

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2013-01 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2013, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillors Kirk Cameron – Electronic Participation (Intermittent)
Jocelyn Curteanu
Mike Gladish
Betty Irwin
Dave Stockdale
John Streicker

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Stan Westby
Director of Community and Recreation Services Linda Rapp
Director of Corporate Services Robert Fendrick
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Director of Infrastructure and Operations Brian Crist

Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

2013-01-01

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of Neil Hartling, Blake Rogers and Rick Karp as delegates speaking to the Mayor's motion with respect to Parks Canada Yukon Sites.

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

2013-01-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated December 10, 2012 be adopted as amended with the change being that Councillor Stockdale's vote against third reading of Official Community Plan amendment Bylaw 2012-35 was recorded.

MINUTES

December 10, 2012

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATIONS

Neil Hartling addressed Council on behalf of the Tourism Industry Association Yukon to support the Mayor's motion with respect to Parks Canada sites in Yukon and Whitehorse. He expressed concern that recent federal budget cuts will have tourism and economic impacts, and that the lack of curatorial oversight will lead to artefact degradation. He also expressed concerns regarding the inadequate communication from Canada on this important issue.

NEIL HARTLING
Tourism Industry
Association Yukon
(Support for Mayor's
Motion on Parks Canada
Yukon Sites)

Blake Rogers of the Tourism Industry Association Yukon expressed concern regarding federal budget cuts planned for the S.S. Klondike, especially with respect to the on-site interpretive program. He advised Council that the site receives about 15,000 visitors each year and noted that the uncertainty regarding the interpretive program is causing tour operators to re-evaluate their itineraries. Mr. Rogers noted that the S.S. Klondike is an iconic product, and the tour operators see the site as an important element of their business. He expressed dismay that the federal government has not taken steps to try and fill the positions and have persons at these sites for a successful transition. He stated his understanding that the S.S. Klondike will have self-guided tours with an audio-visual component. Mr. Blake expressed support for the Mayor's motion in this regard.

BLAKE ROGERS
Tourism Industry
Association Yukon
(Support for Mayor's
Motion on Parks Canada
Yukon Sites)

Rick Karp addressed Council on behalf of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce to support the efforts of the Tourism Industry Association Yukon in their efforts to ensure the safety, security and viability of the S.S. Klondike Historic Site. He noted that there are other options available to operate the S.S. Klondike, but there may not be enough time to activate options for this season because of Canada's lack of decision in this matter. Mr. Karp noted that the Chamber is concerned with the loss of 30 local jobs, and supports the Mayor's motion with respect to Parks Canada Yukon sites.

RICK KARP
Whitehorse Chamber of
Commerce (Support for
Mayor's Motion on Parks
Canada Yukon Sites)

Mayor Curtis called three times for anyone to come forward to provide input into the 2013 to 2016 Capital Expenditure Plan. There was no one present to address the budget. Three written submissions were received requesting funding for additional projects.

PUBLIC INPUT INTO
CAPITAL BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Curtis called three times for anyone to appear to address Bylaw 2012-42, a bylaw to change the zoning at 2 Aishihik Road in Riverdale to reduce the minimum lot size requirement for side-by-side duplex development and the use of a non-conforming parking place.

BYLAW 2012-42
ZONING AMENDMENT
2 AISHIHIK ROAD

Fred Smith addressed Council to express concern that the proposed zoning amendment would change the existing character of the neighbourhood.

Fred Smith
Opposed

Dave Stockdale addressed Council as a resident of the neighbourhood and suggested that allowing this zoning amendment would set a precedent for other single-family neighbourhoods.

Dave Stockdale
Opposed

There were five written submissions with respect to this bylaw, one in favour and four opposed.

Submissions Received

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Health and Safety Committee

2013-01-03

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT the City of Whitehorse designate a preferred supplier of fire apparatus to allow for the purchase of two pumper trucks, subject to the provision that preferred supplier status can be revoked if:

1. The prices are not within the budget set by Whitehorse City Council; or
2. Service does not remain at the current high level and consistency as determined by the Fire Chief and the Supervisor of Equipment Maintenance; or
3. Future apparatus is purchased within this time frame.

DESIGNATE A
PREFERRED SUPPLIER
FOR FIRE APPARATUS

AND FURTHER THAT Safetek Emergency Vehicles, the Canadian dealer for Smeal Fire Apparatus Company, be designated as the preferred supplier of fire apparatus for the Whitehorse Fire Department for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

In response to a query at Standing Committee, administration has noted that Council may request an expression of interest with respect to the designation of a preferred supplier for fire apparatus. A Request for an Expression of Interest would allow potential suppliers to submit an expression of interest based on selected criteria. This would allow for the selection of a preferred supplier rather than sole-sourcing the contract.

Council members discussed the pros and cons of asking for a Request for an Expression of interest. Various issues were addressed, including the availability of potential suppliers and the need to ensure that any supplier will support equipment compatible with existing resources. It was noted that the Fire Department and Equipment Maintenance have done extensive research in this regard before recommending a supplier. Members of Council also discussed the need for an open and inclusive process for purchases of this size and scope to ensure that any such purchase is in the best interests of the Department and the City.

