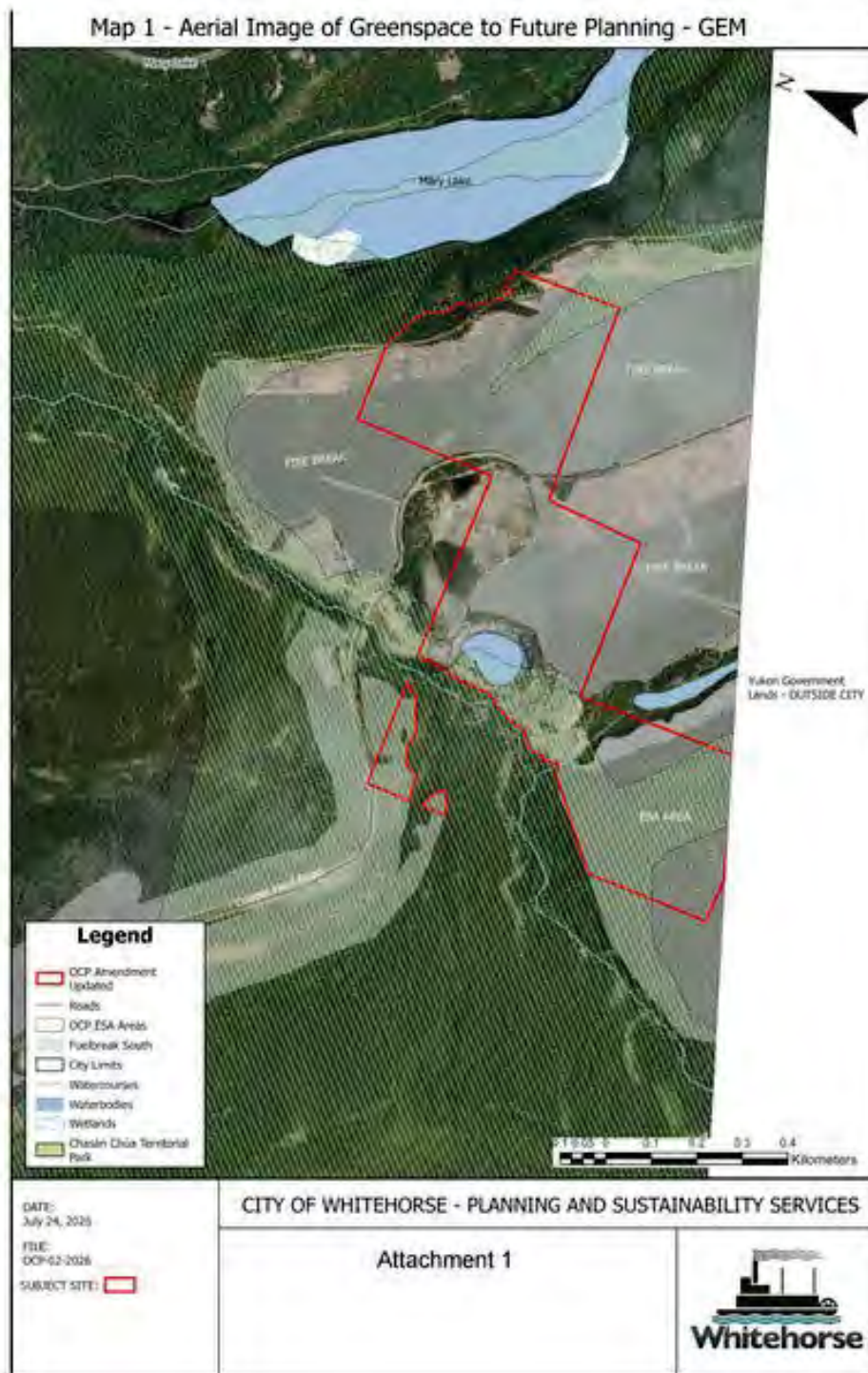
Sincerely,

Sandy Johnston





## Appendix: Map 1, Attachment 1



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**Bylaw 2026-25**

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I am writing about the proposed bylaw 2026-25. I am disappointed that the city is considering making it easier to do mining exploration and mining within the city limits and our existing greenspace. I believe the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework should be completed before looking at any request to change the OCP or city bylaws. We have a large Territory, with lots of potential mining areas. Please keep mining and exploration out of our city!

Thanks,

-Seth Plunkett

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse YT, [REDACTED]

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Response / Proposed bylaw amendment 2026-25

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**From** Shannon Stotyn [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 5:02 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,

I do not support to amend the official OCP to allow mineral exploration in areas not officially designated for this use.

The allowance for this exception brings the whole land use planning effort into question and destroys the trust between the public and the City of Whitehorse and negates all the years of hard work on the OCP.

The City of Whitehorse and its inhabitants are already dealing with disturbance from the airport, the noise from diesel generators and float planes, new diesel generator stations, extensive fuel breaks and firesmarting, planned green space infill and now exploration within city limits extending their influence to amend official OPC plans within green space.

Please uphold the land designations in the OCP or it will set a precedent for all future land use planning initiatives.

The "Wilderness City" should stand by its namesake.

Thanks,

Shannon Stotyn

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re Public Hearing on Bylaw 2026-25 - Gladiator exploration request

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From [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 10:32 AM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear City Council

I am concerned about the breadth and the speed of this request. Please keep in mind:

1. Do not permit exploration unless you definitely intend to permit mining. Do you?  
Once "limited forms of Mineral Exploration" is permitted, then permission for full scale mining is assumed. Refusing permission to mine after permitting exploration opens the city to legal action for large amounts of compensation and "lost opportunity". Gladiator or other exploration companies will (not unreasonably) expect that if they spend good money on exploration and find something worth mining, then they can mine it.
2. Large areas impacted  
This application appears to want to amend not just a particular, already disturbed, small piece of ground but a large percentage of the city. It would impact Council's ability to control what happens to the ground, and therefore impact the citizens, in a very major way city-wide. Whitehorse prides itself on being the wilderness city not an industrial one.
3. Speed and lack of consultation  
Gladiator appears to be pushing for a quick, major change to the OCP without significant consultation with citizens, groups or affected First Nations. This is not how Whitehorse operates. Creating a false sense of urgency is a common industrial negotiating tactic. Don't fall for it.

Thank you for your consideration. I wish you well in tonight's meeting.

Sheila

Info for verification if needed, **do not publish this personal info:** (you may publish my comments above if wanted)

Sheila Maissan  
[REDACTED]



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**Opposition to Bylaw 2026-25 and Gladiator Exploration and Mining Application**

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**From** Sofiya Melekhova [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 6:40 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,  
My name is Sofiya Melekhova, and I am one of the owners of [REDACTED] in the Mary Lake subdivision.

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to Bylaw 2026-25 and to the proposed permission for Gladiator to conduct exploration and mining activities in the Mary Lake area.

I chose to live in Mary Lake because of its quiet residential character, natural surroundings, wildlife, and proximity to protected green space. The proposed exploration and mining activities are fundamentally inconsistent with the qualities that make this area a desirable and healthy place to live.

My opinion is based on the following concerns:

1. Increased traffic, noise, dust, and road damage

Over the past year, I have already noticed a significant increase in traffic in the area that does not appear to be associated with local residents. Heavy trucks and industrial machinery travelling to and from the proposed mining area create additional noise, dust, and road wear. If exploration and mining activities are expanded, I am concerned that these impacts will become substantially worse.

2. Protection of the Mary Lake green space and ecosystem

The protected green space surrounding Mary Lake exists for an important reason. This is a fragile natural ecosystem supporting forests, wildlife, fish, and other species. Activities such as fire-smarting can be carefully managed to reduce wildfire risk while maintaining the overall forest ecosystem. Industrial exploration and mining, however, would represent a fundamentally different and much more intensive disturbance.

I believe the City should prioritize the long-term protection of this natural area rather than permitting industrial activity within or immediately adjacent to protected green space.

### 3. Conflict with the proposed Wolf Creek Park

I understand that there is an approved/proposed Wolf Creek Park in the area where the exploration and mining activities are being proposed. If this is the case, I strongly believe that mining activity should not be permitted in an area that the City has identified for future public park use.

A city park and an industrial mining operation are fundamentally incompatible uses of land, particularly in an environmentally sensitive residential area.

### 4. Direct impact on nearby residents

The proposed exploration area is directly across Mary Lake from my home. The lake carries sound very effectively, and we are already hearing increased noise coming from the site.

Because of the close proximity, any expansion of exploration or eventual mining activity would have a direct effect on the quality of life of my family and other nearby residents. Noise, industrial traffic, dust, and visual impacts would not be distant or theoretical concerns for us—they would be part of our immediate surroundings.

### 5. Risk to groundwater and drinking water

Residents of Mary Lake and Cowley rely heavily on wells for household water. Unlike many other parts of the city, residents in these areas cannot simply connect to a municipal water system if their groundwater becomes contaminated.

For this reason, the potential consequences of mining-related contamination are particularly serious. In my view, the risk to groundwater and drinking water must be given the highest consideration before any exploration or mining activity is approved.

No economic benefit from a copper mine can justify exposing residents to an unacceptable risk to the water supply on which their homes depend.

### 6. Protecting the character of the community

As a homeowner within city limits, I expect the City to protect the residential and environmental character of areas such as Mary Lake. I did not purchase my home expecting to live beside an industrial mining operation. I chose this area specifically because of its natural environment, quiet character, and protected green space.

I respectfully ask Council to consider the long-term consequences of this decision, not only the potential short-term economic benefits. Once an industrial mining operation is established in an environmentally sensitive area, the effects on the landscape, wildlife, water, roads, and surrounding community may be difficult or impossible to reverse.

## **7. Environmental and health risks associated with copper mining**

From what I have learned, copper mining can present significant environmental risks because the mining process can expose large quantities of sulphide-bearing rock and waste material to oxygen and water. This can result in acid rock drainage, which can mobilize and release metals such as lead, mercury, copper and other potentially toxic elements into groundwater and surface water. The Government of Canada recognizes that sulphide minerals exposed during metal mining can generate sulphuric acid and metal-laden drainage, with potentially significant impacts on aquatic ecosystems. ([Canada](#))

This is particularly concerning in the Yukon. Yukon government information identifies acid rock drainage from mine tailings as a significant environmental concern and notes that low-pH leachate containing elevated concentrations of dissolved metals can negatively affect groundwater and surface-water resources. ([Open Yukon](#))

The concern is not limited to the active mining period. Once sulphide-bearing waste rock and tailings are exposed to air and water, acid-generating reactions can continue over long periods and may require ongoing monitoring, containment and treatment. Yukon environmental information has also recognized that acid rock drainage can begin to affect water quality years after mining activity has ceased. ([Open Yukon](#))

For a residential area such as Mary Lake, I believe the potential for long-term contamination of groundwater, surface water, soil and surrounding habitat deserves particularly careful consideration. I do not believe that residents should be expected to accept these risks without clear, independent evidence demonstrating that the proposed exploration and mining activities can be carried out without creating unacceptable long-term environmental or health consequences.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the City:

- Reject the proposed changes to Bylaw 2026-25; and
- Decline Gladiator's application for exploration and mining activities in the Mary Lake area.

I ask Council to protect the Mary Lake environment, groundwater, wildlife, proposed parkland, and the quality of life of the residents who call this area home.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Sofiya Melekhova



Mary Lake Subdivision



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amendment to City OCP

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From Spence Hill [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 2:40 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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I am opposed to the amendment to change the Official Community Plan (OCP). First and foremost, this amendment is intended to allow mining exploration within areas designated as "Green Space" within the OCP. I am opposed to mining exploration and development within the city boundaries because I believe it is important to protect our water. Mining companies do not have a good record of protecting water in the Yukon. Government regulators do not have a good record of enforcing regulations to protect our water. Current legislation is inadequate to protect water. Current review processes and permitting do not protect water. We cannot allow water to be degraded. Water is life.

