



Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee

Date	September 16, 2013
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall
Committee Members Present	Councillor Mike Gladish – Chair Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu – Vice-Chair Mayor Dan Curtis Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Betty Irwin Councillor John Streicker
Absent	Councillor Dave Stockdale
Staff Present	Linda Rapp, Acting City Manager Robert Fendrick, Director of Corporate Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Dave Muir, Acting Director of Infrastructure and Operations

Your Worship, the Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Financial Request – Friends of Mount Sima Society

The Friends of Mount Sima is a yet-to-be-formed society with the goal of forming a new governance structure and reopening the Mount Sima facility for winter operations. The group has an agreement-in-principle with the Great Northern Ski Society that would allow it to sub-lease the facility for one year. The new Friends of Mount Sima organization has been raising funding commitments through a pledge program

The Government of Yukon has agreed to contribute by providing matching funds for a pledge program in decreasing amounts for this season and the two succeeding seasons. These funds are contingent on the Friends of Mount Sima becoming a registered society and the City providing funding.

The Friends of Mount Sima organization has requested that the City provide:

- \$200,000.00 in funding, including \$100,000 in immediate working capital with the balance provided in four to six weeks with matching of season's pass purchases
- A commitment to run a snow bus to and from the ski hill through the winter, and
- A commitment to enter into discussions with the Society for long-term funding.

The Society is asking the City for approximately 20% of what they predict it will cost for winter operations at the ski hill, based on a 68-day season. The proposal contemplates 12-month maintenance costs, and a representative has acknowledged that it's unlikely the ski hill will ever be totally financially self-sufficient.

Kristy Lerch, Dr. David Storey, Gisli Balzer, Dick Eastmure, Kalin Pallett, Aidan Allen and Trevor Mead-Robins all spoke of the need to ensure the continued operation of the ski hill. They addressed issues of recreation opportunities, fitness, and options for youth, and emphasized that Mount Sima is a great learning facility that is extremely important to the Freestyle Ski Team and the Alpine Ski Association. It is also an important facility for para-gliding as well as being a vital component of the City's ability to host significant winter events such as the Canada Winter Games and the Arctic Winter Games. The delegates also noted that an active ski hill is an attractant for prospective employees, and reminded Council of the economic impact of the hill including the ripple effect over and above the hiring of staff.

Laurie Henderson, Christina Pekarik and Rod Taylor spoke on behalf of the Friends of Mount Sima, providing details about the amount of community support received and pledged to keep the facility operating. They noted that the City is a vested partner by virtue of its asset ownership of the hill, and the ski hill is a good value proposition for the City. They advised that the Society has worked hard to raise funds and gain support from the public and the business sector, and has also obtained a limited level of support from the Government of Yukon. They requested that the City participate in this valuable initiative by providing the level of support needed to ensure that the ski hill operations are able to continue, not only this coming season but into the future.

The Committee discussed the potential cost to City taxpayers and the uncertainty associated with the decreasing level of support proposed by the Yukon Government. It was noted that the cost projections provided are estimations only with no surety that they will reflect operational realities. The issues surrounding Wild Play are also a concern. The Committee commended the Friends group and the public for the work done to date, while noting that there has also been considerable taxpayer feedback against funding Mount Sima.

Recommendation

THAT administration is hereby directed to review operational and financial options with respect to a snow bus initiative for the Mount Sima Ski Hill; and

THAT funding in the amount of \$65,700.00, funded from the General Reserve, be approved to the Friends of Mount Sima Society for the purpose of assisting with winter operating expenses, subject to the following conditions:

1. THAT the Friends of Mount Sima Society is registered and in good standing under the *Societies Act*; and
2. THAT the Society resolves to undertake winter ski hill operations at Mount Sima for the 2013-2014 winter season.