Discussion

2013-01-04

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT the motion to designate a preferred supplier for fire apparatus be amended by deleting the final clause and substituting therefore a new clause which reads:

Amendment

“THAT a Request for Expressions of Interest be prepared for the selection of a preferred supplier for fire apparatus for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.”

Defeated (5 – 2)

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Curteanu and Streicker

OPPOSED: Mayor Curtis, Councillors Cameron, Gladish, Irwin and Stockdale

Recorded Vote

The MAIN MOTION was then voted on and Carried (5 – 2)

Vote on Main Motion

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Curtis, Councillors Cameron, Gladish, Irwin and Stockdale

Recorded Vote

OPPOSED: Councillors Curteanu and Streicker

Activity reports for December 2012 were received from Bylaw Services and the Fire Department.

ACTIVITY REPORTS
For Information Only

Issues Arising from Reports

The Committee asked for more information on the check stop activities of Bylaw Services, as well as details regarding tickets issued and education pamphlets distributed.

Bylaw Services Activities

Tourism & Economic Development Committee

The Committee asked for more information on the water licensing issue that is currently raising concerns in the Whitehorse Copper area. Administration confirmed that there will be a public hearing for the Water Board process later this month. Administration also confirmed that the City does participate in water license hearings, and the City will be monitoring this process. It was noted that a development agreement or re-zoning application for this area is ultimately expected.

Water License Issue
Whitehorse Copper Area
For Information Only

Administrative Services Committee

2013-01-05

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2013-06, a bylaw to amend the 2012 Capital Expenditure Program with respect to budget adjustments made throughout 2012, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
UMBRELLA BYLAW
FOR 2012 CAPITAL
BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Carried Unanimously

2013-01-06

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2013-07, a bylaw to amend the 2012 Operating and Maintenance Budget with respect to budget amendments made throughout 2012, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
UMBRELLA BYLAW
FOR 2012 OPERATING
BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Carried Unanimously

Activity reports for December 2012 were received from the City Manager, the Director of Corporate Services, and the Business and Technology Systems, Financial Services, Human Resources, and Strategic Communications and Customer Service Departments.

ACTIVITY REPORTS
For Information Only

Issues Arising from Reports

The City Manager clarified that the City is working with the Kwanlin Dūn First Nation as part of an ongoing dialogue between the two governments. It is hoped that a regular schedule of meetings can be established.

First Nations Dialogue

The City Manager advised that the plastic to oil initiative may be able to proceed with the correct zoning, and noted that the Fire Marshall has allowed the process with some storage modifications for the area.

Plastics to Oil Initiative

The Committee asked for more information on the Wi-Fi initiative that was recently undertaken by the City.

Wi-Fi Initiative

The electronic connection with Councillor Cameron was lost, and his ability to participate in the rest of the meeting was not restored.

ELECTRONIC
CONNECTION LOST

City Planning Committee

2013-01-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Porter Creek D planning and engineering contract with
Golder Associates be cancelled; and

CANCEL GOLDR
CONTRACT AND DELAY
PLANNING FOR
PORTER CREEK D

THAT any consideration of planning work related to the Porter Creek
D area be delayed until Whistle Bend Phase 7 has been released for
sale.

Carried Unanimously (6 – 0)

Some members of Council expressed a desire to go forward with the
designation of a park for this area, while others noted that affordable
housing will always be a priority issue, so this is a desirable parcel for
the City to retain from a sustainability aspect. Administration confirmed
that, at a medium growth rate, the release of Phase 7 of Whistle Bend
would be in about ten years. It was also confirmed that the recent
spate of private development has had an impact on the need to
consider residential development in the Porter Creek D area.

Discussion

2013-01-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2012-02, a bylaw to amend the 2010 Official
Community Plan by applying minor housekeeping changes, be
brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
O.C.P. AMENDMENT
HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES

Carried Unanimously

2013-01-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2013-04, a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan
to increase minimum lot sizes outside the Urban Containment
Boundary, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw
process; and

BRING FORWARD
O.C.P. AMENDMENT
FOR COUNTRY RES
MINIMUM LOT SIZE
AND CONTINUE
MORATORIUM ON
APPLICATIONS

THAT a moratorium be placed on accepting applications for the
rezoning of parcels from Country Residential 1 to Country
Residential 2 until May 13, 2013.

Carried Unanimously

Administration confirmed that the amendment will provide clarity in the
Official Community Plan with respect to minimum lot size. It was also
noted that it will impact whole subdivisions and will therefore prohibit
smaller lots in existing subdivisions.

Discussion

2013-01-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2013-02, a bylaw to change the zoning of a parcel of land adjacent to 163 Collins Lane in the Mount Sima Industrial Subdivision to allow for a lot expansion, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
ZONING AMENDMENT
163 Collins Lane

Carried Unanimously

2013-01-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2013-01, a bylaw to change the zoning at 57 Carpiquet Road in Takhini to allow for the development of a living suite and a garden suite on a single-family lot, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
ZONING AMENDMENT
57 Carpiquet Road

Carried Unanimously

Administration confirmed that this is a revenue-generating initiative and is not consistent with the existing zoning, which is why the application has been submitted.

