

CITY OF WHITEHORSE
SPECIAL Council Meeting #2021-11
HERITAGE ROOM at City Hall

DATE: June 10, 2021

TIME: 12:00 noon.

Mayor Dan Curtis
Deputy Mayor Laura Cabott
Reserve Deputy Mayor Stephen Roddick

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 12:00 noon

AGENDA Adoption

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget Amendment – Jumpstart Playground Site Preparation Project

BYLAWS

2021-36 AMEND FEES & CHARGES BYLAW (Bagged Meters/Patios) 1st Reading

ADJOURNMENT



Excerpts from the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committees Meeting

June 7, 2021

1. Development Services Committee

Discount Fees for Pop-up Patios – For Information Only

A Committee member asked if there is any interest among council members in providing a 50% discount on the daily fee charged for taking parking meters out of service for businesses wishing to create a pop-up parking patio. It was noted that the season for outdoor spaces has already begun, and it is unlikely that there will be a large number of applications. A discounted fee for this season may encourage some businesses to open up patio operations and would help to provide baseline information to evaluate the program going forward.

A Committee member noted that expanding a business to include temporary outdoor patio operations is an expensive proposition. When the costs of the appropriate permits and fees are added, potential applicants may decide not to apply. It was suggested that a discount for this one fee for this season only will assist businesses that have been badly impacted by the pandemic without a significant loss of revenue to the City.

Committee members discussed the pros and cons of the suggested discount and noted that a small amount of assistance may be worthwhile.

Administration was requested to schedule a Special Meeting of Council and bring forward an amendment to the Fees and Charges Bylaw that would implement a 50% discount on the “bagged meter” daily fee for sidewalk cafés and pop-up patios, for this year only.

2. Corporate Services Committee

Budget Amendment – Jumpstart Playground Site Preparation

In 2019 the City entered an agreement with the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charity that approved the gift of a 9,500 square foot state-of-the-art playground valued at \$1,000,000. The site selected for the playground is within the skating oval in Shipyard's Park. Jumpstart is responsible for the design, supply and installation of the playground equipment and surfacing. The City is responsible for the site preparation and future maintenance. Jumpstart is scheduled to begin construction in mid-July.

Administration issued two requests for tenders for the site preparation work and no bids were received. Attempts to solicit a contractor for the work also met with no success.

A local company has now come forward, indicating that they are able to take on the project and complete it on time. However, the total quote received for the site preparation work exceeds the budget funds allocated for the project.

The recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is

THAT the 2021 to 2024 Capital Expenditure Program be amended by increasing the 2021 budget for the Jumpstart Playground site preparation project in the amount of \$264,832, funded from the Capital Reserve until an amended Gas Tax Transfer Payment Agreement has been approved.

CITY OF WHITEHORSE

BYLAW 2021-36

A bylaw to amend Fees and Charges Bylaw 2014-36

WHEREAS section 220 of the *Municipal Act* provides that council may by bylaw amend or vary bylaws; and

WHEREAS all City of Whitehorse municipal fees and charges are consolidated into one bylaw; and

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable that the Fees and Charges Bylaw be amended to facilitate the development of sidewalk cafés and pop-up patios in the Downtown area during the 2021 calendar year;

NOW THEREFORE the council of the municipality of the City of Whitehorse, in open meeting assembled, hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Appendix "A" of Fees and Charges Bylaw 2014-36 is hereby amended by adding a new Bagged Meter fee to Schedule 2 (Bylaw). The said fee will be 50% less than the standard bagged meter fee per metered parking space per day when the parking spaces are used for pop-up patios or sidewalk cafes permitted in accordance with Bylaw 2021-27. The new fee shall read as follows:

Bagged Meters: \$12.50 per metered parking space per day when used for pop-up patios/sidewalk cafes during the 2021 calendar year

Effective Date: 15-Jun-21 Final Fee (+GST): \$13.15 Units: meter/day

2. This bylaw shall come into full force and effect on and from final passage thereof.

FIRST READING:

SECOND READING:

THIRD READING and ADOPTION:

Mayor

Assistant City Clerk