

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2019-13 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis  
Councillors Dan Boyd  
Laura Cabott  
Samson Hartland  
Stephen Roddick  
Jan Stick

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Curteanu

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Linda Rapp  
Acting Director of Community and Recreation Services Krista Mroz  
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga  
Acting Director of Development Services Taylor Eshpeter  
Director of Infrastructure and Operations Peter O'Blenes  
Acting Manager of Legislative Services Norma Felker  
Acting Manager of Strategic Communications Jordan Lutz

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**2019-13-01**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the change being the  
addition of Mike Gladish and Marianne Darragh as delegates speaking  
to the proposed Council and Administration Roundtable Policy.

**AGENDA**

Carried Unanimously

**2019-13-02**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated June 24, 2019  
be adopted as presented.

**MINUTES**

June 24, 2019

Carried Unanimously

**DELEGATIONS**

Mike Gladish addressed council to suggest that the proposed Council and Administration Roundtable Policy is not the solution to the issues it is designed to address. He stated the opinion that the existing Council and Senior Management Policy should be retained and the proposed new policy be added to the toolbox. The existing policy allows for public involvement and the proposed policy allows council members to ask sensitive questions and have free-flowing discussions. There is a need for both types of meetings. He stated that if the current policy is repealed it will limit opportunities for public participation.

MIKE GLADISH  
Council and Administration  
Roundtable Policy

Marianne Darragh addressed council to speak against the proposed Council and Administration Roundtable Policy. She stated that this is yet another example of continuing efforts to keep information away from the public. She suggested that defining any type of meeting as a gathering is gamesmanship, and that minutes and notes should always be provided to the public. She also stated that a quorum should be required as it is part of a council member's job to show up at such meetings.

MARIANNE DARRAGH  
Council and Administration  
Roundtable Policy

Ms. Darragh stated the opinion that no consideration has been given to the downside of blocking the public out of meetings. This erodes public trust and removes transparency from the process. The public has a right to know how the process is working. She urged Council not to go ahead with the policy as written, or at least postpone a decision while they consider the impacts of blocking public participation.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Curtis called three times for anyone to appear to address Bylaw 2019-15, a bylaw to amend the zoning for Phase 7 of Whistle Bend. There was no one present to speak to the bylaw and no written submissions were received.

ZONING AMENDMENT  
BYLAW 2019-15

Mayor Curtis declared the public hearing closed and advised that no further submissions on the issue will be considered by council except the report provided by administration. That report is scheduled to come forward to the Standing Committee meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Public Hearing Closed

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Services Committee**

The public was reminded that July is plastic-free month and everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in an effort to reduce pollution.

PLASTIC FREE MONTH  
For Information Only

**Public Health and Safety Committee**

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

No Report

**Development Services Committee**

In response to a question raised, administration advised that algae bloom on the Whistle Bend pond is an emerging issue and low cost options such as mechanical removal and dyes are being explored. The City is working with the Government of Yukon on this issue.

ALGAE BLOOM  
For Information Only

**Corporate Services Committee**

**2019-13-03**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the Council and Administration Roundtable Policy and terms of  
reference dated June 2019 be approved as presented.

COUNCIL AND  
ADMINISTRATION  
ROUNDTABLE POLICY

Council members discussed the pros and cons of proceeding with the  
proposed policy or retaining the existing policy with some adjustments  
to better align with the *Municipal Act*.

Administration noted that the current policy does not comply with the  
*Municipal Act* and changes are needed. However, council members  
expressed concerns about the lack of public involvement in the  
proposed new policy. A council member expressed the view that council  
members need meetings at which they receive information and options  
and staff receive clarification, but these meetings need to be transparent  
and open to the public.

Discussion

The suggestion was made that the proposed policy is not as clear as it  
needs to be and that it should be referred back to administration for  
further work.

**2019-13-04**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the proposed Council and Administration Roundtable Policy and  
terms of reference be referred back to administration for further review,  
particularly with respect to the matter of public participation.

Motion to Refer

Carried (4 – 2)

IN FAVOUR    Councillors Boyd, Hartland, Roddick and Stick  
OPPOSED     Mayor Curtis, Councillor Cabott

Recorded Vote

**2019-13-05**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the 2019 to 2022 capital expenditure program be amended by  
increasing the 2019 budget for the Fuel Abatement Project 440c00118  
by reducing the 2020 budget by \$150,000 and the 2021 budget by  
\$200,000; and

BUDGET AMENDMENT  
AND CONTRACT AWARD  
FUEL ABATEMENT  
PROJECT

THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for the Fuel  
Abatement Project to Lane’s Yukon Yardworks for a net cost to the City  
of \$511,500.00 plus GST.

Carried Unanimously

**2019-13-06**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the 2019 to 2022 capital expenditure program be amended by increasing the 2019 Water Main Improvement – Lambert 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> project 240c00211 in the amount of \$200,000 with funding from the Build Canada Clean Water and Wastewater Fund; and

BUDGET AMENDMENT –  
WATER MAIN  
IMPROVEMENTS  
LAMBERT AND 6<sup>th</sup> AVENUE

THAT the scope of the 2019 Water Main Improvements – Lambert 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> project be amended by removing the location at 5th Avenue.

Carried Unanimously

**2019-13-07**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the 2019 to 2022 capital expenditure program be amended by increasing the 2019 Compost Facility Expansion project 650c02118 in the amount of \$2,070,000 for a total \$4,800,000, funded by \$400,000 from Gas Tax and \$4,400,000 from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to cover the additional costs; and

BUDGET AMENDMENT  
AND CONTRACT AWARD  
COMPOST FACILITY  
EXPANSION PROJECT

THAT administration be authorized to award the contract for the Whitehorse Compost Facility Expansion project to Castle Rock Enterprises for a net cost to the City of \$2,993,031.43 plus GST.

Carried Unanimously

**2019-13-08**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the 2019 to 2022 capital expenditure program be amended by increasing the 2019 McIntyre Creek Pump House Fuel Spill project 650c00419 in the amount of \$25,000, funded by the Water and Sewer Reserve.

BUDGET AMENDMENT  
MCINTYRE CREEK PUMP  
HOUSE FUEL SPILL

Carried Unanimously

**City Planning Committee**

Ken Bloor addressed the Committee to express concerns regarding a proposed Yukon Housing construction project at 4<sup>th</sup> and Jeckell. He advised that preliminary information available to the public regarding this project indicates that the height and size of the proposed building violate the Whitehorse South Master Plan. In addition, a building of this size raises concerns with respect to parking issues and light pollution.

KEN BLOOR  
Issues with new  
construction in the  
Waterfront Area  
For Information Only

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Mr. Bloor suggested that a large building will block river views for existing residents, and that the minimal parking requirements for this type of building will exacerbate parking issues that are already causing difficulties for businesses and residents in the area. He explained that a mix of housing types is expected for this area, but with a number of group homes, low income housing projects and an emergency shelter already in the neighbourhood, he is concerned that ghettoization could occur.

KEN BLOOR  
Issues with new  
construction in the  
Waterfront Area  
(Continued)

Dianne Williams addressed the Committee to express concerns arising from her completion of the Short Term Rental Accommodation Survey. She stated the opinion that people need the freedom to choose what to do with their empty bedrooms and the City should not be involved in how a person uses their home. Ms. Williams questioned whether rental space in personal accommodations should be subject to regulations in the same manner as commercial operations, and encouraged everyone to participate in the Short Term Rental Accommodations survey.

DIANNE WILLIAMS  
Regulation of Rental Space

**City Operations Committee**

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 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 #2019-14 dated July 22, 2019.