

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2021-12 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillors Dan Boyd – Electronic Participation
Laura Cabott
Jocelyn Curteanu
Samson Hartland
Stephen Roddick
Jan Stick

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager Jeff O’Farrell
Acting Director of Community Services Krista Mroz
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Acting Director of Operations Jason Everitt
Assistant City Clerk Norma Felker

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

CALL TO ORDER

2021-12-01

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

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

I declare that I am on the board of the Whitehorse Food Bank Society, which is one of the organizations listed as a grant recipient on tonight’s agenda. However, since my interest is not pecuniary, I will be participating in the debate and vote when the issue of the Community Service and Municipal Charges grants comes forward.

**Deputy Mayor Cabott
DECLARATION
OF INTEREST**

2021-12-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated May 25, 2021 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES
May 25, 2021

Carried Unanimously

2021-12-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the special council meeting dated June 10, 2021 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES
June 10, 2021

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Services Committee

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, which would help to provide baseline information for evaluating the program going forward.

A Committee member noted that expanding a business to include temporary outdoor patio operations is an expensive proposition. The additional costs of permits and fees may cause potential applicants 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

DISCOUNT A FEE FOR
POP-UP PARKING
PATIOS IN 2021

For Information Only

Corporate Services Committee

2021-12-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-28 a bylaw to authorize municipal charges and community service grants for the year 2021, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Carried Unanimously

BRING FORWARD
BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE
COMMUNITY SERVICE
GRANTS FOR 2021

2021-12-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-35, a bylaw to amend the 2021 to 2024 Capital Expenditure Program by increasing the Building Consolidation – Services Building project in the amount of \$3.9 million, funded by the Capital Reserve, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process; and

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BUDGET AMENDMENT
AND PROCUREMENT
COMMENCEMENT –
SERVICES BUILDING

2021-12-05 (Continued)

THAT Administration be authorized to proceed with the procurement for the construction of the Building Consolidation – Services Building Project.

Carried Unanimously

BUDGET AMENDMENT
AND PROCUREMENT
COMMENCEMENT –
SERVICES BUILDING
(Continued)

2021-12-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the 2021-2024 Capital Expenditure Program be amended by adding a new capital project to replace two existing hydrants in the Downtown area for the Downtown Fire Hydrant Replacement project in the amount of \$60,000, funded from the Water and Sewer Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

BUDGET AMENDMENT –
DOWNTOWN HYDRANT
REPLACEMENT

2021-12-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the 2021-2024 Capital Expenditure Program be amended by changing the scope of the Main Street Escarpment Geohazard Mitigation Project to include geohazard mitigation for the entire Downtown escarpment.

Carried Unanimously

SCOPE CHANGE – MAIN
STREET ESCARPMENT
GEOHAZARD
MITIGATION PROJECT

A Council member noted that the current condition of the escarpment is clear evidence of the impact of climate change. In response to questions raised, Administration advised that discussions with the Government of Yukon and the Airport Authority have begun regarding options for re-opening the well-used trail at the top of the escarpment.

Discussion

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.

SITE PREPARATION
FOR THE JUMPSTART
PLAYGROUND PROJECT

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.

For Information Only

2021-12-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the terms of reference for the 2021 negotiating teams with respect to the collective agreements with PSAC Locals Y022 and Y023 and IAFF Local 2217 be endorsed as presented.

ENDORSE TERMS OF
REFERENCE FOR 2021
UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Carried Unanimously

City Planning Committee

There was no report from the City Planning Committee.

No Report

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

Community Services Committee

Mayor Curtis honoured the lives of the 215 children whose remains were found at the Kamloops Indian Residential School, and extended the sympathies of Council and the employees of the City of Whitehorse to the families and survivors of residential schools.

Mayor Curtis advised that June is National Aboriginal History Month, a time to reaffirm our commitment to working together to advance meaningful reconciliation with our First Nations

Mayor Curtis proclaimed June 2021 to be ***Yukon Pride Month***.