Secondly, to amend the OCP at the request of a mining company is to disregard the years of work done by citizens, city staff and past councils. Without extensive consultation with all those involved in developing the OCP, an amendment is a betrayal of trust. We the people of Whitehorse participated in creating this OCP trusting that it would be a stable and secure expression of the will of the people. To have a new council overturn that work is a betrayal. You cannot expect citizens to trust you if you proceed with this amendment. You cannot expect citizens to engage in civic decision-making if you show no regard for their previous input. Amending the OCP is unwise political and shows you to be morally bankrupt.

I hope you will listen to the people and not the corporations.

Thank you  
Spence Hill

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Official Community Plan Map and Text Amendment – Mineral Exploration

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**From** Stefan [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 6:50 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello,  
hopefully it is not too late to provide my input. I would like to keep the original OCP and refrain from extending it for mineral exploration. Over the years, I have seen the green spaces shrink and it would be sad to have a Wilderness City without wilderness.

Regards,  
Stefan Gottermann

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**Fw: OCP**

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**From** Prowse, Michael [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 7:52 AM  
**To** Public Input <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

FYI



**Michael Prowse**

Manager • Legislative Services • Corporate  
City of Whitehorse • [whitehorse.ca](http://whitehorse.ca)

*Working and living within the traditional territories of the  
Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.*

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**From:** Stephanie Hammond [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2026 7:26 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OCP

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to formally register my strong opposition to the proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan (OCP) that would permit Gladiator Metals to conduct mining exploration within the Mary Lake area.

Allowing industrial exploration inside city limits—especially within an established residential and ecologically sensitive area like Mary Lake—poses significant risks to our community's well-being. The potential disruption to local wildlife, risks to the watershed, increased industrial traffic, and degradation of quiet residential neighborhoods conflict directly with the foundational goals of our current OCP.

Furthermore, making a permanent amendment at this moment is entirely premature. I know you are all busy so using your time efficiently is important. Since the Yukon Government is currently in the process of completely rewriting the territory's mining regulations, why would the City of Whitehorse alter its long-term planning guidelines to accommodate industrial mining before these new overarching regulations are finalized.

The City should defer any decisions on this amendment. Waiting will allow Council to see how the new regulations are rewritten, evaluate their standards, and ensure

municipal bylaws align with modern territorial frameworks.

I urge Council to prioritize the voices of local residents, protect our shared green spaces, and vote against this OCP amendment. Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to the future of Whitehorse

Stephanie Hammond





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## Request to reject Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Tanya Lubbers [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:30 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Mayor and Council [REDACTED]

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to express my strong opposition to bylaw 2026-25 which seeks to amend the Official Community Plan (OCP) to enable mineral exploration within city limits.

I have lived in Mary Lake subdivision for over 30 years. Along with many other residents who have lived here since the subdivision was created, we have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into our homes and properties over the course of many decades. We have put our hearts, souls, time, money, children's futures, and everything else we have into this area we call home. I frankly don't care if Gladiator is annoyed or frustrated that they have been waiting two and a half years to get this approved. It is an insult to the people who live here – the people you were elected to represent.

I have been thinking about what to write in this email for weeks. There are so many important pieces to this decision and they all deserve to be treated with the utmost care and respect. Many of them (people's homes, well water, noise, pollution, wildlife protection, environment, the fire break being used for purposes it was not intended for, Gladiator Metal's history of infractions, etc.) have been brought forward already in detail to support opposition, many times and expressed by many people, so I won't do so again here now. To be honest, I am tired of this process. You've conducted survey's and you've seen people show up at council meetings. The majority is against this and they have been from the beginning. How many times do people need to repeat themselves or continue showing up for us to finally be heard and valued? Mr. Mayor, you've repeatedly expressed how important hearing every side of this is, yet I feel the majority has spoken, and you're not hearing it.

I do not understand why this proposal is still being considered, and especially when the mineral framework has not been completed. What is the rush? In pushing this proposal through, we are not providing enough time to consider all the angles and consequences approving this proposal will incur. You, yourselves, have admitted by approving this amendment, you will lose some of your power and will not be able to control certain things moving forward. That alone should be reason enough to end this here and now.

Whitehorse is the wilderness city. I am proud to be from here, and I consider myself very lucky to live in a place so beautiful. Mary Lake has always been a great neighbourhood and has provided a safe and quiet area to call home. It is what draws many of us here. Now, from our house we can hear the drilling. We aren't able to keep our windows open at night as the sound of the drill can be heard at all hours. What used to be peaceful days spent enjoying our yard and the surrounding area, is now ruined with the incessant hum of a drill. I have spoken with other residents and they too are disturbed by drilling noise.

Currently this noise is being produced from outside city limits. Approving this amendment will worsen living conditions for many residents here.

My husband and I attended the July 7, 2026 council meeting. I was deeply disappointed with the Mayor's comments:

1. "we've worked a lot with this company...they've narrowed their scope to a point where, to me when I look at the maps it looks reasonable"
  - a. The city has worked a lot with the company. What about the residents of Mary Lake and Cowley Creek subdivisions? Up until after this July 7 council meeting, there was zero consultation with residents. We later received a letter dated July 15 to provide notice of the public hearing, and for the first time a message board was installed at the mailboxes.
  - b. He has looked at the maps and considers it reasonable. Has he physically been out to the area (the subdivisions and drilling sites)? I saw one of the councillors at a Mary Lake community event related to this issue on August 12. I very much appreciate the effort for her to come out and learn more. I would hope that the mayor and every single councillor made that same effort to visit the area so they can understand more than what a map will show.
2. "So I think there is a package in here that allows a company to go forward in an exploration program that may have some impact on the neighbourhood. I'm not so sure it's so dramatic."
  - a. Does the mayor live in Mary Lake or Cowley Creek? Perhaps the impact is not so dramatic when it doesn't affect you directly – doesn't disrupt anything about your current living situation. If the claim was 1 or 2km from your residence, if drilling noise became a regular sound, if the status of trails you enjoy around your property were all of a sudden declining, if the thriving environment you normally see is now scattered with fuel spills, low-hanging power cables, garbage, lower water levels due to the pumps, etc. would your opinion change?
  - b. What happens when, not if, wells are contaminated? Is the City prepared to pay for remediation and/or pumping stations and bring water to this part of the City?
3. "My bugbear is we've got no development in Whitehorse or most of the Yukon. We just aren't doing very well other than living off money that's transferred to us from Ottawa. And I'd like to be able to, in my time in this chair, to be able to say we got somewhere with some economic activity that wasn't about mining Ottawa."
  - a. I understand you want to leave a legacy. How about setting a good example of leadership and doing the right thing? How about acting with integrity and voting with the majority (which has consistently been against this proposal)? What about the legacy many of the Cowley Park residents were planning to leave for their children? By allowing this proposal to go through, those legacies are threatened. And even more people could be impacted in the future depending on where other claims within city limits lay.
  - b. This is not the first time this area has been explored/mined. Do the potential benefits of allowing this to proceed really outweigh the risks/concerns?

It is frustrating that we are still here talking about this. Like many others, this process has taken up way too much of my time this summer and has taken me away from fully enjoying it with my family. This is where our time should be focused, not on trying to expedite an amendment to a carefully and thoughtfully produced OCP conducted through extensive public consultation. And not when a mineral framework and sufficient time to assess all aspects of the proposal aren't available.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition. To clarify, I am not against mineral exploration or mining. But I am, and always will be, against it occurring within city limits and so close to where people live and have put down roots.

Thank you,  
Tanya Lubbers





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## Letter of support

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**From** Ted staffen [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 5:18 PM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** [REDACTED]

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Please consider the as a letter of support for Gladiator Minerals desire to explore for copper in the Whitehorse area.

Considering the present state and challenges facing Canada's economy we need all the options available to ensure development options are available to us as Yukoners and as Canadians .

Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

Sincerely

Ted & Sue Staffen

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Yukon

Sent from my iPad



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**Re amendment bylaw 2026-25 - opposed based on need for groundwater protection**

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From tory russell [REDACTED]

Date Mon 8/24/2026 2:51 PM

To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>; Cameron, Kirk [REDACTED];  
Middler, Anne [REDACTED]; Hamilton, Jennv [REDACTED]; Lenore  
Morris [REDACTED]; Gallina, Paolo [REDACTED]; Melnychuk, Eileen  
[REDACTED]; Boyd, Dan [REDACTED]

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Hello, I am Tory Russell, from downtown Whitehorse

First, I thank all the citizens who participated in developing the Official Community Plan, the OCP, volunteering their time, and valuable experience, for the future of the city.

The proposed amendment is substantive and it undermines the OCP in several ways.

Citizens are bringing to this hearing many distinct reasons to oppose amendment bylaw 2026-25. Those reasons add up. I believe adoption of this amendment would be a betrayal of the vision of the OCP, a plan developed in public, for the public.

Groundwater protection is my reason to oppose this amendment.

Whitehorse is a fast growing city where almost everyone relies on groundwater for drinking water, including from domestic wells.

Reliable revenue comes to the city from housing developments and expanding neighbourhoods which all need drinking water. Securing safe drinking water will bring our city more lasting value than this exploration company.

Past mining projects have left legacies of harm to Yukon waters. Cleaning up after mining requires substantial funds from the public purse.

Failed Yukon mines operated under outdated dysfunctional legislation. To benefit from mining activities, Yukon needs modernized legislation – and the work on that has begun.

**Drinking water deserves due diligence under section 7 of the OCP.**

Several policy directives related to water were ignored, or bypassed in the analysis by administration.

In the OCP, “environmentally sensitive areas include water bodies, water courses, wetlands” and more.

According to greenspace policy: activities or development proposed in greenspaces, that may impact environmentally sensitive areas, **will** be subject to the policies found under **Section 7 of the OCP**,

## Environmental Stewardship.

Policy 7.1.1 states the City **will update** mapping of environmentally sensitive areas “as **new information** becomes available”.

- Existing groundwater studies reveal high levels of some metals like manganese, iron, others – in the city
- New information is becoming available regarding the city’s groundwater: AGWA stands for Assessing Groundwaters in the Whitehorse Area.
- Hundreds of groundwater samples in the Whitehorse area were collected and are being analyzed. This will help understand groundwater quality and how conditions may be affected by natural and human factors.

According to policy 7.1.1, mapping of environmentally sensitive areas should be updated with new information from the AGWA study.

Policy 7.1.2 states “Development will be limited in environmentally sensitive areas ... **exceptions will be** based on the findings of **professionally prepared studies or reports**”

- With no justification, administration has **waived the need for professionally** prepared reports.

Omitting information about groundwater, and waiving professional studies required by policy, are major gaps in administration’s analysis. And there are more.

Policy 7.18 states the city will **not support uses or activities that will have a significant negative impact on surface or groundwater water quality.**

**Drilling comes with potential risks to groundwater quality and quantity.**

- Drilling creates new pathways through rock formations – pre-existing ground water pressures and flows may be impacted.
- Exploratory drilling may allow poor quality groundwater to mix with drinking water.
- Underground contaminants may migrate through the new pathways.
- Changes to ground water pressures and flows may impact existing domestic water wells on private properties.

Who monitors the changes to groundwater? Will the city?

What happens if there is a deterioration of drinking water?

These risks **should be assessed before** drilling is permitted near water bodies, water courses and wetlands.

Policy 7.19 states the city will continue to take steps to protect against groundwater pollution.

- An important first step to protect against groundwater pollution would be **aquifer mapping** – mapping the drinking water.

In whatever **private process** occurred when administration helped the applicant with their amendment, these four important policies related to groundwater were neglected.

The city invested in a **public** process to develop a **Draft Mineral Exploration and Development Framework**.

The applicant indicated the draft framework “does not enable exploration in their desired work areas”. They made a proposal that bypasses, and undermines the draft framework.

As citizens’ representatives, I urge Mayor and Council to ensure completion of the draft framework process.

As a citizen, I **want to trust** the public process.

I strongly oppose this application to amend the OCP, and urge Mayor and Council to reject it.

