

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2013-05 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor John Streicker  
Councillors Jocelyn Curteanu  
Mike Gladish  
Betty Irwin  
Dave Stockdale

ABSENT: Mayor Dan Curtis  
Councillor Kirk Cameron

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager Robert Fendrick  
Director of Community and Recreation Services Linda Rapp  
Acting Director of Development Services Wayne Tuck  
Acting Director of Infrastructure and Operations Dave Muir

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**2013-05-01**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition four items  
as follows:

1. Under New and Unfinished Business, add:
    - Resolutions for Presentation at the Association of Yukon Communities Annual General Meeting; and
    - A Notice of Motion from Councillor Curteanu.
  2. Under Bylaws, add:
    - Bylaw 2013-15 (Name Mary Lake Playground) for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading; and
    - Bylaw 2013-09 (Amend Fees & Charges Bylaw) for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Carried Unanimously

**AGENDA**

**2013-05-02**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated February 25,  
2013 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**MINUTES**

February 25, 2013

**DELEGATIONS**

Deputy Mayor Streicker called three times for anyone to appear to  
address the 2013 Operating and Maintenance Budget.

Public Input into Budget

Bev Buckway addressed Council as a resident and small business owner to applaud the modest tax increase proposed, stating that the expansion of the transit service alone would be worth the small cost to her. She also commended the balanced budget and noted that the City that does not keep up with growth will stagnate.

BEV BUCKWAY

Philip Fitzgerald addressed Council on behalf of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce to state that the taxes collected by the City over the past eight years are above the growth indicators. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the Chamber respects the role of council to balance all the needs of the community, and asked council to consider:

- Limiting tax increases to the lower of 2% per annum or the rate of inflation for the next four years to provide certainty for all; and
- Having budget discussions with respect to both capital and O & M together earlier in the year with reference to actual numbers from the previous year-end to allow for more informed input; and
- Reducing over time the 48% mill rate differential between commercial and residential taxpayers

PHILIP FITZGERALD  
Whitehorse Chamber of  
Commerce

22 individuals, representing a variety of organizations, groups and citizens, addressed Council to request that the City of Whitehorse support Mount Sima in the 2013 operating budget and provide long term funding to support the continued operations of the facility. They described the benefits the ski hill provides to Whitehorse, particularly for the youth, and stressed that Mount Sima needs the community and the community needs Mount Sima. Members of the Great Northern Ski Society advised that the funding received to date plus most of the funding available to the Society is for capital projects and infrastructure, but what they need now is core operational funding.

22 INDIVIDUALS  
SUPPORTING FUNDING  
FOR MOUNT SIMA

Vanessa Brault advised Council that she is a regular user of the ski hill and values its contribution to the community, but wonders where the funding has gone. She suggested that there is a disconnect between the City and the community and that Mount Sima needs to provide more explanations. Ms. Brault also suggested that a more inclusive approach is needed to support the Ski Hill, and that it is not just a problem to be addressed by the City.

VANESSA BRAULT

Anne Davidson stated that she does not support public funding for Mount Sima.

ANNE DAVIDSON

Rob Wills suggested that winter operations at the ski hill are being jeopardized by the summer operations and encouraged the City to critically evaluate the year-round operations at the facility.

ROB WILLS

Jeff Cowliss stated that the Great Northern Ski Society has not done a good job of reaching out to the community and suggested that the Society should be reaching out to the taxpayers more directly rather than applying to Council. He stated that he is a supporter of Mount Sima but encouraged the Society to explain the situation to the taxpayers.

JEFF COWLISS

Bill Barnie expressed concern that affordable housing is significantly impaired by tax increases, and asserted that people living in country residential areas are very highly taxed for the services that they receive. He stated that he is not against Mount Sima, but is very concerned that the City is not living sustainably within its means.

BILL BARNIE

Scott Tyrner stated his agreement with Mr. Barnie's comments and questioned what was done with the funding already supplied to Mount Sima. He asked for more transparency in the regard, and encouraged Council to stick to the basics.

