

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2021-02 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2021, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

ABSENT Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

2021-02-01

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the change being the
addition of a delegate submission from Keith Lay with respect to the
proposed new Procedures Bylaw.

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

2021-02-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated January 11, 2021
be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

January 11, 2021

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS

Keith Lay submitted comments and suggestions with respect to the proposed new Council Procedures Bylaw. In addition to suggestions regarding specific sections of the delegations portion of the bylaw, Mr. Lay also suggested that council consider adding a section that allows a continuation of procedures adopted for the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that allowing for written submissions to be read into the record by a staff person on an on-going basis would be of significant benefit to persons unable to attend in person or reluctant to do so due to the fact that the meetings are live-streamed and broadcast.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

2021 to 2023 Operating
and Maintenance Budget

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mayor Curtis advised that, since the meeting is closed to in-person public participation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, council will rely on written submissions with respect to the 2021 to 2023 operating and maintenance budget.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION
2021 to 2023 Operating
and Maintenance Budget

No written submissions were received with respect to this bylaw.

No Submissions

Mayor Curtis declared the public input session closed and advised that a report will come forward to the standing committee meeting on February 1, 2021.

Public Input Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corporate Services Committee

Delegate submissions from Yukon Energy, Solvest Inc., and Chu Niiqwan Development asked for an opportunity to meet with council and senior management to discuss the development of renewable energy projects in the City. The submissions noted that renewable energy projects require an enabling and supportive structure to fit into that currently does not exist in Whitehorse.

INCENTIVES FOR
RENEWABLE ENERGY
PROJECTS

All three submissions suggested that a new taxable classification is necessary, and that incentives for renewable energy projects will help the City reach its climate change objectives and reduce emissions.

For Information Only

The city manager advised that administration will explore options for organizing a meeting to discuss the issues raised.

2021-02-03

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2021-04, a bylaw to authorize the allocation of various grants for the year 2020, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
2020 UMBRELLA
GRANT BYLAW

Carried Unanimously

2021-02-04

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2021-07, a bylaw to authorize the write-off of uncollectible accounts, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
WRITE-OFF BYLAW
(Uncollectible Accounts)

Carried Unanimously

2021-02-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council Procedures Bylaw 2021-12 be brought forward for
consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
NEW COUNCIL
PROCEDURES BYLAW

Carried Unanimously

Council members noted that the changes incorporated in the proposed
bylaw were reviewed and discussed during the development process.
Support was expressed for bringing the bylaw forward as written for
consideration under the bylaw process. It was requested that
administration provide further details on concerns raised by the public
before the bylaw is given third reading.

Discussion

City Planning Committee

2021-02-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Conditional Use application be approved to allow for an
office on the ground floor and more than 50% of gross floor area at
Unit 6, 151 Industrial Road in Marwell.

APPROVE CONDITIONAL
USE APPLICATION
#6 – 151 Industrial Road

Carried Unanimously

2021-02-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-11, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 410 Cook Street
in the downtown area by reducing the minimum parking requirements
to allow for the development of a micro-unit housing project, be
brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
ZONING AMENDMENT
410 Cook Street

Carried Unanimously

Various members of council noted that they are interested in hearing
from the public on this issue, especially with respect to potential parking
impacts in the neighbourhood.

Discussion

2021-02-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-08, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with
KBL Environmental Ltd. for the operation of the special waste transfer
station at the City’s Waste Management Facility, be brought forward
for consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
LEASE AGREEMENT
Special Waste
Transfer Station

Carried Unanimously

City Operations Committee

2021-02-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration be authorized to set the weighting for local content at zero points in the request for proposals to be issued for consultant services for the preparation of a final report and design specifications for the Selkirk Pump House Second Barrier Treatment project.

LOCAL CONTENT
WEIGHTING FOR RFP
Selkirk Pump House 2nd
Barrier Treatment Project

Carried (5 – 1)

In response to concerns raised by members of council, administration advised that requirements for local content are included in the request for proposals being prepared for this project. The proposed weighting for the evaluation process is in response to the fact that the specific engineering expertise required for this project is expected to be available only in firms located outside of the territory.