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Bylaw 2026-25

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From Tracy [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 8/24/2026 3:51 PM  
To publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to ask that you please reject Bylaw 2026 25 and complete the Mineral and Development Framework before any request to change the OCP or any City Bylaw proceeds.

I currently live in the Valleyview neighborhood and have lived in the City of Whitehorse for 26 years.

My concern with Bylaw 2026 25 is that it negates the many years of collaboration that went into developing our OCP; and looks to negate much of the City's authority in deciding what land use will occur in the future (within the City). It appears that one private company may be settling a dangerous precedent which could impact the City's authority in deciding what happens in neighborhoods, green space, water sources and wildlife corridors.

I feel that it is grossly premature to pass this bylaw at this time. Complete the Mineral and Development Framework and let that guide future planning regarding mineral claims within the City's boundaries.

Thank you for your work and careful consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tracy Rempel

Sent from [REDACTED] for iOS.



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## Gladiator Metals request to amend OCP

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**From** Trevor Braun [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:32 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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Hello Mayor and Council

I am writing to oppose the request from Gladiator Metals for changing of the OCP 2040 to allow for Mineral Exploration in more areas. The City has been doing work on a Framework for Mineral Exploration within the City limits. This work should be completed before any changes to the OCP are even considered. This request is premature. I am angry that I have to spend time to oppose this request, every time we turn around there is some threat to our green spaces that requires our time and energy preparing submissions and becoming informed. This can be a considerable amount of time that many of us do not have available. This public hearing comes at a bad time for me as I have been in the field for most of the past 6 weeks and leave tomorrow for more work in the field. I simply do not have time to prepare a well written rebuttal to this proposal. This is a big change that Gladiator is asking and there should be more time allocated into making this decision. There should be more than 1 Public Engagement session.

The Greenspaces around Mary Lake are vitally important to the mental and physical well being of our community members throughout the year. Our trail network has recently for the past 5+ years been heavily impacted by the "Whitehorse Fire Break" that we were sold as being essential to our preparation for a Forest Fire event. It is very distasteful that the fire break is now being considered as "disturbed lands" by Gladiator and City of Whitehorse Administration. It is an area of transition from a Conifer forest to a Deciduous forest a process that will take several more years to be completed.

For the past 15 years I have volunteered groomed and maintained a network of winter trails for all users. These trails are under threat by Gladiator metals. Last spring they used and damaged many of these trails for their exploration activities. I personally had a conversation with some of their exploration team to suggest ways they could reduce their impact on other users but they totally ignored all suggestions and continued to impact our use of a trail network that we maintained all winter. Gladiator Metals does not have a good track record with being a good community player.

I am asking you to reject this proposal at this time.

Trevor Braun



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## Opposing the open pit copper mine in Whitehorse

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**From** Tristan Inglis Comeau [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 10:54 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

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To city council,

I'd like to say I am in opposition of the proposed opening of the copper mine pit in Whitehorse destroying the green space that is used for recreation and community wellbeing.

To whom this may concern,

Thank you,

Tristan Inglis-Comeau



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## Support letter for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25

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**From** Venessa Bennett [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 6:01 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>  
**Cc** Mayor and Council [REDACTED]; DroneNorth [REDACTED]

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OCP Bylaw 2026-25 Support Letter\_DRONENORTH\_2026.pdf;

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Please find a support letter attached for the bylaw 2026 - 25

sincerely  
Venessa Bennett

Venessa Bennett (Ph.D, P. Geo, Adv. Dip. GIS/RS)  
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To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse  
Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]  
DATE: August 24, 2026

**Re: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment — Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of Drone North, a Whitehorse-based UAV and geospatial services company that supports mineral exploration programs across the Yukon, including work in the Whitehorse Copper Belt. Our team provides drone-based magnetic, LiDAR, and photogrammetric surveys that help explorers define targets with minimal ground disturbance and shorter field seasons.

We strongly support the proposed Official Community Plan amendment (Bylaw 2026-25), which would establish a clear municipal process for considering temporary mineral exploration in select areas of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

Copper is now recognized as a critical mineral essential to the global energy transition, electrification, and Canadian national security. The International Energy Agency's *Global Critical Minerals Outlook 2026* reports that copper prices reached record highs in early 2026 and that a supply deficit is projected to persist through 2035, driven by strong demand from grids, electric vehicles, renewable energy, data centres, and defence technologies (<https://iea.blob.core.windows.net/assets/19c60aa0-ee07-4a20-a138-33c967ac5008/GlobalCriticalMineralsOutlook2026.pdf>) .

In this context, new, responsibly developed copper projects in stable jurisdictions are increasingly valuable on the world stage. The Whitehorse Copper Belt sits in a rare position to contribute to this need.

Whitehorse offers reliable access to clean hydroelectric power, existing road and air connections, and a skilled local workforce, all within a well-regulated Canadian permitting environment. Compared with many global copper districts, projects advanced from

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Global uncertainty around energy security, trade policy, and supply-chain concentration has made copper not just an economic commodity but a strategic one.

We support an amendment that enables this type of work under clear municipal conditions, including notification, time limits, and restoration requirements where appropriate. In our view, Bylaw 2026-25 provides a reasonable and balanced framework to consider temporary mineral exploration in the Whitehorse Copper Belt while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Venessa Bennett*

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Venessa Bennett (Ph.D, P. Geo, Adv. Dip. GIS/RS)  
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**Gladiator OCP amendment**

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**From** Zandria Ash [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/24/2026 11:58 AM  
**To** publicinput@whitehorse.ca <publicinput@whitehorse.ca>

Hello honourable mayor and council,

I am against the amendment to change definitions of future planing to include mining exploration and activity. This is a huge red flag for the city and I ask you all to vote against it. This combined with the ability to ask for and change any green space to future planning opens up an enormous amount of our city to mining operations.

It would be better to have a special large industry or mining zoning for land that will have that kind of use.

I heard that mayor Kirk and councillor Eileen came for a walking tour around the Mary lake area. Gladiator is wanting to rezone and drill on. I appreciate you both taking the time for that.

Allowing gladiator to use the land they are asking for in Mary lake directly goes against section 7.17-7.20 water protection plan in the 2040 OCP. Allowing them to work up on the hill behind Mary lake or anywhere around Mary lake, wolf creek, or Murray lake would allow for polluting of our water systems. They must spill a lot of diesel as their work areas I've been to the smell of diesel is very strong. Anything they spill or do will be washed down into the lake by snow melt and water run off.

I believe that gladiator is using the land by Mary lake as a test ground. If they get the approval from you to change that zoning and drill there they won't be turned down for anything. Mary lake is within a future park zone, has Environmentally sensitive areas, is a recreational area that is well used by the people and within a km of a subdivision and houses. if you allow that, what wouldn't you let them do?

Please vote against or at the least, vote to pause and wait for the mining frame work to be finished before this decision is made.

Thank you for your time.

Zandria Ash-Lawrence  
Sent from my iPhone  
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August 3, 2026

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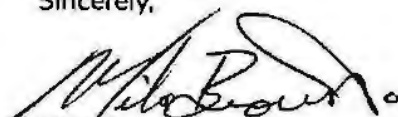
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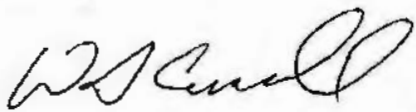
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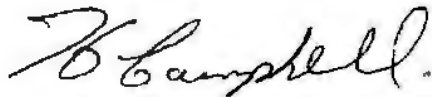
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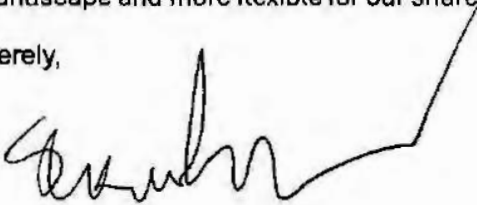
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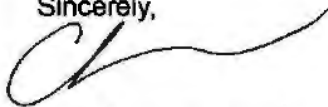
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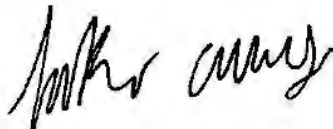
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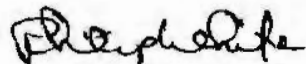
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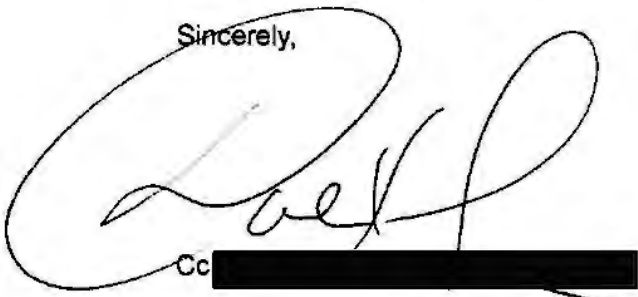
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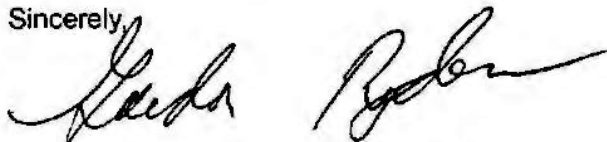
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The footprint is already there. And sometimes we need to accept when activities happen in our own backyard.

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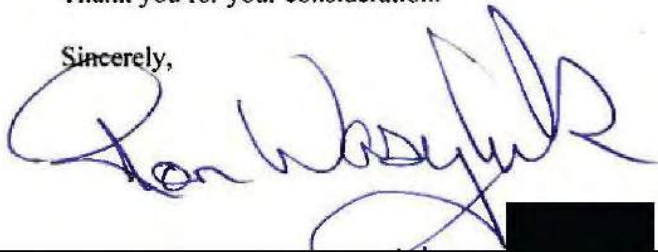
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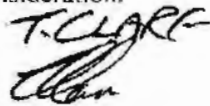
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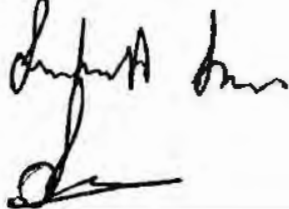
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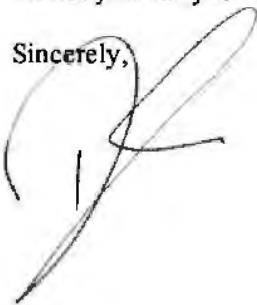
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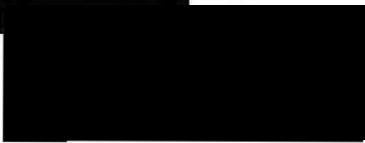
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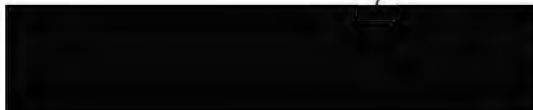
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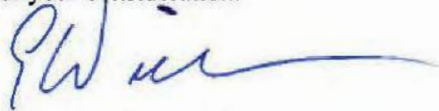
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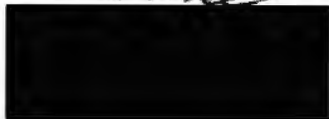
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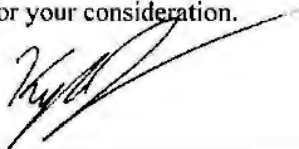
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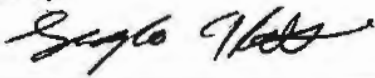
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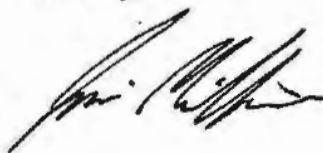
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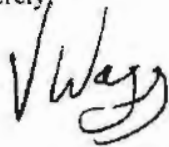
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July 31st, 2026

Attention: PublicInput@whitehorse.ca

Re: 2026-25: Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit limited forms of Mineral Exploration within the Future Planning designation.

Dear Mayor and Council:

As someone employed in the resource sector, I recognize the value that responsible mineral exploration can bring to our community. I encourage you to support Amendment 2026-25. I encourage Mayor and Council to recognize the mineral sector as an important part of a strong and diversified economy for both Whitehorse and the Yukon.

