MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2026-19 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, October 26, 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

2026-19-01

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

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

2026-19-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated October 13, 2026 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Operations Committee

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.

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

Community Services Committee

2026-19-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council refer the 2026 Downtown Trail Plan back to Administration for further consideration, with the plan to return before the end of 2026.

Carried Unanimously

Downtown Trail Plan Adoption

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..

New Business – Yukon University Trail User Status Concerns

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

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

Public Health and Safety Committee

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.

New Business – Public Washrooms

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.

Delegate Michelle Stimson – Poverty and Homelessness Action Week

Corporate Services Committee

2026-19-04

It was duly moved and seconded
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.

Carried Unanimously

2026 – 2027 Committee Appointments

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

Upcoming Procurements (November/December) – For Information Only

2026-19-05

It was duly moved and seconded
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.

Carried Unanimously

Budget Amendment – Long-term Water Infrastructure Upgrades

City Planning Committee

2026-19-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council approve the Highland Estates Master Plan.

Carried Unanimously

Highland Estates Master Plan

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

Zoning Amendment – Highland Estates

2026-19-07

It was duly moved and seconded
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.

Carried Unanimously

Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Short-term Rental Development Permit Grace Period

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

BYLAWS

2026-19-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2026-35, a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw to implement a Development Permit grace period for short-term rentals, be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2026-35
Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Short-term Rental Development Permit Grace Period
FIRST READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE CITY OF WHITEHORSE 19 50

Kirk Cameron, Mayor

Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2026-20