SCOTT TYRNER

Daniel Ashley addressed Council on behalf of the Yukon College Student Union and commended the proposal to extend the transit services into weekday evenings. He stated that the Union is working towards the pass system for all full-time students at the college and there is the potential for 600 riders starting in September of this year. He also expressed the hope that College staff will be able to participate in the program.

DANIEL ASHLEY

Sandy Helland suggested that the transit system should be expanded sooner rather than later, and that the expansion should include Sunday service as well. Ms. Helland also suggested that transit might look at providing service to the ski hill.

SANDY HELLAND

Deputy Mayor Streicker thanked all the delegates for their participation and advised that a report will be coming back to Council at the next Standing Committee meeting on March 18.

Delegates Thanked

Council agreed to a brief recess to allow the delegates to clear the gallery.

Recess

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

Re-convene

**2013-05-03**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the meeting continue past 10:30 p.m.

CONTINUE MEETING  
PAST 10:30 P.M.

Carried Unanimously

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Health and Safety Committee**

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

ACTIVITY REPORTS  
For Information Only

**Issues Arising from Reports**

The Committee asked about the potential development of a local enforcement officer training program at Yukon College.

The Committee also asked about the frequency of fire drills in City facilities, particularly City Hall and the Municipal Services Building; whether there has ever been an external audit of the City's Fire Department; and the current status of the work on the City's Fire Service Master Plan that was budgeted for 2013.

Various Issues

It was noted that minimum health and wellness standards may be implemented for volunteer fire-fighters in the future.

**Tourism & Economic Development Committee**

There was no report from the Tourism and Economic Development Committee.

No Report

**Administrative Services Committee**

**2013-05-04**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-09, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw in accordance with the annual operating budget, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FOWARD  
FEES & CHARGES  
AMENDMENT

Carried Unanimously

**2013-05-05**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT travel expenses during the month of March be authorized for Mayor Curtis to attend the MIPIM Event in Cannes, France and to visit the district solar energy system in Okotoks, Alberta; and  
THAT travel and per diem expenses from the Councillor-initiated account be authorized for Councillor Streicker to attend the district solar energy system in Okotoks, Alberta in March.

AUTHORIZE COUNCIL  
TRAVEL  
Mayor Curtis and  
Councillor Streicker

Carried Unanimously

Activity reports for February were received from the City Manager, the Director of Corporate Services, and the Business and Technology Systems, and Financial Services Departments.

ACTIVITY REPORTS  
For Information Only

Issues Arising from Reports

The City Manager confirmed that he will be attending an upcoming international event that will feature the City's proposed Borehole Thermal Energy System technology.

Borehole Thermal Energy

New Business

Sandy Helland addressed the Committee with a proposal to install a bungee sled system at Mount Sima. She suggested that it would be a money-making venture for Mount Sima and allow the City to lower taxes by one percent.

Sandy Helland  
Various Proposals

Ms. Helland also encouraged all members of Council to ride the buses and become familiar with the transit system and suggested that the City should fund a new bus. She suggested that users would pay more for increased service.

City Planning Committee

**2013-05-06**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-02, a bylaw to make several housekeeping amendments to the 2010 Official Community Plan, be brought forward for second reading under the bylaw process; and

THAT Bylaw 2013-02 be amended at second reading to amend the definition for "may" to clearly show the meaning of the word to be permissive rather than obligatory.

BRING FORWARD  
AND AMEND O.C.P.  
AMENDMENT BYLAW  
2013-02 (Housekeeping)

Carried Unanimously

**2013-05-07**

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 second reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD  
O.C.P. AMENDMENT  
BYLAW 2013-04  
(Rural Minimum Lot Sizes)

Carried Unanimously

**2013-05-08**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-15, a bylaw to name the existing Mary Lake  
Playground as the "Gilles Lapres Memorial Playground". be brought  
forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD  
BYLAW TO NAME  
MARY LAKE  
PLAYGROUND

Carried Unanimously

Activity reports for February were received from the Director of  
Development Services and the Planning Services Department.