A project that creates well-paying private-sector jobs while supporting local businesses would strengthen Whitehorse's economy and provide opportunities that benefit residents across the city.

I want to continue building my life in Whitehorse while earning a reliable living in an industry that offers meaningful training, professional development, and long-term career opportunities. Expanding employment options outside of the public sector helps create a more resilient and balanced local economy.

I ask that any decisions made reflect meaningful collaboration with and respect for the wishes of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation.

Whitehorse is in a unique position to benefit from a nearby copper deposit. Copper is listed as one of Canada's Critical Minerals. Whitehorse and the Yukon could carry out exploration using modern environmental standards and responsible practices and I encourage Mayor and Council to continue working with Gladiator Metals.

Sincerely,

Megan Egglestone

Cc

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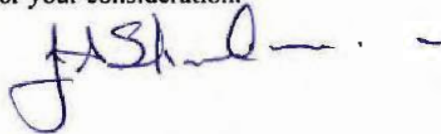
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KRYSTAL BAKER



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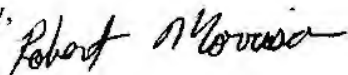
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ROBERT MORRISON

11. Aug. 2026

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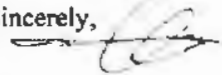
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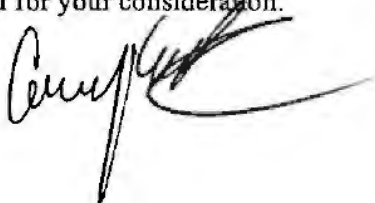
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The Territory needs projects  
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mw

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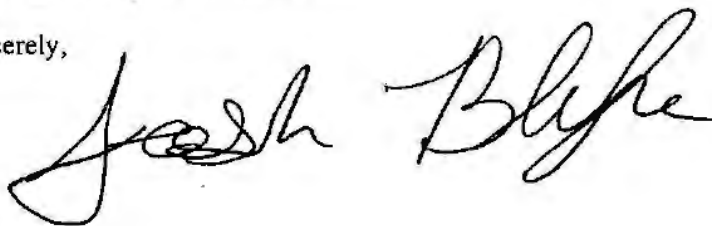
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08-13-2016

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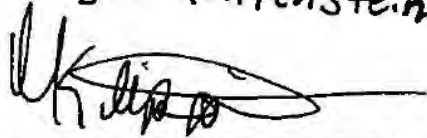
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CRAIG TUTOR

[Redacted]

Whitehorse Yukon

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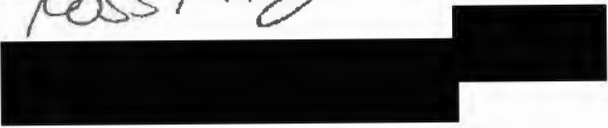
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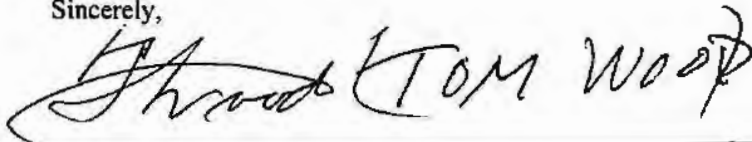
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Douglas A. Pye

[Redacted]

Whitehorse Y.T.

[Redacted]



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Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Axel, Garcia Garcia*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, [REDACTED] Yukon

*August 14, 2026*

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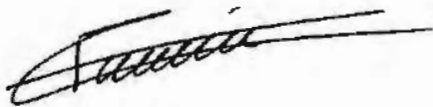
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*Axel Garcia*



Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
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*LEGUIZAMON GALVIS, Francisco*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, [REDACTED] Yukon

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*Francisco Leguizamon*

Email: publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Lori, SCHMIDT*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, [REDACTED] Yukon

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*Lori Schmidt*



Email: publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
CC: [REDACTED]

Kevin Wallace, SMITH  
[REDACTED] Whitehorse [REDACTED]

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Kevin Smith

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Alvaro Hernan, OCAMPO VARON*

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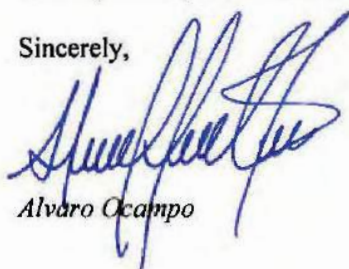
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*Alvaro Ocampo*



Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

*Jose Perez*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, [REDACTED] Yukon

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*Jose Perez*

Email: publicinput@whitehorse.ca

CC: [REDACTED]

*Juan Diego, SALTO JACHERO*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, [REDACTED] Yukon

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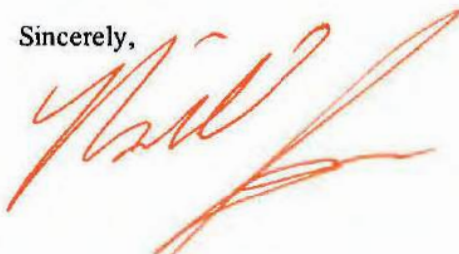
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Michael Snow

[Redacted]  
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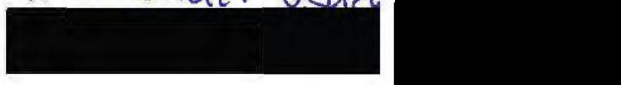
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Sincerely, *Michael Osher*



Email: publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
CC: [REDACTED]

*WILLSON, Kalum*

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

*August 19, 2026*

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*Kalum Willson*

Email: publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Tyler Buckland*

[REDACTED], Whitehorse, [REDACTED] Yukon

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N. T.

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N. Thamwiset

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

*POLTORASKY Gregory*

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]  
Canada

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*Gregory Poltorasky*

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*SMITH, Kurtis Matthew*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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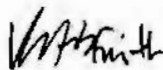
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*Kurtis Smith*

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

*Daniel Lopez*

[REDACTED], Whitehorse, [REDACTED] Yukon

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*Daniel Lopez*



Email: publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Allen Giesler*

[REDACTED], Whitehorse, [REDACTED] Whitehorse, Yukon

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Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

*Kayden Pelletier*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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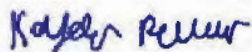
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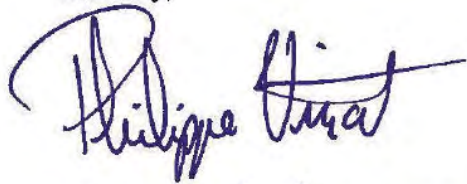
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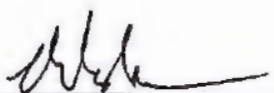
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Address: 

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CHARLES NGAU.

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Amy Leung

[Redacted]

Whitehorse -

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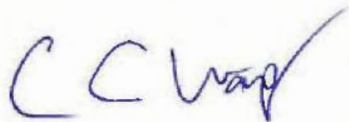
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Whitehorse.



July 31st, 2026

Attention: Publicinput@whitehorse.ca

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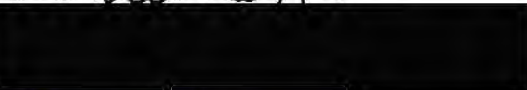
As someone employed in the resource sector, I recognize the value that responsible mineral exploration can bring to our community. A project that creates well-paying private-sector jobs while supporting local businesses would strengthen Whitehorse's economy and provide opportunities that benefit residents across the city.

I want to continue building my life in Whitehorse while earning a reliable living in an industry that offers meaningful training, professional development, and long-term career opportunities. Expanding employment options outside of the public sector helps create a more resilient and balanced local economy.

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Sincerely,



GERALD GRANAU.

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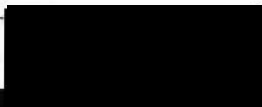
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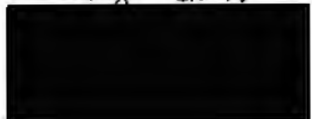
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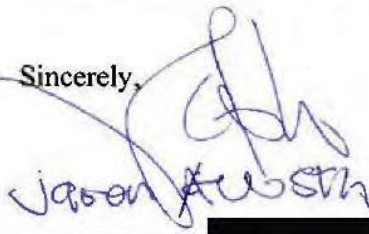
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Jason Aubrey

[Redacted]  
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*Benjamin Tobber*

Benjamin Tobber, CEO  
Borealis Fuels & Logistics Ltd.

Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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Marsh Lake



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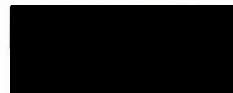
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Jan Usher  
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SCOTT TURNER



Kevin Du

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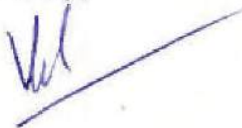
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Keita Dela Cruz  
Approved

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Liam Jones – Aurora Geoscience

Whitehorse

21<sup>st</sup> August 2026

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Liam Jones  
Crew Supervisor





Whitehorse YT

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THUY HUYNH

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marc-Olivier Dubé 24-08-26



August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

**Re: Support for OCP Amendment 2026-25**

Dear Mayor and Council:

My name is Kenneth Coyne, and I am a lifelong resident of the Yukon. I have raised my family in Whitehorse and together with my parents and siblings, we have operated a successful aggregate business in the Whitehorse Copper Belt since the 1990s.

As a resource sector worker and employer, I appreciate the value that responsible mineral exploration can bring to our community and I ask you to support Amendment 2026-25. As you recognize the mineral sector as an important part of a strong and diversified economy for Whitehorse and the Yukon, I also ask you that any decisions made reflect meaningful collaboration with and respect for the wishes of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation.

Whitehorse has an opportunity to play an important role in the responsible exploration and development of nearby copper resources. Copper is an important Canadian critical mineral, and today's exploration practices are guided by rigorous environmental requirements and regulatory standards.

I'm proud to call Whitehorse home and enjoy being part of this community. I want my son to enjoy the same opportunities I was afforded: access to a strong economy where professional development and long-term career opportunities exist beyond the public sector. Supporting responsible resource development can help create those opportunities while strengthening the economic resilience of our community and maintaining environmental integrity.

A diversified economy is important not only for our community today, but also for the future of the next generation.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Coyne  
Whitehorse, YT

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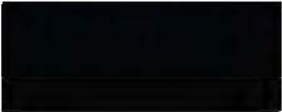
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*Daniel Gabriel, P. Geo*



*Whitehorse YT,* 



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As a Mary Lake resident I strongly support activities that will bring economic prosperity to the Yukon, especially when they are done around past producing mines like is the case of Whitehorse Copper Belt. City of Whitehorse boundaries are only this big because of the past producing mines along the special geologic environment *of the whitehorse copper belt.*

We can easily continue to recreate in the vast <sup>"</sup>back-yard <sup>"</sup> AND do exploration – they are not exclusive activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, *Brian MacDougall* *Wkse* *YIT* *Mary Lake*  
*Brian*

August 21, 2026

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, *Nic MacDougall*  
*N MacDougall*

*Mary Lake Sub*

Name: Davin Hofmann  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Date: Aug 23 2026

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Shawn Marciniak, NEW AGE DRILLING  
  
 Whitehorse, YT



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MY WHOLE LIFE HERE IM 67 YEARS OLD SO I TOTALLY  
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*Nigel*

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HSE Coordinator / Drill Support

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Lucy Wauve .