Discussion

Administration advised that there will be an opportunity for local firms to partner with a national or provincial office to provide the expertise necessary to complete the work. It was noted that the price for proposals could be negatively impacted if the local content requirements meant that an employee from a firm located outside of the territory would have to be relocated to Whitehorse for the duration of the contract.

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

Recorded Vote

2021-02-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration be authorized to commence procurement for the 2021 Asphalt Surface Overlay project.

AUTHORIZE
PROCUREMENT
Asphalt Surface Overlay

Carried Unanimously

Community Services Committee

2021-02-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council Resolution 2019-23-05, authorizing administration to award a contract for Transit Real-time Passenger Information and Electronic Payment Systems, be rescinded.

RESCIND CONTRACT
AWARD RESOLUTION
Transit Systems

Carried Unanimously

Public Health and Safety Committee

A committee member advised that requests have been received for dedicated seniors-only parking close to the entrance of the Canada Games Centre. The requested parking spaces would be in addition to the disability spaces already assigned, but the requests note that seniors who are not disabled are still at considerable risk of injury in the event of a fall. Administration advised that the request will be considered, but there are challenges with an age-based policy.

PARKING ISSUES AT THE
GAMES CENTRE
For Information Only

Administration advised that discussions on the issue have begun. Enhancements to the parking lot at the Canada Games Centre are planned for this summer, and this could lead to arrangements for seniors similar to the parking already in place for parents with children.

Discussion

It was noted that January is National Crime Stoppers Month. Crime Stoppers is a community, media and police co-operative program operated by volunteers and designed to involve the public in the fight against of crime. Whitehorse citizens are encouraged to check out the Crime Stoppers website for information on the program and on issues for which the RCMP is seeking public assistance.

CRIME STOPPERS
For Information Only

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

BYLAWS

2021-02-12

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2021-05, a bylaw to amend the 2020 to 2023 capital budget to authorize expenditures that vary from the approved capital expenditure program, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2021-05

UMBRELLA CAPITAL
BUDGET AMENDMENT
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

2021-02-13

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2021-06, a bylaw to amend the 2020 to 2022 operating and maintenance budget to authorize expenditures that vary from the approved operating expenditure program, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2021-06

UMBRELLA OPERATING
BUDGET AMENDMENT
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

2021-02-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2020-14, a bylaw to authorize an agreement for the lease of office space at 6-151 Industrial Road, be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2020-14

LEASE AGREEMENT
#6 – 151 Industrial Road
SECOND READING

2021-02-15

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2020-14, a bylaw to authorize an agreement for the lease of office space at 6-151 Industrial Road for a three- year period, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2020-14

LEASE AGREEMENT
#6 – 151 Industrial Road
THIRD READING

2021-02-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-04, a bylaw to authorize the allocation of various grants for the year 2020, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-04

UMBRELLA GRANT
BYLAW FOR 2020
FIRST READING

2021-02-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-04 be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-04

SECOND READING

2021-02-18

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-07, a bylaw to authorize the write-off of uncollectible accounts, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-07

WRITE OFF BYLAW
(Uncollectible Accounts)
FIRST READING

2021-02-19

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-07 be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-07

SECOND READING

2021-02-20

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-08, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with KBL Environmental Ltd. for the operation of the special waste transfer station at the Waste Management Facility, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-08

LEASE AGREEMENT
(KBL – Special Waste
Transfer Station
FIRST READING

2021-02-21

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-08 be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-08
SECOND READING

2021-02-22

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-12, a bylaw to provide rules governing council
procedures, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-12
COUNCIL PROCEDURES
FIRST READING

2021-02-23

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-12 be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-12
SECOND READING

2021-02-24

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-11, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 410 Cook Street
by reducing the parking requirements to allow for the development of
affordable micro-unit rental housing in the downtown area, be given first
reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-11
ZONING AMENDMENT
410 Cook Street
FIRST READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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ORIGINAL MINUTES SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"N. L. Felker"

Norma L. Felker, Assistant City Clerk

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2021-03 dated February 8, 2021.