

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2021-06 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Dan Curtis

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 Mélodie Simard
Acting Director of Human Resources Lindsay Schneider
Acting Director of Infrastructure and Operations Jason Everitt
Manager of Legislative Services Wendy Donnithorne
Assistant City Clerk Norma Felker
Administrative Assistant, Legislative Services Pascaline Etter

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

CALL TO ORDER

2021-06-01

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the change being the
addition of a delegate submission from All Genders Yukon Society with
respect to the Election 2021 Procedures Bylaw.

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

Deputy Mayor Stick proclaimed April 7, 2021 to be Green Shirt Day for
Organ Donor Awareness and Registration in the City of Whitehorse.

PROCLAMATIONS

2021-06-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated March 8, 2021
be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

March 8, 2021

Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Stick advised that, since the meeting was closed to in-person public participation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pre-arranged audio-only presentations from delegates would be used. Otherwise, council would rely on written submissions with respect to Bylaw 2021-13, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 107 Range Road to allow for the development of an eating and drinking establishment with a drive-through component.

BYLAW 2021-13

ZONING AMENDMENT
107 Range Road

Zoë Morrison participated as an audio-only delegate, speaking on behalf of the proponent in support of the application. Ms. Morrison pointed out that the current zoning predates the development of the Copper Ridge Subdivision and the Canada Games Centre. A restaurant at this location would be within walking distance for several neighbourhoods as well as a number of businesses that have been developed in the area. She also noted that it is important to spread uses throughout a community.

ZOË MORRISON
In Support

A written submission from Keith Lay was read into the record. Mr. Lay expressed his opposition to the proposed amendment on the basis that permitting a drive-through would be contrary to the vision statement and goals of the Sustainability Plan, one of the principles of the Official Community Plan, and the 2014 Transportation Demand Management Plan. Mr. Lay stated the opinion that, since council declared a Climate Change Emergency, it has no option but to deny additional drive-through establishments in any part of the City.

KEITH LAY
Opposed

22 additional written submissions were received, 13 in support, eight opposed, and one with neutral commentary. A petition was received in support of the proposed rezoning with 302 signatures, and another petition supporting a particular tenant had 1,920 signatures attached. Both petitions contained duplicates and were signed by non-residents.

Submissions Received

Deputy Mayor Stick declared the public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2021-13 closed and advised that no further submissions would be received on the subject except the report from administration. That report is tentatively scheduled to come forward on April 6, 2021.

Public Hearing Closed

Deputy Mayor Stick advised that pre-arranged audio-only presentations and written submissions from delegates would be used for the public hearing for Bylaw 2021-14, a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw with respect to a number of periodic revisions..

BYLAW 2021-14

ZONING AMENDMENT
Periodic Revisions

There were no audio-only delegates and no submissions were received.

Submissions Received

Deputy Mayor Stick declared the public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2021-14 closed and advised that no further submissions would be received on the subject except the report from administration. That report is scheduled to come forward on April 6, 2021.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corporate Services Committee

2021-06-03

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2021-10, a bylaw to amend the 2021 to 2024 capital expenditure program by re-budgeting 2020 capital expenditures in the amount of \$32,980,778 be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
RE-BUDGET BYLAW
FOR 2020 CAPITAL
EXPENDITURES

Carried Unanimously

A council member noted that the proposed re-budgets mean that about 60% of the 2020 budget was unspent. It was suggested that the budget process needs to be better aligned with what can reasonably be expected to be achieved.

Discussion

Administration advised that the majority of the re-budgets are due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and could not have been anticipated. It is expected at this time that 2021 projects will proceed as scheduled.

2021-06-04

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2021-20, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw in accordance with first quarter changes, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
FEES AND CHARGES
AMENDMENT FOR
1ST QUARTER CHANGES

Carried Unanimously

2021-06-05

It was duly moved and seconded THAT the City Seal be affixed to the 2020 Tax Lien Summary List to authenticate the list.

AUTHENTICATE THE
2020 TAX LIEN LIST

Carried Unanimously

Administration confirmed that the list will be updated right up until it is forwarded to the newspapers for publication.

Discussion

2021-06-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT a grant in the amount of \$575 be approved to Safe at Home for bus tickets to be used in the 2021 Point in Time Count, funded from the council donation account.

COUNCIL GRANT –
SAFE AT HOME POINT
IN TIME COUNT

Carried Unanimously

A committee member requested that an update on the Services Building project be provided to an upcoming Standing Committee meeting.

SERVICES BUILDING
For Information Only

City Planning Committee

2021-06-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-11, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 410 Cook Street to reduce the minimum parking requirements to allow for micro-unit housing development, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
ZONING AMENDMENT
BYLAW 2021-11
410 Cook Street

Carried Unanimously

Some council members expressed concerns regarding potential impacts on parking in the downtown area. The consensus was to bring the bylaw forward under the bylaw process, and to continue discussion of the pros and cons of the issue when the bylaw is on the floor for second reading.