ACTIVITY REPORTS  
For Information Only

**City Operations Committee**

Activity reports for February were received from the Director of  
Infrastructure and Operations and the Engineering, Environmental  
Sustainability, Operations, and Water & Waste Services Departments.

ACTIVITY REPORTS  
For Information Only

**Issues Arising from Reports**

Administration confirmed that discussions are on-going with the Big  
Box stores regarding the transit pass program. It was noted that  
evening transit service is key to their participation.

Transit Pass Program

Administration confirmed that the replacement of the landfill  
gatehouse is taking a long time due to design issues, budget cycles,  
and working with the insurance company as insurance did not cover  
the full cost of replacement. In addition, the extent of the damage to  
the scale took some time to determine.

Landfill Gatehouse

**Community Services Committee**

Doug Graham addressed the Committee to advise that the City of  
Juneau has instituted a "Sister Cities Hockey Tournament" and  
provided a trophy for the event. An Oldtimers team from Whitehorse  
was in Juneau this past weekend and came home with the Sister  
Cities Challenge Cup. Mr. Graham presented the trophy to the City  
of Whitehorse and noted that the City of Juneau extended a warm  
invitation to Whitehorse to come to Juneau next year to play again  
and keep the relationship alive.

SISTER CITIES  
CHALLENGE CUP  
For Information Only

**2013-05-09**

It was duly moved and seconded  
 THAT the recommendations for the Festivals and Special Events  
 Grants be approved as presented:

Organization	Cash	In-Kind	
All City Band Society			
Music for a Winter's Eve	\$ 600.00		
Breakdancing Yukon Society			FESTIVALS & EVENTS
CypherFest International Festival	\$ 6,000.00		GRANTS
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 254	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,016.25	
U Kon Echelon			
Yukon Bike Week	\$ 500.00		
Yukon Educational Theatre Society			
Winterval Santa Parade	\$ <u>1,000.00</u>	\$ <u>5,246.25</u>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 13,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,262.50</b>	

Carried Unanimously

Activity reports for February 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

Issues Arising from Reports

Administration confirmed that:

- The Trails and Greenways Committee proceedings shall be known to Council and the public;
- The City helped identify a 'Community Entity' for the Planning Group on Homelessness and that the Council of Yukon First Nations has taken on this role. The City is helping with administrative duties;
- Transit ridership is up and the bus drivers are reporting that Department of Education use has had a ripple effect on ridership;
- Transit is not directed to meet the schedule 'no matter what', and there are no policies, written or unwritten, to encourage speeding to meet the schedule;
- There are some legislative changes being proposed to help buses into traffic.

Various Issues

The City Manager reiterated the importance of safety for the buses and noted that drivers are encouraged to meet schedules, but every effort is taken to make a safe and reliable transit system.

Bus Safety

The Committee commended the Rendezvous event, and noted that the organizing committee highly commended the City's participation.

Sourdough Rendezvous

**New Business**

Sandy Helland addressed the Committee to suggest that transit ridership is up due to schedule improvements. She reiterated that riders would be willing to pay for extra service.

Transit Ridership

Councillor Cameron related his experience at a recent land claims conference held at Yukon College and also commented on the recent workshop held at the College on the subject of emerging economies in Asia and the circumpolar arctic. The workshop covered a number of issues including transportation, and the final product is planned to be a book on cross-jurisdictional interests in the arctic, particularly with respect to the economy.

Conferences and  
Workshops at  
Yukon College

The Mayor clarified that when it comes to questions from Committee members, the members are trying to ask one question at a time. He noted that the Mayor is the umbrella chair at Standing Committee meetings and the umbrella chair will maintain order.