2. **Contribution Agreement and Budget Amendment – Mount Sima (Zaugg)**

The Government of Yukon has offered a contribution agreement to facilitate future ski hill operations by funding the debt obligations owed to creditors of the Great Northern Ski Society. This agreement covers the cost of purchasing a Zaugg Groomer that the Society has listed for sale. This groomer has been identified as an important piece of winter operations equipment for the Mount Sima facility. If Council approves the Contribution Agreement, a budget adjustment will be necessary to initiate the cash funding. The City will then be in a position to flow the funding required to retire creditors of the Great Northern Ski Society. Administration confirmed that the funding is profiled for WildPlay, and that negotiations with WildPlay are continuing.

Sam Oletti advised that the groomer covered under this agreement is a re-built model that was purchased for the 2012 Arctic Winter Games, and it will serve the needs of the hill for many years. He also noted that a new groomer would cost more than 2 ½ times as much to purchase.

Recommendation

THAT a contribution agreement with the Yukon Government be approved with respect to \$55,000.00 in funding for the purchase of a Zaugg Groomer to pay the outstanding debt owed to creditors of the Great Northern Ski Society that relate to the ski hill operations, and

THAT the 2013–2016 capital budget be amended in the amount of \$55,000 for project #740c00213 – Mount Sima Debt, funded from Government of Yukon contributions.

3. **Various Community Events** – For Information Only

The Committee commended the recent event hosted by the Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement.

The Committee was advised of the Full Moon Festival on September 19th.



Minutes of the meeting of the Public Health and Safety Committee

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Absent	Councillor Dave Stockdale
Staff Present	Linda Rapp, Acting City Manager Robert Fendrick, Director of Corporate Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Dave Muir, Acting Director of Infrastructure and Operations Dave Pruden, Manager of Bylaw Services

Your Worship, the Public Health and Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. **Bicycle Bylaw**

The current Bicycle Bylaw has been in place for 35 years with only two amendments being made during its lifespan. In recent years there has been a significant increase in the number of cyclists on the streets and trails in the City, and there are on-going concerns about interactions between cyclists and motorists on roadways and between cyclists and other users on multi-use trails. In light of sustainability issues and the City's promotion of alternative commuting methods, a comprehensive review of the bylaw was conducted. After significant consultation with the general public, cyclists, cycling groups, and local bike shops, administration is proposing changes to the bylaw that will enhance some aspects of cycling on roadways. Due to the age of the bylaw and the number of changes proposed, a new bylaw is being brought forward for Council's consideration.

Julie Desbrisay addressed the Committee on behalf of the Urban Cycling Coalition and commended the Bylaw Services Manager for his work with the cycling associations on the drafting of this bylaw. She asked that Council seriously consider removing the

“seizure” provisions of the proposed bylaw, and commented that some of the fines are very high, especially as compared to fines authorized under the *Motor Vehicles Act*.

Administration confirmed that

- the proposed fines are in keeping with fines in other bylaws recently adopted;
- a charge must be laid before a bicycle can be seized;
- it would be a challenge and would also be costly to provide enhanced snow clearing on Fourth Avenue;
- there has been considerable negative feedback to the idea of restricting bicycles on Second Avenue;
- winter cycling is being reviewed by the Transportation Demand Study; and
- painting bike lanes green to increase their visibility is becoming a national standard, but is impractical here as paint must be renewed annually due to the demands of snow and ice control. An alternative might be to apply a pigment to the asphalt used in bike lanes, but that would also be problematic in terms of application.

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 2013-35, a bylaw to regulate the control, use and operation of bicycles in the City of Whitehorse, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.



Minutes of the meeting of the Development Services Committee

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Committee Members Present	Councillor John Streicker – Chair Mayor Dan Curtis Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Mike Gladish Councillor Betty Irwin
Absent	Councillor Dave Stockdale
Staff Present	Linda Rapp, Acting City Manager Robert Fendrick, Director of Corporate Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Dave Muir, Acting Director of Infrastructure and Operations

Your Worship, there is no report from the Development Services Committee.



Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee

Date	September 16, 2013
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall
Committee Members Present	Councillor Betty Irwin – Chair Mayor Dan Curtis Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Mike Gladish Councillor John Streicker
Absent	Councillor Dave Stockdale
Staff Present	Linda Rapp, Acting City Manager Robert Fendrick, Director of Corporate Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Dave Muir, Acting Director of Infrastructure and Operations Valerie Anderson, Manager of Financial Services

Your Worship, the Corporate Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Fees and Charges Amendment – Quarterly Changes

As part of the preparation process for the annual operating budget, Financial Services compiles a list of suggested additions and amendments to the City's Fees and Charges as submitted by the management group. Bylaw Services is bringing forward a number of changes in accordance with the provisions of the new Traffic Bylaw, and is introducing new rates for bagged meters for funerals and construction sites, and an administration fee for replacement of accessible parking permits. Planning Services is proposing to remove the inactive fee for trailer registration and increase the fees for zoning amendments. Water and Waste Services is proposing a new fee to allow for an additional waste cart for large families.

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 2013-45, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process; and

THAT, upon adoption of Bylaw 2013-45, the 2013 operating and maintenance budget, and the 2014 and 2015 provisional operating and maintenance budgets be amended to increase budgeted revenue in the amounts of \$6,300.00, \$28,500.00 and \$28,500.00 respectively to reflect the changes in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

2. Council Travel – Association of Yukon Communities Meeting

Council's Expense Policy requires approval by council resolution for all requests for funding or reimbursement of expenses incurred in conjunction with travel outside the City of Whitehorse. Councillor Streicker has indicated his intention to attend the fall meeting of the Association of Yukon Communities being held this year in Carmacks.

Recommendation

THAT travel and per diem expenses funded from Councillor-initiated travel be authorized for Councillor Streicker to attend the fall meeting of the Association of Yukon Communities to be held in Carmacks in September.



Minutes of the meeting of the City Planning Committee

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Absent	Councillor Dave Stockdale
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Your Worship, the City Planning Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Various Planning Issues – For Information Only

Administration confirmed that the planning studies with respect to the Long Lake and McLean Lake areas will be coming forward later this year. It was noted that staff commitments to other projects have delayed this work.

The Committee was advised that the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee will be striking a task force to review a proposed new Accessibility Bylaw.



Minutes of the meeting of the City Operations Committee

Date	September 16, 2013
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall
Committee Members Present	Councillor Kirk Cameron – Chair Councillor Betty Irwin – Vice Chair Mayor Dan Curtis Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Mike Gladish Councillor John Streicker
Absent	Councillor Dave Stockdale
Staff Present	Linda Rapp, Acting City Manager Robert Fendrick, Director of Corporate Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Dave Muir, Acting Director of Infrastructure and Operations Wayne Tuck, Manager of Engineering Services

Your Worship, the City Operations Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Ogilvie Street West Local Improvement Project

The reconstruction of Ogilvie Street from Fourth Avenue to the Escarpment is proposed. The project includes both underground and surface works to bring the street up to current municipal standards, and will benefit all property owners in the area. The underground portion of the work is funded by the City in accordance with established policies, but the surface works will be funded in part by local improvement charges levied against all benefitting properties. The balance will be provided from available capital funds

A bylaw is required to levy local improvement charges. Once the bylaw is given first reading, all property owners will be notified in writing, and a public hearing will be scheduled before the bylaw is brought forward for second and third reading. If the majority of property owners object, the bylaw cannot proceed. If the bylaw is approved, the project will be submitted to the normal capital budget process. If approved, the work will be scheduled for 2014 or 2015, and possibly split over the two years.

Administration confirmed that this reconstruction project is for the portion of Ogilvie Street between Fourth Avenue and the escarpment, and that votes against the project and the local improvement charges must be received in writing within 30 days of receipt

of official notification of the project. If benefitting property owners do not object in writing, they will be presumed to be in favour of the bylaw.

A committee member expressed concern about the voting process and the fact that only returned votes are counted. Administration confirmed the City's legal interpretation of the *Municipal Act* provisions with respect to objections received, and the Committee was reminded that the same provisions apply to Council decisions – if a Council member is not excused and does not vote on an issue, he or she is deemed to have voted in favour.

The suggestion was made that Council's representative on the *Municipal Act* Review Committee should bring this issue forward to that Committee for discussion.

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 2013-46, a bylaw to provide for local improvement charges with respect to the reconstruction of Ogilvie Street West, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.