

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2019-03 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillors Dan Boyd – Electronic Participation
Laura Cabott
Jocelyn Curteanu
Samson Hartland
Stephen Roddick
Jan Stick

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Linda Rapp
Director of Community and Recreation Services Jeff O’Farrell
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Director of Infrastructure and Operations Peter O’Blenes
Manager of Financial Services Lindsay Schneider
Manager of Legislative Services Catherine Constable
Acting Manager of Strategic Communications Myles Dolphin
Assistant City Clerk Norma Felker

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

CALL TO ORDER

2019-03-01

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

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Curtis proclaimed February 28, 2019 to be ***Rare Disease Day***
in the City of Whitehorse.

PROCLAMATION

2019-03-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated January 28,
2019 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

January 28, 2019

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Health and Safety Committee

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

No Report

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

Corporate Services Committee

2019-03-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Breastfeeding in City Premises Policy dated February 2019 be adopted as presented.

BREASTFEEDING IN
CITY PREMISES POLICY

Carried Unanimously

City Planning Committee

2019-03-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2018-55, a bylaw to amend the zoning of a parcel of vacant Yukon land to allow for a lot expansion at 1 Roderick Place in Hidden Valley, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
BYLAW 2018-55
Zoning Amendment
1 Roderick Place

Carried Unanimously

2019-03-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2018-57, a bylaw to allow a child care centre as a principal use at Days Inn, located at 2288 Second Avenue, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
BYLAW 2018-57
Zoning Amendment
Days Inn Child Care Centre

Carried Unanimously

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

Community Services Committee

2019-03-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the 2018 Rotary Park playground replacement project #740c00217 be re-budgeted to 2019 in the amount of \$217,042; and,
THAT the 2019 to 2022 capital expenditure program be amended by increasing 2019 Rotary Park Playground Replacement project #740c00217 in the amount of \$180,000, funded by Gas Tax.

RE-BUDGET TO 2019
AND INCREASE BUDGET
ROTARY PARK
PLAYGROUND
REPLACEMENT

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

2019-03-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2018-55, a bylaw to amend the zoning of a parcel of vacant Yukon land in Hidden Valley to allow for a lot expansion at 1 Roderick Place, be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2018-55
ZONING AMENDMENT
1 Roderick Place
SECOND READING

2019-03-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2018-55, a bylaw to amend the zoning of a parcel of vacant Yukon land in Hidden Valley to allow for a lot expansion at 1 Roderick Place, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2018-55
ZONING AMENDMENT
1 Roderick Place
THIRD READING

2019-03-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2018-57, a bylaw to amend the zoning of Days Inn, located at 2288 Second Avenue, to allow a child care centre as a principal use, be given second reading.

Carried (5 – 2)

BYLAW 2018-57
ZONING AMENDMENT
Days Inn Child Care Centre
SECOND READING

A council member expressed concern about modifying the existing zoning of the property, stating that the current zoning is compatible with other vehicle-oriented uses in the area and therefore not suitable for the proposed use.

Some council members voiced reservations about the distance to parks and green spaces and the number of high-traffic streets that separate the site from appropriate play spaces. Other members spoke about the benefits to children that would accrue through supervised travel to off-site locations.

Discussion

Some council members spoke of the need for increased child care spaces and the precedents that exist with other child care centres that do not have adjacent outdoor play spaces. They also discussed traffic concerns arising from the location of the property.

It was noted that while changing the zoning may allow for the development of a child care centre at this location, regulation of child care services is under the jurisdiction of Yukon Health and Social Services and Environmental Health.

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Boyd, Curteanu, Hartland
and Roddick

Recorded Vote

OPPOSED Councillors Cabott and Stick

2019-03-10

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Bylaw 2018-57, a bylaw to amend the zoning of Days Inn, located at 2288 Second Avenue, to allow a child care centre as a principal use, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2018-57

ZONING AMENDMENT
Days Inn Child Care Centre
THIRD READING

Carried (5 – 2)

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Boyd, Curteanu, Hartland
and Roddick

Recorded Vote

OPPOSED Councillors Cabott and Stick

2019-03-11

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Bylaw 2018-59, a bylaw to adopt the 2019 Operating and Maintenance Budget and the Provisional Budgets for 2020 and 2021, be given second reading.

BYLAW 2018-59

OPERATING BUDGET
SECOND READING

Carried (6 – 1)

Some members of council raised issues with respect to the budget, including the increase in staffing. One council member noted that regulations passed by senior governments inevitably lead to higher costs for the City, including the need for additional personnel. It was also noted that additional positions are needed as the community continues to grow.

One council member opposed the growth of local government.

Some concern was expressed about the few members of the public who provided input into the budget, and it was suggested that more work needs to be done to improve public engagement with respect to future budgets.

Discussion

Council members congratulated administration and the previous council for the work done in preparing this budget, and the mayor thanked all municipal employees who continue to provide exemplary service every day.

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Boyd, Cabott, Curteanu,
Roddick and Stick

Recorded Vote

OPPOSED Councillor Hartland

2019-03-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2018-59, a bylaw to adopt the 2019 Operating and Maintenance Budget and the Provisional Budgets for 2020 and 2021, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried (6 – 1)

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Boyd, Cabott, Curteanu,
Roddick and Stick

OPPOSED Councillor Hartland

BYLAW 2018-59

OPERATING BUDGET
THIRD READING

Recorded Vote

2019-03-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2018-60, a bylaw to levy taxes for the year 2019, be given second reading.

Carried (6 – 1)

A council member noted that long-term planning is needed to ensure that tax rates remain as low as possible. This includes the need for asset management. The rates established by this bylaw as well as increases in other fees and charges are necessary to ensure that funding is available when additional resources are needed. This approach prevents the need for departments to request emergency funding.

A council member suggested that tax increases could be limited by targeted fees and charges for users who disproportionately use City services.

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Boyd, Cabott, Curteanu,
Roddick and Stick

OPPOSED Councillor Hartland

BYLAW 2018-60

2019 TAX LEVY
SECOND READING

Discussion

Recorded Vote

2019-03-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2018-60, a bylaw to levy taxes for the year 2019, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried (6 – 1)

IN FAVOUR Mayor Curtis, Councillors Boyd, Cabott, Curteanu,
Roddick and Stick

OPPOSED Councillor Hartland

BYLAW 2018-60

2019 TAX LEVY
THIRD READING

Recorded Vote

2019-03-15

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2018-61, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw
in accordance with budget changes, be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

One council member expressed the hope that a low-income transit
pass would be given priority by this council.

Discussion

BYLAW 2018-61
FEES AND CHARGES
BYLAW AMENDMENT
SECOND READING

2019-03-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2018-61, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw
in accordance with budget changes, having been read a first and
second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL MINUTES SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"N. L. Felker"

Norma L. Felker, Assistant City Clerk

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2019-04 dated February 25, 2019