**AURORA GEOSCIENCES**

**NORTHERN GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL CONSULTANTS**

July 21, 2026

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**AURORA GEOSCIENCES** Nathan Rude | Operations Manager

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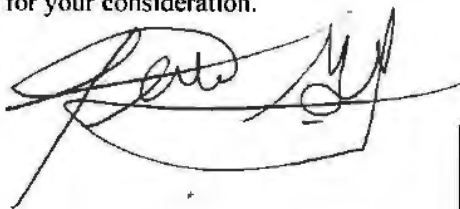
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Address: [REDACTED]

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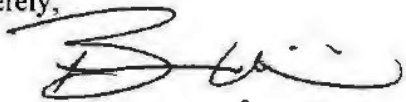
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Sincerely,

  
Name: Bruce Williams

Address

Whitehorse Yr

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

*SINGH, Parwinder*

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse [REDACTED] Yukon

*August 18, 2026*

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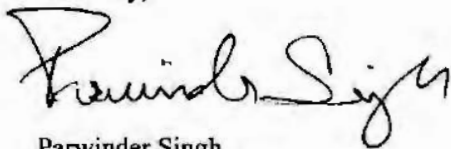
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Parwinder Singh



Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

*Gabriel Castillo*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Whitehorse, Yukon

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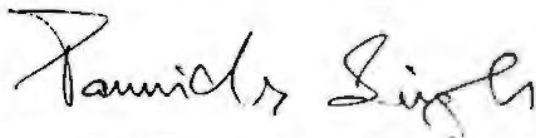
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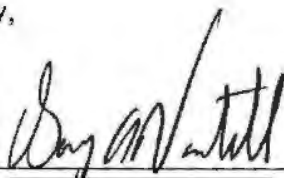
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Name:

 GARY A VAUTELL

Address:



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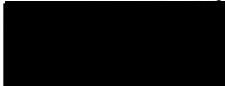
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Sincerely,

*Michelle Gregory*  
*MGregory*  
*August 18/26*

  
Whitehorse, YT  


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Name:

*DANA MacKinnon*

Signature:

*D MacKinnon*

Address:

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*Whitehorse*

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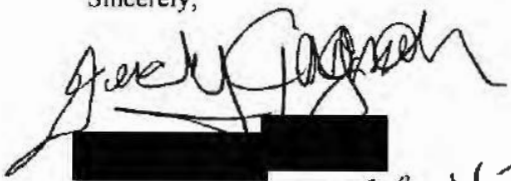
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[Redacted address block]

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TIM SHOWKER  
August 15/26



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Name: Jayce

Signature:



Address:



21/08/2026.

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Sincerely,

Name: *Scott Lowrey*

Signature: 

Address: 

To: Mayor and Council  
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Aug 12/26

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Sincerely,

Katie Swales - lifelong Yukoner - 55 years<sup>+</sup>

and not have to take weeks away - this is a stressful way to try to have a healthy family life.

I don't believe the footprint is extra-ordinary; having in close proximity allows it to be accessible for transportation & inspections as needed.

The City of Whitehorse was developed with the Copper Belt in mind; shouldn't be quashed because a few vocal people don't want it.

I think of all other communities in the Yukon have currently or historically with the exception of Ross River, have existed because of natural resources.

Thank you.



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Sincerely,

*Munpreet Kaur*  
[Redacted]  
Whitehorse, YT  
[Redacted]

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Michel Tetrault

Address:

Whitehorse Yukon

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Address:

GARY WILSON



[Redacted address]

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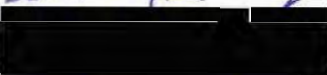
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Address: 

Crestview Whitehorse Yukon



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Address:

Whitehorse Y.T.

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Garry Umbrich

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Whse. YT.

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Name:

Marc Goudreau

Address:

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White YT  
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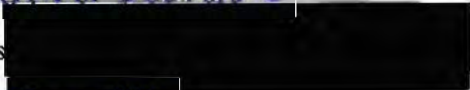
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Sincerely,

Name: Melyna Derevichuk  
Address: [REDACTED] Whitehorse



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Whitehorse, YT*

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ERIC ROCHE

Address:

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Finlayson Macaib





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It helps in creating more job opportunities and bring economic benefit to the community through responsible mining.

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Gwyneth Lawe

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Len K Andre*

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Jorge Benitez Herrera  
[REDACTED] Whitehorse Yukon

[REDACTED]

CELL# [REDACTED]



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Sincerely,

Lee Nickerson  
Midnight Sun drilling



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Sincerely,

Name: Nathan Neunherz

Address: 

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

*Richard Etheridge*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, Yukon [REDACTED]

*August 17, 2026*

**Subject: Support for OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-25 – Mineral Exploration**

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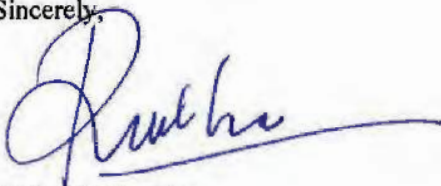
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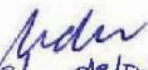
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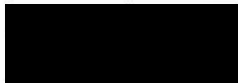
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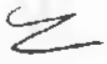
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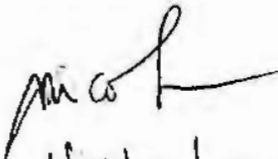


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Tracy Long



Whitehorse

Thach Vu

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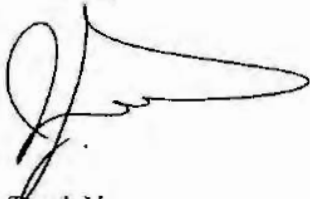
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Thach Vu  
Financial Controller  
Castle Rock Enterprises LP

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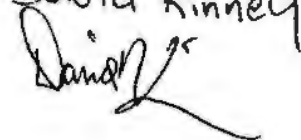
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David Kinney  




Whitehorse Yukon.



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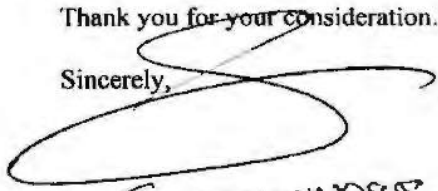
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Sukhwinder Singh  
[Redacted], YT, [Redacted]

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Name: Mark Heynen

Address: [REDACTED]

[Signature]

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Name: DOUG WATTIS.

Address: WHITEHORSE.

Ross Magee

██████████ Whitehorse, YT ██████████

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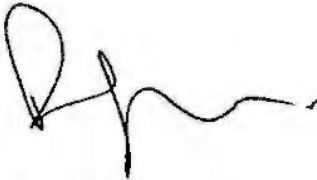
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Ross Magee  
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Address: [REDACTED]

Whitehorse, Yukon [REDACTED]

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Address: [REDACTED]

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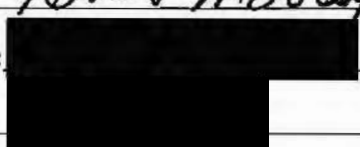
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Address:

 *whitehorse*

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Sincerely,

Name:

Katie L

Address

[Redacted Address]

Whitehorse, YT.



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Sincerely,

Name: Bev Link

Address: 

Whitehorse, Y.T.

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Sincerely,

*Mitchell*

Alannah Mitchell

Aug 16, 2026

*Cody Mitchell*  
Cody Mitchell

Aug 17 / 26

Whitehorse -

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Sincerely, *Martin Carlson Whitehorse*

Email: publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Paul Jorge*

[REDACTED]  
*Whitehorse, Yukon* [REDACTED]

*August 21, 2026*

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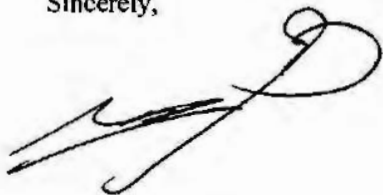
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*Paul Jorge*



Christine O'Connor

[REDACTED], Whitehorse, Yukon

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Jaime Wagner

Whitehorse, Yukon

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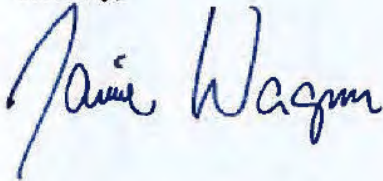
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Ron Bonnycastle

[REDACTED], Whitehorse, Yukon

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Name:

Roger Hewlett

Address:

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse Yt



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WHITEHORSE

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Whitehorse Yukon



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Aedan Greer  
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Whitehorse, YT



July 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

Attention: Publicinput@whitehorse.ca

Re: 2026-25: Amendment to Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit limited forms of Mineral Exploration within the Future Planning designation.

Dear Mayor and Council:

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Whitehorse is in a fortunate position. The City benefits from a nearby copper deposit where exploration is carried out responsibly, and where strong environmental standards can be maintained and enforced locally, alongside other regulatory bodies. As an industry worker, I believe responsible mineral exploration can create well-paying private-sector jobs, support local businesses, and strengthen Whitehorse's economy. I enjoy living in Whitehorse, near family and friends, and I love working here in an industry that offers long-term career opportunities and professional growth.

Thank you for considering my opinion,

*J Benn*



*Jackson Benn*

Cc



July 31st, 2026

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A project that creates well-paying private-sector jobs while supporting local businesses would strengthen Whitehorse's economy and provide opportunities that benefit residents across the city.

I want to continue building my life in Whitehorse while earning a reliable living in an industry that offers meaningful training, professional development, and long-term career opportunities. Expanding employment options outside of the public sector helps create a more resilient and balanced local economy.

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Sincerely, *Gary Mitchell* (Gary Mitchell)  
Assistant Manager  
Night Shift

Cc [REDACTED]

August 12th, 2026

Attention: Publicinput@whitehorse.ca

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MARK DOVERSPIKE

*Mark Doverspike*

Cc

*White  
Yukon*

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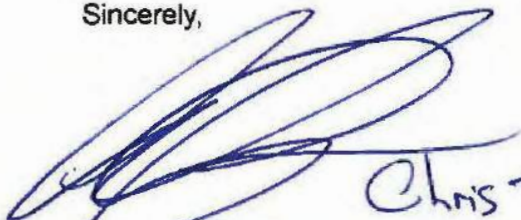
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Chris Tence

Co [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Beloris Andeson

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Grant Perrin*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

*August 18, 2026*

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Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*John Allen*

[REDACTED], Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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This is fundamentally a municipal planning decision. Supporting this amendment does not mean abandoning environmental standards or automatically approving future exploration. It means giving the City the ability to evaluate proposals, establish appropriate conditions, consider impacts on nearby residents, and exercise meaningful municipal oversight. I believe that is a reasonable and balanced role for the City of Whitehorse.

Living in Wolf Creek also gives me a direct appreciation for the concerns residents may have when industrial activity is proposed near established neighbourhoods. At the same time, I understand now more than ever the importance of responsible industrial growth to Whitehorse and the Yukon. A territory that remains heavily dependent on government spending and transfers needs opportunities to build a stronger private-sector economy and, over time, exercise greater control over its own economic destiny. Whitehorse, as Yukon's capital and economic centre, has an important role in creating a municipal environment where responsible investment can at least be considered.

I am particularly encouraged by the collaboration associated with this project, including First Nations businesses such as Kluane Drilling and First Nations governments including Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. Partnerships of this kind demonstrate that economic development, Indigenous participation, and reconciliation can advance together. I believe Whitehorse should have municipal policies capable of recognizing and accommodating this kind of progressive economic development rather than creating unnecessary barriers to it.

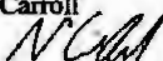
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For me, supporting Bylaw 2026-25 is therefore not about choosing industry over neighbourhoods or economic development over the environment. It is about ensuring that the City has a fair, transparent, and responsible municipal process to balance those interests. Council should retain the ability to consider responsible mineral exploration, impose appropriate conditions and safeguards, and make decisions based on the merits of each proposal. I believe that is good municipal governance, and I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicholas O'Carroll

Signature: 

Address: 



2026-08-20

To: Mayor and Council  
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Sincerely,

Name: Joey Chretien

Signature:

*Joey Chretien*

Address:

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, YT  
[REDACTED]

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August 21/26

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Sincerely,

Name:

MARTIN LOOS

Signature:



Address:



WHITEHORSE Y7.



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Sincerely,

Name: Holly Nesbitt

Address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Name: David Rayo

Address: [REDACTED]

Whitehorse YT



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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Name: Douglas Portela Santos

Address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

*Hao Hu*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

*August 20, 2026*

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Sincerely,

*Joseph Coyne*



*whitehorse*

2026-08-20

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Mining has been a big and integral to the Yukon for years.

It creates an economy outside of the government that allows people to grow and financially support themselves without transfer payments.

