CITY OF WHITEHORSE **DATE:** Monday, October 26, 2026
REGULAR Council Meeting #**2026-19** **TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Kirk Cameron
Deputy Mayor Jenny Hamilton
Reserve Deputy Mayor Lenore Morris

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA Adoption

PROCLAMATIONS

MINUTES Regular Council meeting dated October 13, 2026

DELEGATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Operations Committee – *Councillors Morris and Boyd*

Community Services Committee – *Councillors Gallina and Melnychuk*

1. Downtown Trail Plan Adoption

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

Corporate Services Committee – *Councillors Melnychuk and Middler*

1. 2026 - 2027 Council Appointments
2. Upcoming Procurements (November/December) – For Information Only
3. Budget Amendment – Long-term Water Infrastructure Upgrades

City Planning Committee – *Councillors Middler and Hamilton*

1. Highland Estates Master Plan
2. Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Short-term Rental Development Permit Grace Period

Development Services Committee – *Councillors Hamilton and Morris*

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BYLAWS

2026-35 Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Short-Term Rental Development Permit Grace Period 1st Reading

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2026-19

Minutes of the meeting of the

City Operations Committee

Date	October 19, 2026	2026-19
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Lenore Morris - Chair Mayor Kirk Cameron *Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Paolo Gallina Councillor Jenny Hamilton Councillor Eileen Melnychuk Councillor Anne Middler	
Staff Present	David Barrick, City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Development Services Robert Dickson, A/Director of Operations Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology	

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

1. New Business – Snow and Ice Control Policy Suggestions Follow-Up

A Committee member asked whether Administration had reviewed additional suggestions from the Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition following recent amendments to the Snow and Ice Control Policy. Administration confirmed that the review is ongoing and that, while some suggested improvements could be accommodated through existing operations, others may require additional infrastructure and capital funding. A response will be provided to Council once the review is complete.

Minutes of the meeting of the

Community Services Committee

Date	October 19, 2026	2026-19
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Paolo Gallina - Chair Mayor Kirk Cameron *Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Jenny Hamilton Councillor Eileen Melnychuk Councillor Anne Middler Councillor Lenore Morris	
Staff Present	David Barrick, City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Development Services Robert Dickson, A/Director of Operations Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology Jocelyn Gray, Manager, Parks	

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

1. Downtown Trail Plan Adoption

Administration presented the proposed Downtown Trail Plan, which establishes a framework for trail development, use, and maintenance. Committee members discussed trail connectivity, the Airport Perimeter Trail, waterfront improvements, pedestrian crossings, and active transportation safety. Concerns were raised regarding the representation of potential future trail connections, opportunities for additional stakeholder engagement, and associated capital requirements. Committee members requested time for additional consideration and discussion with Administration.

The Recommendation of the Community Services Committee is

THAT Council refer the 2026 Downtown Trail Plan back to Administration for further consideration, with the plan to return before the end of 2026.

2. New Business – Yukon University Trail User Status Concerns

Committee members requested that Administration review the specific questions and recommendations raised by a delegate regarding the Yukon University Trail and return to Council with an analysis and options for consideration.

3. Delegate Keith Lay, Active Trails Whitehorse Association – Yukon University Trail User Status Concerns

The delegate raised concerns regarding changes to the permitted use of the Yukon University Trail, including the removal of signage restricting snowmobile use without public consultation. The delegation questioned the application of the Snowmobile Bylaw and the recognition of environmentally sensitive areas, and requested that the City restore signage, ensure environmental restrictions are enforceable, or amend the bylaw to exclude the trail from snowmobile use.

4. Delegate Peter Long - Downtown trail Plan

The delegate raised concerns about gaps in the proposed Downtown Trail Plan, including the Airport Perimeter Trail, missing trail connections, and accessibility. The delegation recommended improvements to waterfront trails, measures to address conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists, and reconsideration of proposed pedestrian bridge locations to better connect downtown with surrounding neighbourhoods.

Minutes of the meeting of the

Public Health and Safety Committee

Date	October 19, 2026	2026-19
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Paolo Gallina - Chair Mayor Kirk Cameron *Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Jenny Hamilton Councillor Eileen Melnychuk Councillor Anne Middler Councillor Lenore Morris	
Staff Present	David Barrick, City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Development Services Robert Dickson, A/Director of Operations Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology	

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Your Worship, the Public Health and Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. New Business – Public Washrooms

Following a delegation regarding public washroom availability, a Committee member asked about options for providing year-round and 24-hour public washroom access in the downtown area. Administration advised that public washroom availability is being considered as part of ongoing community safety planning involving the City, Government of Yukon, and other partners.

2. Delegate Michelle Stimson, Poverty and Homelessness Action Week

Michelle Stimson spoke about Poverty and Homelessness Action Week, emphasizing community action and accountability. The delegate presented findings identifying gaps in downtown public washroom availability and requested additional year-round accessible facilities, extended hours, improved signage, and collaboration with governments and businesses.