Discussion

City Operations Committee

2021-06-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration be authorized to commence the procurement of the 2021 Rural Roads Surfacing project number 240c00309.

COMMENCE
PROCUREMENT
RURAL ROADS
SURFACING PROJECT

Carried Unanimously

Council members commented on the importance of this program, but noted some concerns with respect to the width of the intersections in certain rural neighbourhoods, including Mount Sima and Mary Lake.

Discussion

2021-06-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration be authorized to commence the procurement of construction services for the Schwatka Lake West Shore Area Improvements project number 240c01420.

COMMENCE
PROCUREMENT
SCHWATKA LAKE WEST
SHORE IMPROVEMENTS

Carried Unanimously

A committee member reminded businesses and residents to ensure that bike racks remain usable when they are doing snow clearing.

SNOW CLEARING
For Information Only

Community Services Committee

There was no report from the Community Services Committee.

No Report

Public Health and Safety Committee

A committee member requested an update on the anticipated duration of the brush burning currently under way in the Tank Farm area.

TANK FARM BURNING
For Information Only

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2021-06-10

It was duly moved and seconded THAT the regular council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 12th be rescheduled to Tuesday, April 13th to facilitate the participation of council members and staff in the Territorial election.

RESCHEDULE REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
Territorial Election

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

2021-06-11

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2021-16, a bylaw to establish regulations and procedures for the 2021 municipal election, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2021-16
ELECTION REGULATIONS
THIRD READING

2021-06-12

It was duly moved and seconded THAT section 35 of Bylaw 2021-16 be amended by adding new subsections (1) and (2) as follows:

- “(1) Eligible electors who do not have the required identification and whose names do not appear on the list of electors may be issued a ballot provided that
- (a) they sign a solemn declaration that they are an eligible elector, and

Amendment

.../continued

2021-06-11 (Continued)

- (b) they are accompanied by an eligible elector whose name appears on the list of electors and who
 - (i) provides the required identification; and
 - (ii) vouches for the elector by signing a solemn declaration that the said elector is eligible to vote.
- (2) A registered elector may vouch for the eligibility of no more than one unregistered elector.”

Amendment
(Continued)

Carried Unanimously

Council members commented on the inclusion of provisions for additional voting options due to the likelihood that the City will still be dealing with pandemic restrictions when citizens go to the polls this October.

Council members expressed satisfaction that the bylaw provides clear rules to enable residents to vote that are consistent with those in other jurisdictions, including the *Yukon Elections Act*. It was also noted that the amendment formalizes past practice with respect to eligible electors who do not have identification.

Discussion

A council member thanked All Genders Yukon Society for providing written support for the inclusive language used in the bylaw, and expressed the hope that the this bylaw will be used as a model for the development of future bylaws and policies.

The main motion, being third reading of Election 2021 Procedures Bylaw 2021-16 as amended, was then voted on.

Vote on Main Motion

Carried Unanimously

2021-06-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-17, a bylaw to repeal out-dated or redundant bylaws, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2021-17
BYLAW REPEAL
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

2021-06-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-18, a bylaw to update the *Municipal Act* references in a number of current bylaws, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2021-17
UPDATE REFERENCES
IN CURRENT BYLAWS
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

2021-06-15

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

Defeated (3 – 3)

BYLAW 2021-11

ZONING AMENDMENT
410 Cook Street
SECOND READING

Council members supporting the proposed bylaw spoke of the urgent need for affordable housing and the fact that council has identified affordable housing as a priority. It was also noted that the City has a number of tools available to mitigate parking issues that may arise as a result of this development.

Council members not supporting the bylaw noted that the lack of on-site parking forces residents to use on-street parking for their vehicles. Parking has been identified as an issue in the downtown area for many years, and reducing parking requirements for this development will exacerbate the existing issues.

Discussion

Council members noted that the potential for more development and increased densification in the immediate area is high. The parking issues already being experienced will continue to grow since people need vehicles for more than commuting to work.

It was also noted that council was not supplied with data to support the assertion that the project requires a reduction in parking spaces in order to be viable.

IN FAVOUR Deputy Mayor Stick, Councillors Curteanu and Roddick
OPPOSED Councillors Boyd, Cabott and Hartland

Recorded Vote

2021-06-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-10, a bylaw to amend the 2021 to 2024 capital expenditure plan by re-budgeting 2020 capital expenditures, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-10

RE-BUDGET BYLAW
FIRST READING

2021-06-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-10 be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

SECOND READING

2021-06-18

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-20, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw
in accordance with first quarter changes, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2021-20
FEEES AND CHARGES
FIRST READING

2021-06-19

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-20 be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

SECOND READING

Deputy Mayor Stick advised that no meeting of council is scheduled
for Monday, March 29. The next meeting will be a standing committee
meeting on Tuesday, April 6th.

NEXT MEETING
For Information Only

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Dan Curtis, Mayor



Norma L. Felker, Assistant City Clerk



ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2021-07 dated April 13, 2021.