

MINUTES of **SPECIAL** Meeting #2020-09 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2020, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis

PRESENT BY PHONE: Deputy Mayor Dan Boyd
Councillor Laura Cabott
Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu
Councillor Samson Hartland
Councillor Stephen Roddick
Councillor Jan Stick

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Linda Rapp
Director of Community and Recreation Services Jeff O'Farrell
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Infrastructure and Operations Peter O'Blenes
Acting Manager of Financial Services Brittany Dixon
Manager of Legislative Services Catherine Constable

PRESENT BY PHONE: Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Acting Director of Human Resources Lindsay Schneider
Manager of Bylaw Services Doug Spencer
Acting Manager of Transit Services Jason Bradshaw

Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

2020-09-01

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

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2020-09-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the temporary suspension of parking meter enforcement be extended until the public health emergency declared by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Yukon on March 16th, 2020 is rescinded, or until future directions issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health otherwise permit.

EXTEND SUSPENSION
OF PARKING METER
ENFORCEMENT

Carried Unanimously

2020-09-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the temporary suspension of the collection of fees for bus fares be extended until the public health emergency declared by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Yukon on March 16th, 2020 is rescinded, or until future directions issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health otherwise permit.

EXTEND SUSPENSION
OF TRANSIT FARE
COLLECTION

Carried Unanimously

Some residents and local businesses are experiencing increasing financial strain resulting from the loss of employment or closure of business as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City is considering changes to the way billing and collection for utilities and other services could be provided, with a focus on providing additional payment options.

PROVIDING INTEREST
AND PENALTY RELIEF
FOR CITY INVOICES

It is proposed that the City will continue to bill for services as normal but implement certain changes to collection activities including the suspension of late payment charges on all utility accounts and other City invoices until September 30, 2020.

2020-09-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the application and collection of penalties and interest for late payments on water and waste water services, garbage collection and other City services, excluding property taxes, be suspended until September 30, 2020.

SUSPEND COLLECTION OF
PENALTIES AND INTEREST
FOR LATE PAYMENT OF
CITY INVOICES EXCLUDING
PROPERTY TAXES

Carried Unanimously

As a consequence of the pandemic, local recycling processors have closed their public drop-off places for recyclables and loose cardboard. The City is encouraging residents to store clean recyclables until these facilities re-open, but has advised that residents may, if necessary, dispose of such materials along with their regular household waste. However, the disposal of clean cardboard in residual waste is contrary to the Waste Management Bylaw and is subject to penalties at the Waste Management Facility.

ALLOW TEMPORARY
DISPOSAL OF CARDBOARD
AS RESIDUAL WASTE

Administration is proposing a temporary suspension of enforcement with respect to clean cardboard, effective immediately and for a period of one month after the current public health emergency is declared rescinded. The additional month will allow cardboard that was already in dumpsters and black bins before the emergency was declared over to be disposed of without penalty.

2020-09-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT a temporary suspension of enforcement of section 11 of
Schedule D of the Waste Management Bylaw be authorized, effective
immediately, to allow for the disposal of cardboard as residual waste;
and

ALLOW TEMPORARY
DISPOSAL OF CARDBOARD
AS RESIDUAL WASTE

THAT the said temporary suspension be in place for a period of one
month after the public health emergency declared by the Chief Medical
Officer of Health for the Yukon on March 16th, 2020 is rescinded, or
until future directions issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health
otherwise permit.

Members of council expressed concern about allowing cardboard to
be deposited at the landfill and encouraged residents to seek out other
options in the community. Administration confirmed that the local
recycling companies are not accepting cardboard or other recyclables
from residents because of the risks posed for handlers due to COVID-
19. Recycling processors are still accepting cardboard from large
businesses as these loads are handled without personal contact.

Discussion

Administration was asked to do a full assessment of possible options
instead of allowing disposal of cardboard as residual waste at the
Waste Management Facility.

2020-09-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT a decision with respect to the suspension of enforcement for the
disposal of cardboard be postponed until the regular council meeting
scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Motion to Postpone

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 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 #2020-10 dated April 14, 2020.