Paul Gowdie addressed the Committee on behalf of Hidden Histories Society Yukon in support of a call to action to address racism and discrimination in our community. He asked Council to take a lead role, and to acknowledge and address their social obligation to their citizens and to act to improve the lives of all community members.

VARIOUS COMMUNITY
EVENTS AND ISSUES
For Information Only

2021-12-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the City of Whitehorse be authorized to send a letter to the Canada Games Council before June 30, 2021 to formally declare its intention to bid for the 2027 Canada Winter Games with Yukon Government, with the submission of the bid dependant on the identification of funds to stage the games; and

2027 CANADA WINTER
GAMES BID

THAT the establishment of a Canada Winter Games Bid Committee with Yukon Government be authorized to prepare the bid to co-host the 2027 Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse; and

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2021-12-09 (Continued)

THAT the 2021 Operating Budget be increased in the amount of \$10,000, and the 2022 Provisional Operating Budget be increased in the amount of \$20,000, both funded by the General Reserve, to cover the City's share of the cost of the Canada Winter Games bid fee.

2027 CANADA WINTER
GAMES BID
(Continued)

Carried Unanimously

2021-12-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the revised Trail Maintenance Policy be adopted as presented with the addition of ten trails as recommended by the City Trail Crew.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE
POLICY UPDATE

Carried Unanimously

Committee members recognized that June is Filipino Heritage Month and issued an invitation to the public to attend a flag raising ceremony at City Hall on Friday, June 11th.

FILIPINO HERITAGE MONTH
For Information Only

Public Health and Safety Committee

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

No Report

BYLAWS

2021-12-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-31, a bylaw to amend the Traffic Bylaw to implement speed limit changes in the Downtown area, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2021-31
AMEND TRAFFIC BYLAW
(Downtown Speed)
THIRD READING

Administration confirmed that a communications strategy is being developed to advise and educate the public regarding the reduction of the speed limit in the downtown area

Discussion

2021-12-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-31 be amended by adding a new section 3 that reads as follows:

"3. Notwithstanding section 2 of this bylaw, the requirements with respect to downtown speed zones shall come into full force and effect upon completion of the installation of regulatory signage."

Amendment

Carried Unanimously

The main motion, being third reading of Bylaw 2021-31, a bylaw to amend the Traffic Bylaw to implement speed limit changes in the Downtown area, as amended, was then voted on.

Vote on Main Motion

Carried Unanimously

2021-12-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-36, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw by adding a discounted “bagged meter” fee to facilitate development of pop-up patios and sidewalk cafes in 2021, be given second reading.

BYLAW 2021-36

AMEND FEES AND
CHARGES BYLAW
(Bagged Meters/Patios)
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2021-12-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-36, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw by adding a discounted “bagged meter” fee to facilitate development of pop-up patios and sidewalk cafes in 2021, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2021-36

AMEND FEES AND
CHARGES BYLAW
(Bagged Meters/Patios)
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

2021-12-15

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-28, a bylaw to authorize the allocation of community service and municipal charges grants for the year 2021, be given first reading.

BYLAW 2021-28

COMMUNITY SERVICE/
MUNICIPAL CHARGES
GRANTS FOR 2021
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2021-12-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-28 be given second reading.

SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2021-12-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-35, a bylaw to amend the 2021 to 2024 Capital Expenditure Program by increasing the Building Consolidation – Services Building project, be given first reading.

BYLAW 2021-35

BUDGET AMENDMENT –
SERVICES BUILDING
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2021-12-18

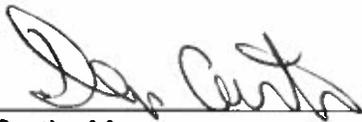
It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2021-35 be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2021-13 dated June 28, 2021.



Dan Curtis, Mayor



Norma L. Felker, Assistant City Clerk