Discussion

Activity reports for December 2012 were received from the Acting Director of Development Services and the Planning Services Department.

ACTIVITY REPORTS
For Information Only

Issues Arising from Reports

Administration clarified that permitting and building statistics vary according to timing and the size of the construction projects.

Building Statistics

Administration confirmed that the cleanup of the Motorways property is complete and the land is expected to be on the market this month.

Motorways Property

The Committee asked for more information and a briefing on the Stevens Quarry project following the completion of the YESSA process.

Stevens Quarry

Administration confirmed that proposals have been received for the Hillcrest Neighbourhood Plan project, and once the consultant is selected the public will be invited to participate in the planning process.

Hillcrest Neighbourhood
Planning Project

The Committee requested that the Standing Committee agenda structure to be reviewed to allow for more efficiency and effectiveness, especially with respect to the Planning Committee.

Committee Meeting
Structure

Mr. John Carney addressed the Committee to express concerns regarding a number of issues, including:

- Allowing septic holding tanks would be a concern for many neighbourhoods, particularly Raven's Ridge;
- The issue of riparian areas may be of particular interest to local First Nations who are major land owners inside City boundaries;
- The plan for the Porter Creek D area changed significantly at some point from college endowment lands to development potential; he encouraged more discussion by Council before any further decisions are made;
- There are other options available for water supply to Whistle Bend that should be considered; and
- More community involvement, especially with community groups and neighbourhood associations, is required with respect to trail development in the City.

JOHN CARNEY
Various Issues
For Information Only

City Operations Committee

2013-01-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the 2012 Energy Management Plan be adopted as presented.

ADOPT ENERGY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Carried Unanimously

Administration clarified that implementation of the Energy Management Plan could cost as much as 1.2 million dollars, with a very short payback of about four years followed by savings of approximately \$300,000 per year.

Discussion

Activity reports for December 2012 were received from the Director of Infrastructure and Operations, Engineering and Capital Projects, Environmental Sustainability, Maintenance and Safety Services, and Public Works.

ACTIVITY REPORTS
For Information Only

Community Services Committee

Activity reports for December 2012 were received from the Acting Director of Community and Recreation Services, Recreation and Facility Services, Outreach and Events, Parks and Trails, and the Transit Department.

ACTIVITY REPORTS
For Information Only

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2013-01-13

It was duly moved and seconded
WHEREAS Parks Canada is a vital partner in the Whitehorse heritage community, a cornerstone of our culture, and a key element in our tourism economy; and

WHEREAS the City of Whitehorse is deeply concerned with the impact recent Federal decisions have had on our heritage community, and on the experience and enjoyment of our citizens and visitors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Whitehorse support the efforts of the Government of Yukon in urging the Government of Canada and her agents to recognize the importance of Parks Canada's Yukon sites in attracting visitors, increasing the value of Yukon tourism products, and supporting jobs critical to our economy.

Carried Unanimously

WHITEHORSE SUPPORT
FOR YUKON INITIATIVES
REGARDING PARKS
CANADA YUKON SITES

Council was advised that there are two meeting scheduled shortly with MP Ryan Leef to discuss this issue.

Discussion

BYLAWS

2013-01-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2012-44, a bylaw to authorize the allocation of various grants for the year 2012, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2012-44

2012 UMBRELLA
GRANTS BYLAW

THIRD READING

2013-01-15

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2013-06, a bylaw to amend the 2012 – 2015 Capital Budget with respect to changes made throughout 2012, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2013-06

2012 UMBRELLA
CAPITAL BUDGET
AMENDMENT

FIRST READING

2013-01-16

It was duly moved and seconded
Bylaw 2013-06 be given second reading.

SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2013-01-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2013-07, a bylaw to amend the 2012 Operating and
Maintenance Budget with respect to changes made throughout 2012,
be given first reading.

BYLAW 2013-07

2012 UMBRELLA
OPERATING BUDGET
AMENDMENT

FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2013-01-18

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2013-07 be given second reading.

SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

2013-01-19

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2013-01, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 57 Carpiquet
Road in Takhini to allow for both a garden suite and a living suite, be
given first reading.

BYLAW 2013-01

ZONING AMENDMENT
57 Carpiquet Road

FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2013-01-20

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2013-02, a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan
with respect to minor housekeeping amendments, be given first
reading.

BYLAW 2013-02

O.C.P. AMENDMENT
Housekeeping

FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2013-01-21

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2013-04, a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan
with respect to minimum lot sizes for country residential development,
be given first reading.

BYLAW 2013-04

O.C.P. AMENDMENT
CR Lot Sizes

FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

2013-01-22

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2013-05, a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow for
a lot expansion at 163 Collins Lane in the Mount Sima Industrial
Subdivision, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2013-05

ZONING AMENDMENT
163 Collins Lane

FIRST READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"Valerie Anderson"

Valerie Anderson, Acting City Clerk

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2013-02 DATED January 28, 2013