Minutes of the meeting of the

Corporate Services Committee

Date	October 19, 2026	2026-19
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Eileen Melnychuk - Chair Mayor Kirk Cameron *Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Paolo Gallina Councillor Jenny Hamilton Councillor Anne Middler Councillor Lenore Morris	
Staff Present	David Barrick, City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Development Services Robert Dickson, A/Director of Operations Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology Michael Prowse, Manager, Legislative Services Svetlana Erickson, Manager, Financial Services Gareth Earl, A/Manager, Engineering Services	

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

1. 2026 – 2027 Committee Appointments

Committee members expressed support for the proposed Standing Committee and Deputy Mayor appointments. Following discussion, Councillors Hamilton and Melnychuk were identified for appointment to the Association of Yukon Communities, and Councillor Middler to the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce.

The Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is

THAT Council approve the 2026–2027 Council appointments as presented, with Councillors Jenny Hamilton and Eileen Melnychuk appointed as representatives to the Association of Yukon Communities and Councillor Anne Middler appointed as the representative to the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce.

2. Upcoming Procurements (November/December) – For Information Only

Administration presented an overview of three anticipated procurements valued at more than $100,000 for November and December 2026. Committee members sought clarification regarding the procurement of escarpment slope scanning services. Administration confirmed that the City currently contracts these services and that a new procurement would be undertaken to continue the work following the expiry of the existing contract.

3. Budget Amendment – Long-term Water Infrastructure Upgrades

Administration presented a proposed $475,000 budget amendment to begin rehabilitation of existing groundwater wells, prioritizing Well 5N due to its deteriorating mechanical condition. Committee members questioned whether the work could be deferred pending further discussion and if the Government of Yukon has confirmed its contribution. Administration advised that repairs to Well 5N were urgent and that delaying the work could affect the City's ability to complete repairs in 2026. Administration confirmed that territorial funding had not yet been confirmed.

The Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is

THAT Council amend the 2026-2029 Capital Expenditure Program to create a new project for Long-Term Water Infrastructure Upgrades in the amount of $475,000 in 2026, funded by $356,250 from the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund and $118,750 from City reserves.

Minutes of the meeting of the

City Planning Committee

Date	October 19, 2026	2026-19
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Anne Middler - Chair Mayor Kirk Cameron *Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Jenny Hamilton Councillor Eileen Melnychuk Councillor Lenore Morris	
Absent	Councillor Paolo Gallina	
Staff Present	David Barrick, City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Development Services Robert Dickson, A/Director of Operations Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology Mathieu Marois, Senior Planner, Planning and Sustainability Services Darcy McCord, Senior Planner, Planning and Sustainability Services	

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

1. Highland Estates Master Plan

Administration presented the revised Highland Estates Master Plan, incorporating Council's previous direction regarding road standards, Residential – Country 2 zoning, and lot-specific geotechnical assessments. Committee members raised concerns regarding the proposed road's 12% grade, emergency access, increased traffic through Lobird Mobile Home Park, and the suitability of the lots for private servicing. Administration provided clarification regarding road design and oversight, consultation with Kwanlin Dün First Nation, and further geotechnical assessments required at the rezoning stage.

The Recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

THAT Council approve the Highland Estates Master Plan.

2. Zoning Amendment – Highland Estates

At the applicants request and through Council amendment, the item “Zoning Amendment – Highland Estates” was removed from the agenda.

3. Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Short-Term Rental Development Permit Grace Period

Administration presented a proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment to extend the development permit grace period for short-term rentals until April 1, 2027, consistent with Council's previously adopted policy. The amendment would take effect retroactively from October 1, 2026, and allow operators to obtain development permits during the grace period.

The Recommendation of the City Planning Committee is

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2026-35, a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw to implement a Development Permit grace period for short-term rentals, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Minutes of the meeting of the

Development Services Committee

Date	October 19, 2026	2026-19
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Jenny Hamilton - Chair Mayor Kirk Cameron *Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Anne Middler Councillor Eileen Melnychuk Councillor Lenore Morris	
Absent	Councillor Paolo Gallina	
Staff Present	David Barrick, City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of Development Services Robert Dickson, A/Director of Operations Landon Kulych, Director of People, Culture, and Technology	

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Kirk Cameron, Mayor

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Corporate Services

CITY OF WHITEHORSE

BYLAW 2026-35

A bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 2025-37

WHEREAS section 289 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a zoning bylaw may prohibit, regulate and control the use and development of land and buildings in a municipality; and

WHEREAS section 294 of the *Municipal Act* provides for amendment of the Zoning Bylaw; and

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable that the City of Whitehorse Zoning Bylaw be amended to implement a Development Permit grace period for short-term rentals;

NOW THEREFORE the council of the municipality of the City of Whitehorse, in open meeting assembled, hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 2.2 of Zoning Bylaw 2025-37 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection 2.2(2) as follows:

   "(2) Until April 1, 2027, a short-term rental may operate without a development permit. After April 1, 2027, a development permit is required for all short-term rentals, including short-term rentals established before April 1, 2027. The Development Officer may issue a development permit before April 1, 2027, for a short-term rental that complies with all other applicable provisions of this bylaw."

2. This bylaw is deemed to have come into force and effect on October 1, 2026.

FIRST READING:
PUBLIC NOTICE:
PUBLIC HEARING:
SECOND READING:
THIRD READING and **ADOPTION**:

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Kirk Cameron, Mayor

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Corporate Services