

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2019-10 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis
Deputy Mayor Laura Cabott
Councillors Dan Boyd
Jocelyn Curteanu
Samson Hartland – Electronic Participation
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 Legislative Services Catherine Constable
Manager of Strategic Communications Myles Dolphin

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Curtis proclaimed June 1 to be National Health and Fitness Day in the City of Whitehorse.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Curtis proclaimed June 1 to 7, 2019 to be Rotary Club of Whitehorse 50th Anniversary Week in the City of Whitehorse.

2019-10-01

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the change being the addition of Danica Boe as a delegate speaking to an application for a temporary lane closure at Third Avenue and Hawkins Street.

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

2019-10-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated May 6, 2019 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES
May 6, 2019

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATIONS

Danica Boe addressed Council on behalf of NGC Builders in support of a request for the temporary closure of a portion of the lane between Hanson and Hawkins Streets. She explained that the company plans to build a 23-unit condo complex and closing part of the lane during construction will facilitate a safe building project.

She advised that the builder has been in contact with the residents and businesses that would be impacted by the lane closure, and is working on options to mitigate inconveniences associated with the lane closure. Ms. Boe explained that pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the construction period, and that with prior notice the fencing would be adjusted to accommodate the movement of large vehicles and delivery trucks. She advised that the builder is requesting that two parking spots on Second Avenue be closed in addition to the lane closure to allow vehicles to back out safely.

DANICA BOE
NGC BUILDERS
Lane Closure at
Third and Hawkins

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Committee

There was no report from the Community Services Committee.

No Report

Public Health and Safety Committee

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

No Report

Development Services Committee

Sophie Molgat, Sylvie Sandiford, and Callah MacGillivray, ages 13, 12 and 11 respectively, addressed the Committee to urge the City to take action with respect to Climate Change. They suggested a number of changes that the City could make now that would make a big difference, including banning all single-use plastics, improving public transportation, making the City more bike friendly, aiming to compost 100% of our organics, and reducing the carbon footprint of City buildings.

The three students outlined some of the steps their families have taken to become more environmentally responsible, and suggested that these are the types of changes that are easily implemented and yet can make a great difference to the environment. They noted that there are many cities that are finding innovative solutions to help stop climate change, and encouraged the City of Whitehorse to become a leader in climate change mitigation.

CLIMATE CHANGE
For Information Only

2019-10-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the temporary closure of the laneway between Hanson Street and Hawkins Street at the location adjacent to Third Avenue indicated on the Street Occupancy Permit be approved for the duration of the construction project to facilitate construction of a new residential development.

AUTHORIZE LANE
CLOSURE FOR
CONSTRUCTION

2019-10-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the matter of the proposed temporary closure of the laneway between Hanson Street and Hawkins Street be postponed to the regular council meeting on June 10, 2019 pending the receipt of additional information on mitigation measures.

Motion to Postpone

Carried Unanimously

Corporate Services Committee

There was no report from the Corporate Services Committee.

No Report

City Planning Committee

There was no report from the City Planning Committee.

No Report

City Operations Committee

Administration provided an update on the mitigation measures that are currently being used and are under consideration for use with respect to human-bear conflicts resulting from the storage of solid waste.

Solid waste management practices are recognized as the most critical element of successful human-wildlife conflict mitigation. The City has been working with WildWise Yukon and the Yukon Department of Environment to test bear-resistant collection systems and explore options for the expansion of the residential collection program.

SOLID WASTE
AND BEARS

For Information Only

Country residential neighbourhoods have been identified as the municipal locations where the most bear incident reports have occurred. If households in country residential areas continue to manage their own solid waste, supporting them in doing so in a manner that minimizes human-wildlife conflict risk is the most significant opportunity available.

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Bear-resistant carts currently on the market have fundamental operational and/or bear-resistant issues. Small-scale testing of cart options is under way and once a recommendable cart is identified a pilot program for 50 to 100 homes will be proposed.

Public awareness and education is a critical component of human-wildlife conflict mitigation. With help from WildWise, the City has prepared an educational document for distribution to the public. Administration is also exploring options for supporting education in schools, and is working with the Yukon Department of Environment, WildWise Yukon and other stakeholders as they bring forward their own initiatives.

SOLID WASTE
AND BEARS
(Continued)

For Information Only

Heather Ashthorn, Executive Director of WildWise Yukon, explained that the “Let’s Talk Bears” handout contains the minimal level of intervention required. She encouraged the City to put obvious solutions in place while new options are tried, and to change the Waste Management Bylaw to make it an offence to put carts out the night before a scheduled pickup. Ms Ashthorn also recommended increased enforcement measures in conjunction with changes to the Waste Management Bylaw.

2019-10-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration is hereby authorized to award the contract for the Wheeler Street and Sixth Avenue landscaping project to Lane’s Yukon Yardworks Inc. for a net cost to the City of \$333,251.50 plus GST.

CONTRACT AWARD
WHEELER STREET AND
SIXTH AVENUE
LANDSCAPING

Carried Unanimously

2019-10-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration is hereby authorized to award the contract for the 2019 Asphalt Overlay project to Skookum Asphalt Ltd. for a net cost to the City of \$1,871,719.94 plus GST.

CONTRACT AWARD
ASPHALT OVERLAY
PROJECT

Carried Unanimously

2019-10-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration is hereby authorized to award the contract for the supply of one highway tractor and one end dump trailer to Inland Kenworth Ltd. for a net cost to the City of \$304,954.00, plus GST.

CONTRACT AWARD
HIGHWAY TRACTOR &
END DUMP TRAILER

Carried Unanimously

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2019-10-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the 2019 Strategic Priorities are confirmed and the public
release of the 2019 Council Strategic Priorities is hereby authorized.

2019 COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Carried Unanimously

A member of council congratulated Marie Bélanger, a teacher at École
Émilie-Tremblay, on the receipt of the Prime Minister’s award for
Innovation and Excellence in Education.

CONGRATULATIONS
For Information Only

Mayor Curtis announced the start of the 2019 season of Arts in the Park,
and congratulated this year’s premier performers, the All-City Jazz Band.

ARTS IN THE PARK
For Information Only

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL MINUTES SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"C. J. Constable"

Catherine J. Constable
Manager, Legislative Services

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2019-11 dated June 10, 2019