Council Procedures

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2013-05-10**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the following two resolutions be forwarded to the Association of Yukon Communities for consideration at the 2013 Annual General Meeting:

- (1) "WHEREAS the **Our Towns – Our Future** process and the *Municipal Act* review now under way have both highlighted that Yukon municipalities need to evolve to have more responsibility and control in their future; and

WHEREAS the issues and challenges that Yukon communities face often differ in scope and scale compared to the issues and challenges faced by the City of Whitehorse; and

WHEREAS current municipal legislation designed for territory-wide application often does not fit the needs or operations of all communities; and

RESOLUTIONS FOR  
PRESENTATION AT THE  
A.Y.C ANNUAL MEETING

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**2013-05-10** (Continued)

WHEREAS the creation of a Charter for the City of Whitehorse would allow Whitehorse to address its unique issues separately while allowing the Association of Yukon Communities to focus more on issues common to other Yukon communities; and

WHEREAS a Charter for the City of Whitehorse would allow Whitehorse to remain an active and supportive member of the Association of Yukon Communities to address the many shared issues of all communities; and

WHEREAS the creation of a City of Whitehorse Charter could eventually pave the way for municipal solutions which could be piloted by Whitehorse and may show potential for other communities as time and capacity allow;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Yukon Communities petition the Government of Yukon to examine the creation of a City of Whitehorse Charter.”

RESOLUTIONS FOR  
PRESENTATION AT THE  
A.Y.C ANNUAL MEETING  
(Continued)

- (2) “WHEREAS in 2004 the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization launched the International Coalition of Cities Against Racism initiative; and

WHEREAS a number of Canadian communities, including the City of Whitehorse, have joined together to form the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination; and

WHEREAS the principles and commitments of the Coalition promote inclusive and harmonious communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Yukon Communities promote and support the common commitments of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD) throughout all Yukon Communities”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Curteanu presented a Notice of Motion as follows:

NOTICE OF MOTION

Take notice that I, Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu, will bring forward at the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, March 25, 2013, a motion that reads as follows:

“THAT the formation of an advisory committee be authorized to advance the common commitments of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD); and THAT the terms of reference for the Advisory Committee on CCMARD be drafted in cooperation with community members”

Advisory Committee  
On CCMARD

Council members agreed that they would like to vote on this motion in advance of the national anniversary coming up next week.

Discussion

**2013-05-11**

It was duly moved and seconded THAT the formation of an advisory committee be authorized to advance the common commitments of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD); and THAT the terms of reference for the Advisory Committee on CCMARD be drafted in cooperation with community members.

AUTHORIZE THE  
FORMATION OF AN  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON CCMARD

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAWS**

**2013-05-12**

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2013-12, a bylaw to authorize the disposition of land in the Motorways area, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

**BYLAW 2013-12**

LAND DISPOSITION  
(Motorways Lots)

THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-05-13**

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2013-14, a bylaw to authorize the acquisition of a parcel of land for utility purposes at the South end of Pine Street in Porter Creek, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

**BYLAW 2013-14**

LAND ACQUISITION  
(Pine Street Utility Lot)

THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-05-14**

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 second  
reading.

**BYLAW 2013-02**

O.C.P. AMENDMENT  
(Housekeeping)  
SECOND READING

**2013-05-15**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-02 be amended at second reading by deleting the  
existing section 15 and substituting therefore a new section 15 as  
follows:

“15. The Official Community Plan is hereby amended by deleting the  
existing definition “May” and adding a new definition as follows:

Amendment

**“May**

A choice to act or not, or a promise of a possibility, as  
distinguished from “shall” which makes it imperative”.

Carried Unanimously

The MAIN MOTION as amended was then voted on and CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY.

Vote on Main Motion

**2013-05-16**

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 second reading.

**BYLAW 2013-04**

O.C.P. AMENDMENT  
(Minimum Rural Lot Size)  
SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-05-17**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-15, a bylaw to name the Mary Lake Playground the  
“Gilles Lapres Memorial Playground” be given first reading.

**BYLAW 2013-15**

NAME MARY LAKE  
PLAYGROUND  
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-05-18**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-15 be given second reading.

SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-05-19**

**BYLAW 2013-09**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-09, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw  
in accordance with the annual operating budget, be given first reading.

AMEND FEES/CHARGES  
(Budget Changes)

Carried Unanimously

FIRST READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

ORIGINAL MINUTES SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"Robert I. Fendrick"

Robert I. Fendrick, FCGA, City Clerk

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2013-06 dated March 25, 2013