Between CRA and government regulations, small businesses have been knee capped out of most of the benefits that use to be available to make owning a small business a profitable and viable venture.

Supporting mining supports the people who are still willing to take on the small business opportunities. It allows for people to be able to work for someone other than the government or the city.

A mine close to town would allow for people to be able to work and come home at night to their families.

The closeness to town, would also allow for close oversight and the ability to monitor the impacts on people and the environment. It would be a fantastic project to be able to learn on how to do things right.

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Sincerely,

Name:

Megan Coyne, CPA

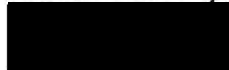
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Whitehorse, YT





08-21-202

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\* I work in the mining field ... this is very  
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RAA-

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Sincerely,

Name: David Wilkins

Signature: RAA-

Address:

[Redacted Address]

Whitehorse, YT

[Redacted Address]

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Kathleen Cook*

[REDACTED] WHITEHORSE, YT [REDACTED]

*August 18, 2026*

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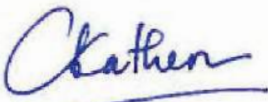
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*Kathleen Cook*

Email: publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Jim Mackay*

[REDACTED], WHITEHORSE, YT [REDACTED]

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*Jim Mackay*

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Amira Hesham Nowweir*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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*Amira Hesham Nowweir*



Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Tanya Clarke*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]  
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*Tanya Clarke*

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Alex Vu*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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LOUIE PADILLA



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*Allyson Gen*  
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[Redacted Signature]



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Rachin Scrimshaw  
[Redacted], Whitehorse YT

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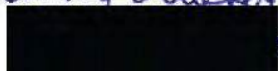
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Corinne Grace Powers

 Whitehorse YT

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Sincerely,

Kunwar Jee Singh

[Redacted Signature]

Whitehorse, Yukon

[Redacted Address]

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DAN COLE .





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*HP Lipton*

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*Whitehorse Yukon*

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Ryley O'Connor

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CC: [REDACTED]

*VIRK, Navjot Singh*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, Yukon

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Navjot Virk

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

*Derek Celi*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Whitehorse, Yukon

*August 19, 2026*

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*Derek Celi*



Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Patrick Galmiche*

[REDACTED] WHITEHORSE, YT [REDACTED]

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*Elaine Crowsley*

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CC: [REDACTED]

*Susan Joy*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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*Susan Joy*

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CC: [REDACTED]

*Cathy Boyce*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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*Cathy Boyce*

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Shannan Dewiele*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]  
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*Shannan Dewiele*



Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)

CC: [REDACTED]

*Heather Dehaven*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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*Joanne Esposito*

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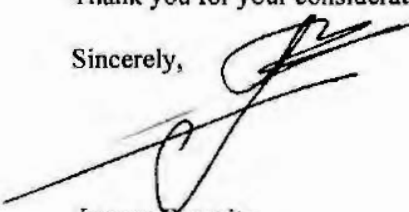
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*Joanne Esposito*

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*Ian Campbell*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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*Ian Campbell*

Email: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca)  
CC: [REDACTED]

*Hao Wang*

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*Hao Wang*

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*Bill Sikorsky*

[REDACTED] Whitehorse, Yukon [REDACTED]

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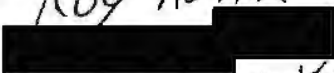
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*Whitehorse Y.T.*

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Nick Adams.



Whitehorse Y.T

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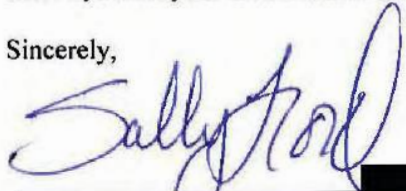
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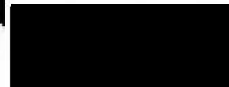
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[Redacted]  
Whitehorse, Yukon [Redacted]



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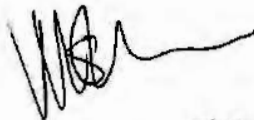
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[Redacted]  
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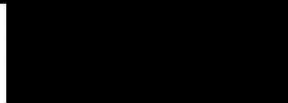
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Kiley Long

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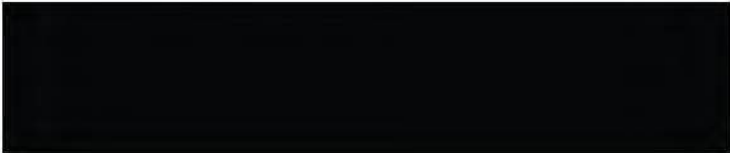
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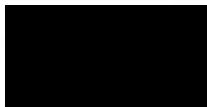
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Colton Vowk



Whitehorse, YT





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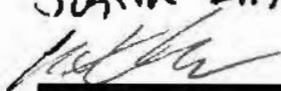
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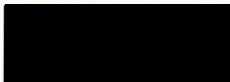
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Whitehorse Yukon





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[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, YT

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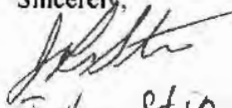
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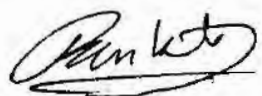
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WHITEHORSE YT

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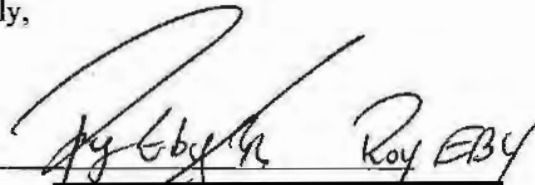
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Address:

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[Redacted Signature]

*White Yukon*

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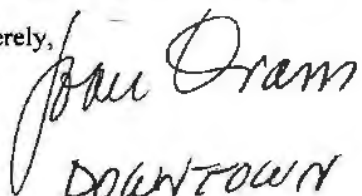
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Name:

*Kyle Shaw*

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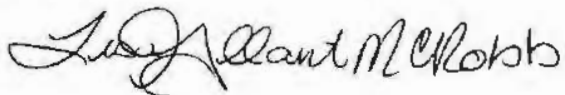
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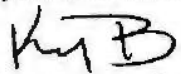
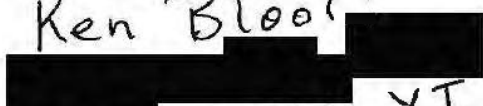
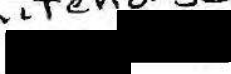
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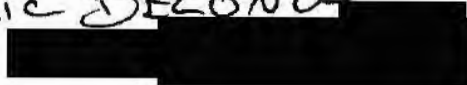
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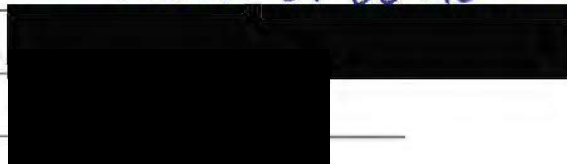
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Isiah Sookkum

Address:



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Name: CONRAD MACALINO

Address:

WHITEHORSE YT

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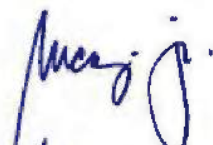
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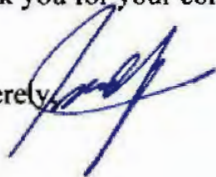
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Address: [REDACTED]  
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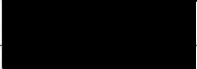
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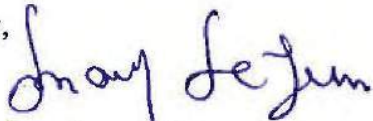
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Mark De Leon

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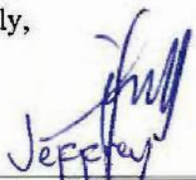
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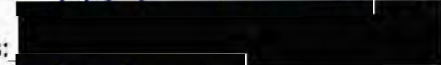
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Address: [REDACTED] WHITEHORSE

Y.T.

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*J Shear*      *Aug 13 / 2026.*  
*Jody Shear*



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*Bullseye Contracting*

[Redacted Signature Block]  
*[Handwritten Signature]*  
[Redacted Signature Block]

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EMAIL: [publicinput@whitehorse.ca](mailto:publicinput@whitehorse.ca) CC: [REDACTED]  
DATE: August 21, 2026 PLACE: Whitehorse, Yukon

**Re.: Support for Official Community Plan Amendment – Bylaw 2026-25**

Dear Mayor Cameron and Members of Council for the city of Whitehorse,

My name is Rick Zuran and I lived on [REDACTED] for 22 years and now live in the Marsh Lake area (16 years). I am an independent Geologist. I have attended 3 past public sittings regarding the Gladiator Metals project – and additionally; 3 open public information events hosted by Gladiator Metals.

8000 years ago, the Ojibwa natives mined native copper in the Keweenaw, Michigan and hammered the copper into arrowheads, fish hooks and awls to hunt food and make clothing and shelter. 4,400 years ago bronze was made with copper as it was ideal for marine hardware and triggered a network of trade routes supplying goods within the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern regions. Today there are 34 critical minerals and metals recognized by the Canadian Federal and Territorial governments considered vital for green and the digital economy – as well as being vital to global supply chains. Copper is included in the top six core elements. Exploration and mining is truly a primary pillar of civilization.

Every time you plug in your E-bike or EV to charge; your coffee machine, kettle, electric heat pump, solar panels, electric stove to cook your food or even listening to Neil Young or Billie Eilish through ear buds – it is the copper wire that brings it to you and makes it all happen. All houses built have tens to hundreds of feet of copper wire hidden behind walls connecting your light switches, electrical outlets, etc.....we need housing in this city.

I have never seen Whitehorse this overwhelmed with more and more people coming to this city yet we have fewer and fewer places to explore for metals. There is more poverty, crime and less prosperity for our youth and we are technically in a recession. I have witnessed the strategies of the last 30 some years of anti-development groups creating an atmosphere of less and less areas to do exploration; – it truly is economic suicide as our best card to play in this country are our resources.

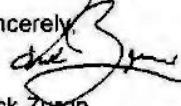
As an experienced industry geologist I am encouraged by the communication between the city, first nations, the large local component of the operator and owner reflecting good management, and responsible operation through mitigation and project adjustments – this is key. Deposits within the Whitehorse Copper Belt cannot be moved. History has proven that if the locals do not develop their own resources – someone else will.

In closing, I refer to the Norway model as a promising reason why we should move forward on the Whitehorse Copper Belt. In 1969 Norway began an oil exploration program in the North Sea. It was challenging, there were sacrifices, and there were many protests to shut it down during the 70's, 80's and '90's. Through good management of the resources, financing and royalties; today Norway has saved 1.8 trillion dollars from their resource wealth fund. The very activists that tried to halt the project several times over the decades – their sons and daughters now have free university education, and Norway is second in the world on the quality of life index – Canada is 13<sup>th</sup>.

I care not just for myself but for the prosperity of our youth in Whitehorse. I am in support of Gladiators' exploration program including the OCP amendment ByLaw 2026-25.

I thank the mayor of Whitehorse and city councilors for allowing me to address my concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Rick Zuran  
Geologist  
38 year long term resident of the Yukon Territory

[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, Y.T.  
[REDACTED]



August 22, 2026

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As Managing Director and Owner of Discovery Yukon Lodgings, I've seen directly how exploration activity benefits our business. Our location in a mineral-rich region, combined with our runway infrastructure, has extended our operating season and given us a customer base that isn't solely dependent on leisure travel — a real advantage in a short-season tourism economy. We intend to keep positioning Discovery Yukon Lodgings as infrastructure support for the mining industry, not just a summer stop.

Mineral exploration supports jobs, local businesses, and investment across Whitehorse and the Yukon. This amendment strikes a reasonable balance between enabling that activity and maintaining municipal oversight. I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

As you may be aware of my community involvement, I want to be clear I'm submitting this letter solely as a small business owner running a seasonal hospitality operation that depends in part on mineral development — not on behalf of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce or Yukon Venture Angels.

