MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2026-18 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

ALSO PRESENT:	City Manager	David Barrick
	Director of Community Services	Krista Mroz
	Director of Corporate Services	Valerie Braga
	Director of Development Services	Lindsay Schneider
	A/Director of Operations	Robert Dickson
	Director of People, Culture, and Technology	Landon Kulych

*Indicates electronic participation.

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

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

2026-18-01

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

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

2026-18-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated September 28, 2026 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS

Lucille Stuart – Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Mineral Exploration and Development Framework

Lucille Stuart spoke in opposition to the proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw amendments to implement the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework, particularly the inclusion of the Wolf Creek area as an area where mineral exploration is allowed.

Trevor Braun spoke in opposition to the proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw amendments to implement the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework, requesting more than one public engagement opportunity should the bylaws move forward.

Trevor Braun - Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Mineral Exploration and Development Framework

Jonas Smith, Executive Director of the Yukon Chamber of Mines raised concerns with the proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw amendments to implement the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework, urging Council to refer this item back to staff for further review.

Jonas Smith, Executive Director, Yukon Chamber of Mines – Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Mineral Exploration and Development Framework

Marcus Harden, President of Gladiator Metals, spoke in opposition to the proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw amendments to implement the Mineral Exploration and Development Framework, urging Council to review and refine the proposed tiers and procedures before advancing the bylaws.

Marcus Harden, President, Gladiator Metals – Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Mineral Exploration and Development Framework

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

Community Services Committee

As requested by a Committee member, Administration provided a brief synopsis of the events and activities hosted for Seniors' Day.

New Business – Seniors' Day

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed October 2026 to be Dyslexia Awareness Month in the city of Whitehorse, a time to raise awareness about dyslexia and foster an inclusive, empathetic, and supportive community.

Proclamation – Dyslexia Awareness Month (October 2026)

Public Health and Safety Committee

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

No Report

Corporate Services Committee

Administration presented information regarding the 2025 City of Whitehorse Annual Report that was released to the public on September 28, 2026. The Annual Report includes progress on Council's six Strategic Priorities, significant events and initiatives from 2025, and the City's audited financial reports, plus key financial and statistical information. As requested, Administration provided additional information about the City's reserves and long-term financial planning.

2025 City of Whitehorse Annual Report – For Information Only

City Planning Committee

2026-18-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2026-25, a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan to enable limited forms of Mineral Exploration within select areas currently designated as Greenspace, be amended at second reading and proceed through the bylaw process.

Carried Unanimously

Public Hearing Report – Official Community Plan Amendment – Mineral Exploration

2026-18-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the matter be referred back to Administration to be returned in one month to gather more information about technical consultation options.

Carried Unanimously

Official Community Plan Amendment and Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Mineral Exploration and Development Framework

Delegate Tory Russell presented to Council regarding risk assessment and source water protection planning as part of the mineral exploration and development framework. In response to questions from Committee members, the delegate discussed applying this planning across the city and considerations related to existing territorial regulations.

Delegate Tory Russell – Source Water Protection Planning

Development Services Committee

2026-18-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council request the Government of Yukon implement a 15-year extension to the current prohibition order (OIC 2012/145), restricting quartz claim mineral staking in the City of Whitehorse.

Carried Unanimously

Mineral Staking Prohibition Extension

BYLAWS

2026-18-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-25, a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan to enable limited forms of Mineral Exploration within select areas currently designated as Greenspace, be given Second Reading.

Defeated (3-4)

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

BYLAW 2026-25
Official Community Plan Amendment – Mineral Exploration
SECOND READING

2026-18-07

BYLAW 2026-26
Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment – Third Quarter
THIRD READING

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-26, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw in accordance with the third quarter review, be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Kirk Cameron, Mayor

Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2026-19