Sincerely,

Dylan Soo  
Managing Director and Owner, Discovery Yukon Lodgings

DISCOVERY YUKON LODGINGS — CABINS, RV + TENT SITES:

YUKON GPS EMAIL: [REDACTED]  
TELEPHONE (MAY-OCTOBER) MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED] BEAVER CREEK, YUKON



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July 31st, 2026

Attention: Publicinput@whitehorse.ca

Re: 2026-25: Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit limited forms of Mineral Exploration within the Future Planning designation.

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A project that creates well-paying private-sector jobs while supporting local businesses would strengthen Whitehorse's economy and provide opportunities that benefit residents across the city.

I want to continue building my life in Whitehorse while earning a reliable living in an industry that offers meaningful training, professional development, and long-term career opportunities. Expanding employment options outside of the public sector helps create a more resilient and balanced local economy.

I ask that any decisions made reflect meaningful collaboration with and respect for the wishes of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation.

Whitehorse is in a unique position to benefit from a nearby copper deposit. Copper is listed as one of Canada's Critical Minerals. Whitehorse and the Yukon could carry out exploration using modern environmental standards and responsible practices and I encourage Mayor and Council to continue working with Gladiator Metals.

Sincerely,

  
MICHAEL WHITE

[Redacted address block]

Cc

[Redacted email addresses]



July 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

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Whitehorse is in a fortunate position. The City benefits from a nearby copper deposit where exploration is carried out responsibly, and where strong environmental standards can be maintained and enforced locally, alongside other regulatory bodies. As an Industry worker, I believe responsible mineral exploration can create well-paying private-sector jobs, support local businesses, and strengthen Whitehorse's economy. I enjoy living in Whitehorse, near family and friends, and I love working here in an industry that offers long-term career opportunities and professional growth.

Thank you for considering my opinion,



Chris Cleave



Cc  

19<sup>th</sup> August 2026

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Address: [REDACTED]

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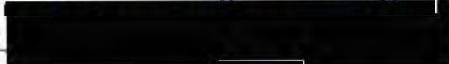
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*Robinson Subdivision*



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P.J.

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[REDACTED], Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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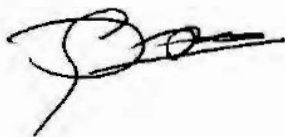
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*Grazia Igorota*

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July 31st, 2026

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Dear Mayor and Council:

As someone employed in the resource sector, I recognize the value that responsible mineral exploration can bring to our community. I encourage you to support Amendment 2026-25. I encourage Mayor and Council to recognize the mineral sector as an important part of a strong and diversified economy for both Whitehorse and the Yukon.

A project that creates well-paying private-sector jobs while supporting local businesses would strengthen Whitehorse's economy and provide opportunities that benefit residents across the city.

I want to continue building my life in Whitehorse while earning a reliable living in an industry that offers meaningful training, professional development, and long-term career opportunities. Expanding employment options outside of the public sector helps create a more resilient and balanced local economy.

I ask that any decisions made reflect meaningful collaboration with and respect for the wishes of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation.

Whitehorse is in a unique position to benefit from a nearby copper deposit. Copper is listed as one of Canada's Critical Minerals. Whitehorse and the Yukon could carry out exploration using modern environmental standards and responsible practices and I encourage Mayor and Council to continue working with Gladiator Metals.

Sincerely,

LLOYD CAITHCART

[REDACTED]

WHITEHORSE [REDACTED]

*Lloyd Caithcart*

Cc: [REDACTED]



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where the best place  
is for policy and plans.  
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My name is Danièle Héon. I've been living in Mary Lake since 1995. I am a geologist and I've worked in the Copper Belt for both government and industry.

I support this proposed amendment to the extent that it would finally normalize mineral exploration within the City: a traditional Yukon activity, regulated by processes agreed to under the Umbrella Final Agreement, and that has been taking place in the City for decades.

I'm a technical person and usually bring forward neutral facts to inform the general debate. But today, I regret that I have to focus on clarifying the situation, and countering the exaggerated and alarmist messaging publicized by the serial objectors to this amendment. I come from an honest place of grief for what is happening to our community. The relentless allegations and twisted messaging coming from this inflexible adversarial stance is exhausting and disheartening to me. Our social landscape right now does not reflect a healthy community discourse, where all parties jostle to reach a compromise. The serial objectors just want to ban exploration, no compromise in sight, no matter the human cost. I do not believe that their reasoning justifies the extinction of the exploration or mining community.

The City's newfound role as a regulator has opened the door to influence by serial objectors who posit that any mineral activity poses extraordinary threats to the environment and therefore should be banned—I believe their allegations are unsubstantiated and have not been vetted by democratically accepted regulatory bodies sanctioned under the UFA, such as EMR and YESAB. They instill unreasonable fears in an uninformed public and inflame further polarization. Intolerance and entitlement have reached toxic proportions. This strategy serves the anti-mining lobby well, but I do not think that it serves the long-term needs of our community at all. As a regulator, the City now has to respond to an unending litany of complaints, without having the internal technical capacity to evaluate them. Decisions are guided by the court of public opinion fuelled by biased messaging and by non-statistical surveys. I care deeply for this community, including those who don't agree with me. We all lose if our social contract is broken and if we let an angry mob mentality discriminate against a specific social group. This is the greater threat and even YESAB can't regulate that.

city council took on responsibility but I hear lack of mandate  
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To the request to re-designate three parcels, The Keewana open pit, the stripped Gem area, and the Arctic Chief open pit are not Greenspace, they are industrial areas. The City administrators agree that they were incorrectly mapped and propose changing the designation to Future Planning. I do however take exception to the Cowley Creek association's alarmist, inflammatory, and misleading statement that Gladiator seeks to allow mining exploration in Greenspace and ESAs. The designations for these areas are simply changed to reflect actual ground conditions.

I support the request to allow mineral exploration in areas designated as Future Planning, as I believe that regulated mineral exploration can be conducted in respect of natural and social values and bring benefit to the community, economically and otherwise.

To the objections and concerns brought forward by the serial objectors.

Please be aware that the Cowley Creek residents successfully managed to shut down the Kara Speedway, a race track that operated for 30 years, and later opposed the Yukon Horse and Rider Association application. Development can happen elsewhere but not there.

To the objection that noise levels interfere with sleep, why have the serial objectors so far refused the noise monitoring devices offered by Gladiator. Two houses on or near city limits report hearing no noise whatsoever with the drill turning. The sleep-disturbing noise must therefore not come from the drill behind Cowley Creek.

The other drill is located at the Cub zones and the closest houses there are almost 2 km away. How far would a motor have to be to not disturb this household? Who else in Whitehorse City limits has the luxury to have nobody making noise for 2 km? I truly empathize but I would hope a site-specific solution could be found, instead of lobbying to shut down an industry in a 30-km belt, most of it away from residences.

The serial objectors advocate that the groundwater quality is threatened by exploration drilling and that radon will be released in dangerous amounts. I do not believe this and I certainly don't trust an angry group of fearful residents to be accurate evaluators of those threats.

Since the concerns keep on shifting and since there seems to be no appetite for solutions, I believe that their concern is actually about fear of constraints their unlimited access to undisturbed

problem with original mapping

I support this

not really have expectations all the time  
LUP changes OCP  
why not allow explor.

exploration was allowed up until the latest OCP.

fully permitted EMR + YESAR. very careful

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assume no disturbance can be tolerable

because this affects only there is only 2 are proposed because all claims are held by one owner.

Grader  
burnt cut forest.

all recovered in the past 125 years.

not the problem with the mapping / designations of the area.

I don't think this is a big change, even when you consider the other

we can preserve + protect should include exploration  
I would like to address

only to see mandated boards evaluate these risks, not private

why

holds

they want everything planned locked in stone



recreation. The irony is that the serial objectors are opposing the very activities that created all the trails and swimming holes that we are all enjoying now. A common-sense position would be to accept to temporarily recreate elsewhere, if we don't want to bump into a drill, and choose another of the more than 1000 km of trails Whitehorse has to offer.

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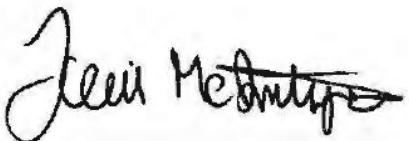
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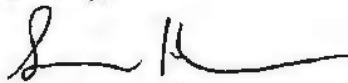
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*Whitehorse*

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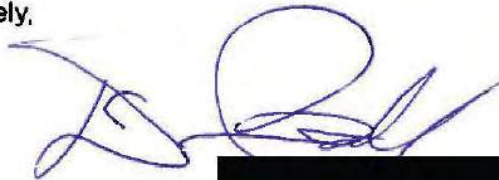
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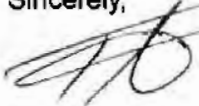
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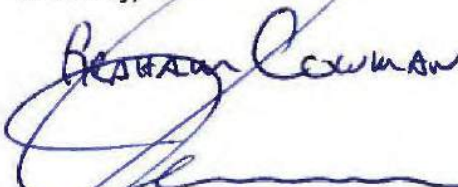
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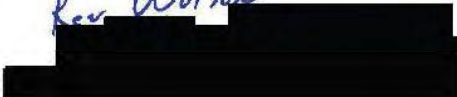
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Signature:

*Pamela Zaccarelli*

Name:

*Pam & Scott Zaccarelli*

Address:

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Name: Douglas Berg  
Address: Whitehorse  
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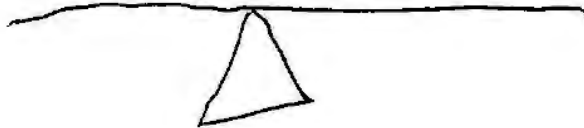
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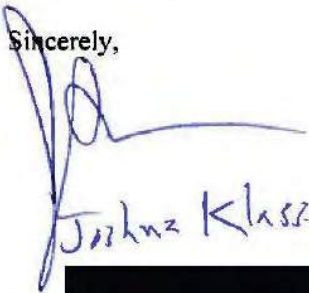
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William Kennedy 24/08/2026



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NAME: Terrid Horack

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*K. Graham*

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Whitehorse Yukon





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Address: [REDACTED]  
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Name: Shawn Ledret

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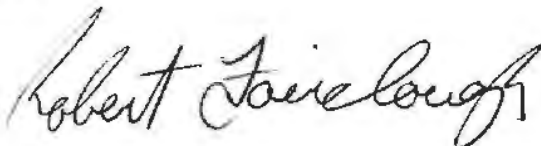
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**Norman McIntyre**

**Whitehorse, YT**

August 21, 2026

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As a small business owner in Whitehorse I support mineral exploration as it supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon.

I also support the development of critical minerals as an import step in ensuring Canada's independence with respect to supply chains in manufacturing.

I believe this amendment provides a reasonable and balanced approach to considering temporary mineral exploration while maintaining appropriate municipal oversight.

I encourage Council to adopt Bylaw 2026-25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Catherine Marangu

**841637 Yukon Inc.**

**Whitehorse, YT**

August 21, 2026

Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse  
2121 Second Avenue  
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1C2

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Our company is 100% indigenous owned and we depend on ongoing development in the Whitehorse area to maintain our revenue stream and we can continue support local business with our expenditures.

Mineral exploration and the related spin off effects supports local jobs, businesses, and investment in Whitehorse and across the Yukon which in turn supports our business. This will be of more importance as government procurement is reduced in the face of fiscal deficits.

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Sincerely,



Kynan McIntyre  
Director, 841637 Yukon Inc.

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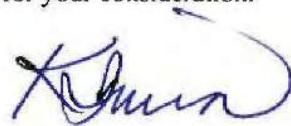
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Sincerely,

*C. Warren*

*Catherine Warren*



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Name: Gary Smith.  
Address: Whitehorse  
Date: Aug 23/2026

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

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Gary Smith

Name: *Nathan*

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: *Aug 21, 2023*

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*[Signature]*

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Address: [REDACTED] Whitehorse  
Date: Aug 22 2026

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Name: *Sunny Wolsynak*  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Date: *09 22 2026*

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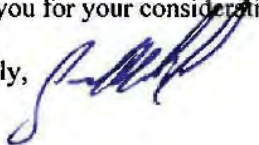
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Name: PASCAL GEMPEL  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Date: 28 Aug 2016

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Name: Jacob Lyon  
Address: [REDACTED] business function  
Date: 08/27/20

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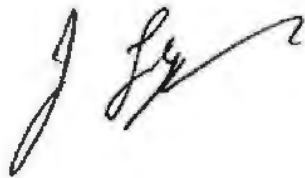
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Sincerely,



Name: *Scott Turner*

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: *08/22/26*

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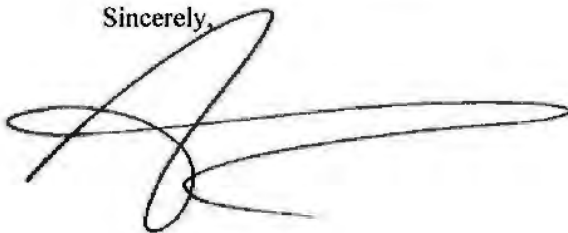
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Name: Michael Atkins

Address: [REDACTED], Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

Date: Aug 22, 2020.

To: Mayor and Council  
City of Whitehorse

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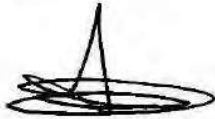
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Michael Atkins



Name: Tyler Ju

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: Aug 22 / 2026

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Sincerely,

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Name: Elysia Turner  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Date: Aug. 22 2026

To: Mayor and Council  
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Sincerely,

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14<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

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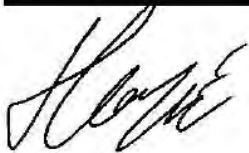
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Sincerely,

HOWARD COYNE  
WHITEHORSE YUKON RESIDENT  
[REDACTED], RIVERDALE



John (Jack) Coyne

Whitehorse, YT

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Re: Support for OCP Amendment 2026-25**

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is John Coyne. I am a born and raised Yukoner who has contributed to responsible mineral exploration and resource sector projects near Whitehorse and throughout the Territory, my whole life.

Whitehorse is exceptionally positioned in the proximity of a mineral deposit, and more remarkably so to copper, a recognized critical mineral in Canada. The City has an opportunity to participate in mineral exploration conducted in accordance with modern environmental standards and responsible practices, right here in the Copper Belt.

Expanding employment opportunities outside the public sector can contribute to diversifying the local job market; it can decrease dependence on government employment and promote long-term economic stability and growth. Private sector jobs build a more resilient, varied, and balanced economy in the Yukon, while also incentivizing young workers to stay in the region.

I support OCP Amendment 2026-25 and encourage Whitehorse Mayor and Council to continue engaging and working constructively with Gladiator Metals.

I also urge Mayor and Council to demonstrate genuine collaboration with and respect for the wishes of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. It is essential that First Nation voices are prioritized throughout the process, outcomes, and benefits of such projects.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

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John Coyne

24th

To: Mayor and Council  
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Sincerely, *Shahram KAZEMI*



*[Handwritten signature]*

*Aug 22/2026*



24 / 08 / 2026.

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Sincerely, *Arthur Stenson*

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24/08/2026 .

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20<sup>th</sup> August 2026

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Name:

Brandon Hindley 

Address:



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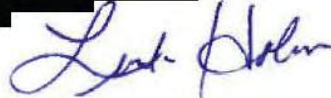
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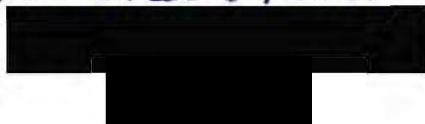
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Sincerely,

Amanda Holm

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Sincerely,

  
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Sincerely,

*Rachel F. Simmons*

[Redacted]

*White S.T.*

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24/08/2026 .

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Sincerely,

  
Glenn Piwowar  
  
Whitehorse



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Sincerely,

*Kathy Twomey*

[Redacted]

*Whitehorse, Y.T.*

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24/08/2020

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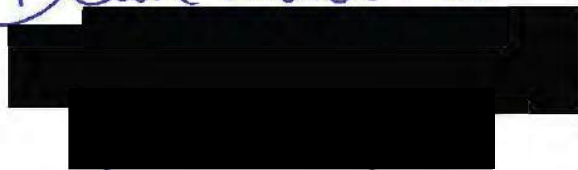
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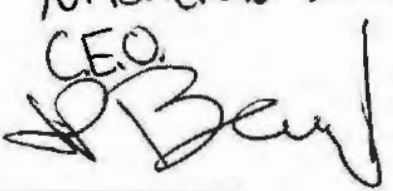
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Sincerely,

Jean-Paul Berrel  
Yukoncrete Inc.  
CEO  


  
Whitehorse, YT  




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Whitehorse, YT

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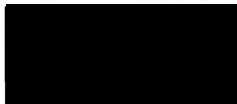
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Sincerely,

Pat Berrel  




Whitehorse YT



24 / 08 / 2026 .

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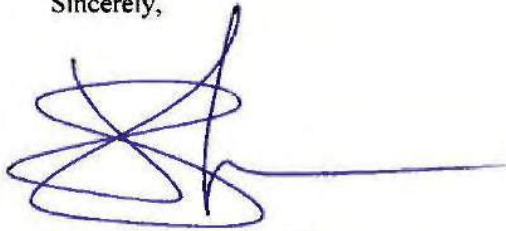
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Joanna Shewen

[Redacted address line]

Whitehorse YT.

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Sincerely,

*Shaun Rudolph*  
*President, Cobalt Construction*



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Cole Gurin  
Whitehorse Resident



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Sincerely, *Ricky Comeau*, Resident of [REDACTED]  
*Cowley Creek. I have no issues with them drillings, I walk in the trail close from them, they are not disturbing nothing at any point and im 100% for the activity.*

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SARAH ATTOU

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Even when I go hiking in the area where exploration is taking place, with children and pets, we don't encounter any disturbances.

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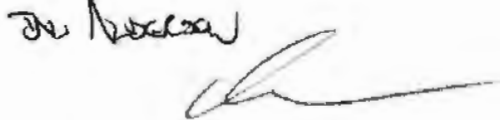
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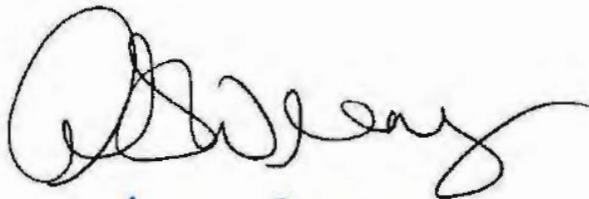
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Anna Sweeney

Whitehorse, YT



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*Mehaldeep Kaur*

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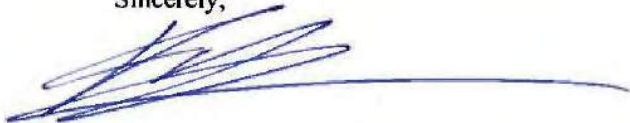
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**KEVIN MACDONALD  
LAWYER**

**Whitehorse, YT**

24 / 08 / 2026 .

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**GRANT MACDONALD**  
**LAWYER**  
[REDACTED]  
Whitehorse, YT [REDACTED]

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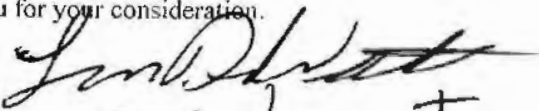
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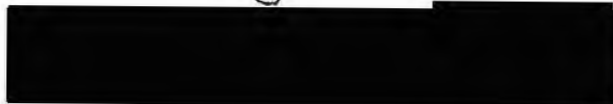
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Aug. 24/26



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RAY KITZ

WHITEHORSE Y.T.

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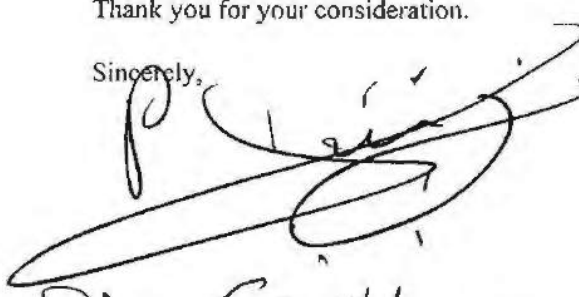
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Aug. 24<sup>TH</sup> 2026.  
Phil Gairni

WHSE

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Whitehorse

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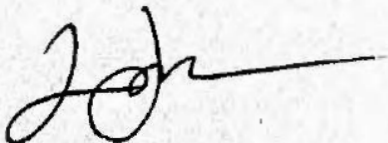
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Sincerely,

Name: Liam Ferguson

Signature:



Address:



Whitehorse, YT



24/08/2026 .

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Name: EMMA CURTIS

Address: 

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Address: 

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Name: Simon Haussard

Address: 

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Signature:

Name:

Address:

*James Kulych*  
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*Whitehorse, Yukon.*



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Signature: 

Name: Clinton Abel

Address:  Whitehorse, Y.T. 

14<sup>th</sup> August 2026

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Sincerely,

*Diane Pachiora*

DIANE PACHIORA

[REDACTED]

WHITEHORSE, Yukon

[REDACTED]

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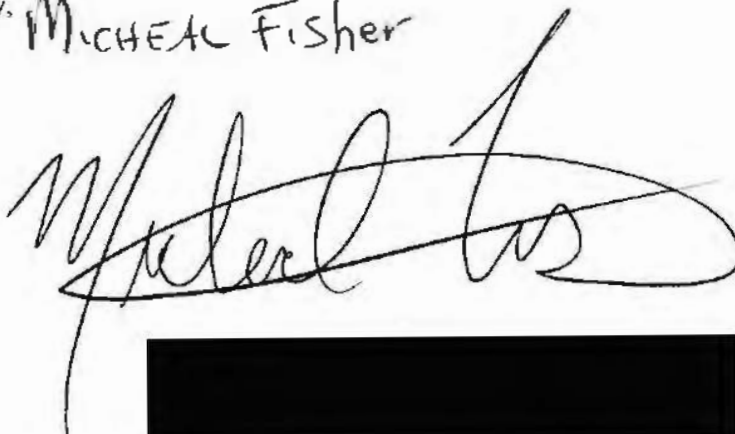
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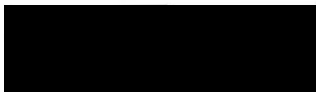
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Sincerely, MICHAEL FISHER

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Whitehorse Yukon

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Ty Hassard



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Kathleen Lanigan 





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Bradley Munro  
WHITEHORSE, CITY.

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*Brett Walchuk*

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*PRESTON VOWK*  
*P. Vowk*

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CHARLES NAINGBOLAN



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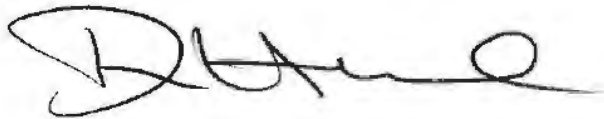
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DEAN HASSARD



WHITEHORSE, YUKON

Email: publicinput@whitehorse.ca  
CC: [REDACTED]

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*Aug 21/26*

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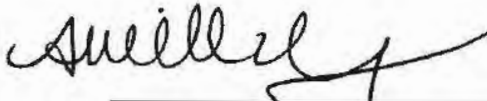
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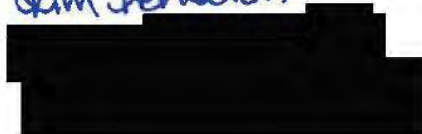
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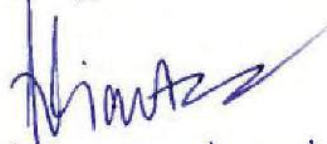
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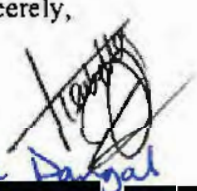
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Thank you for your attention,

Graeme Poile  
Riverdale resident and homeowner + tax payer  
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