



Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee

Date September 3, 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 Dave Stockdale
Councillor John Streicker

Staff Present Brian Crist, 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 Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Transit Issues – For Information Only

Sandy Helland thanked Council for the extended evening service now being offered. She stated that this is a good start, but there is also a need for Sunday transit service. She suggested that Sunday service would be well used, even if a flat fee of five dollars per Sunday trip was implemented. Ms. Helland also expressed frustration that bus drivers do not have discretion to provide emergency free service.

2. Habitat for Humanity – For Information Only

Arthur Mitchell and Stu Mackay provided a brief history of the work of Habitat for Humanity in Whitehorse and Yukon, and thanked Council for the City's assistance in support of their efforts to provide healthy affordable housing. Mr. Mitchell advised that with the assistance of the City, other agencies, sponsors, and volunteers, four homes have been completed in Whitehorse and two more are under construction. Volunteers are invited to participate with the next build, starting next Monday at Whistle Bend. Mr. Mitchell confirmed that the Habitat for Humanity program is designed for families that can fund their own mortgage, albeit at a reduced amount. The Committee highly commended the Board and many volunteers of Habitat for Humanity for the significant contribution they make to our society.

2. Monthly Activity Reports – For Information Only

Activity Reports for the month of August were received from the Director of Community and Recreation Services, Outreach and Events, Parks and Trails, Recreation and Facility Services, and the Transit Services Department.

Issues Arising from the Activity Reports

The Committee commended:

- The new dog park in the downtown area;
- Increases in Canada Games Centre visitations and transit usage; and
- The Operation NANOOK exercise

It was noted that Yukon College is very excited about the extended transit hours and the City/College partnership

The Committee asked for additional information with respect to the dedication of Gilles Lapres Park and the upcoming public engagement planned for the Pioneer Cemetery.

The Committee was advised that there are a number of activities that Council members can get involved in at the Yukon Route event at Yukon College this weekend.

Administration confirmed that the City will have a booth at the event.

A Committee member asked administration to investigate the possibility of expanding the new downtown dog park to include more open area as a safety and security measure for persons walking dogs. It was also noted that the nature of the activity at the end of Main Street has changed positively, possibly attributable to changing norms for activity in the area.

3. Remembrance Day Transit Service Promotion – For Information Only

A Committee member suggested that the City consider providing preferred seating at the Remembrance Day event for persons attending the ceremony with proof that they used the transit service to get to the event. This would promote transit and alleviate some parking concerns. The Committee asked for more information on what such a program would look like.

Sandy Helland spoke in favour of free transit service for Remembrance Day events, especially for seniors and elders.



Minutes of the meeting of the Public Health and Safety Committee

Date September 3, 2013

Location Council Chambers, City Hall

Committee Members Present
Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu – Chair
Councillor Mike Gladish – Vice Chair
Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillor Kirk Cameron
Councillor Betty Irwin
Councillor Dave Stockdale
Councillor John Streicker

Staff Present
Brian Crist, 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. Amendments to the Traffic Bylaw

Administration has reviewed the residential parking permit provisions of the Traffic Bylaw and an amendment is proposed that will allow persons residing in multi-residential housing an opportunity to apply for a parking permit where they do not already have an assigned off-street parking space. An additional change is proposed to allow persons residing in single-family and duplex housing to apply for parking permits, provided that the granting of such permits would not see the residence having more than two parking spaces.

Additional minor changes proposed are housekeeping in nature. They include amendments to Schedule “B” to add an additional street to the 30 kph zone and restrict the Whistle Bend streets to 40 kph. Changes and additions to the definitions are also proposed to provide clarity and consistency with other bylaws.

Administration advised that the fees proposed for residential parking permits would be \$100.00 per year for one permit and a second permit would cost \$350.00 per year. The impacts of the fees and the allowed parking will be examined as part of the Transportation Demand Management study.

Administration noted that lower speed limits in certain neighbourhoods are implemented in response to local conditions, but enforcement is necessary to impact driving habits. It was also noted that paint lines on roadways can impact traffic speeds. An example of this can be seen in Whistle Bend where road width and line painting are designed to promote more bike and pedestrian use and safer neighbourhood streets.

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 2013-44, a bylaw to amend Traffic Bylaw 2013-34, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process

2. Monthly Activity Report – For Information Only

Activity reports for the month of August were received from Bylaw Services and the Fire Department.

Issues Arising from the Activity Reports

Administration confirmed that there will be a follow-up on Operation NANOOK next month and the Emergency Measures Plan will be updated as a result of the exercise.



Minutes of the meeting of the Development Services Committee

Date	September 3, 2013
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Committee Members Present	Councillor Dave Stockdale – Chair Councillor John Streicker – Vice Chair Mayor Dan Curtis Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Mike Gladish Councillor Betty Irwin
Staff Present	Brian Crist, 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 Development Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Monthly Activity Reports – For Information Only

Activity reports for the month of August were received from the Director of Development Services and the Environmental Sustainability Department.

Issues Arising from the Activity Reports

The Committee asked for more detailed information with respect to the monthly building statistics.

2. New Business – For Information Only

A Committee member noted that the Borough of Haines Alaska has commissioned a study on the feasibility of a rail connection through Yukon, and the study is being done by a firm with a strong local connection.



Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee

Date	September 3, 2013
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall
Committee Members Present	Councillor Betty Irwin – Chair Councillor Dave Stockdale – Vice Chair Mayor Dan Curtis Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Mike Gladish Councillor John Streicker
Staff Present	Brian Crist, 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 Corporate Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Contribution Agreement with Government of Yukon

In the wake of the dissolution of the Great Northern Ski Society, the Government of Yukon has offered a contribution agreement to facilitate future ski hill operations by funding the debt obligations owed to the Society's creditors. If Council approves the Contribution Agreement, a budget adjustment will be necessary to initiate the cash funding. The City of Whitehorse will then be in a position to flow the funding required to retire creditors of the Great Northern Ski Society.

A Committee member noted that funding provided by the Government of Yukon under this agreement does not include reimbursement to the City for the funds expended to pay for the Doppelmayr lift. Administration confirmed that new support that has been pledged for ski hill operations, but any report to the public in this regard will be made known by a third party arms-length society yet to be formed.

Recommendation

THAT a contribution agreement with the Yukon Government be approved with respect to \$198,000.00 in funding 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 \$198,000 for project #740c00213 – Mount Sima Debt, funded from Government of Yukon contributions.

2. Monthly Activity Reports – For Information Only

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

Issues Arising from the Activity Reports

Administration confirmed that:

- several financing options are being explored for the proposed building consolidation project;
- Worktech is one of the components of the municipal computer system known as Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), and eCommerce, the facilitation of on-line bill paying and access to other municipal services such as applications or permits, is one of the final projects of the upgrade
- recruiting in the Finance Department is for on-going positions that were approved in the current budget;
- the Strategic Communications position has been filled
- the alternate revenue generation project is considered done, but in reality it is a work in progress as new ideas are still being generated for it; and
- the Registrar of motor vehicles coordinates with the City to require the payment of outstanding City fines prior to the issue of vehicle registrations, and a software upgrade is required to facilitate this practice.



Minutes of the meeting of the City Planning Committee

Date	September 3, 2013
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Committee Members Present	Councillor John Streicker – Chair Councillor Kirk Cameron – Vice Chair Mayor Dan Curtis Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Mike Gladish Councillor Betty Irwin Councillor Dave Stockdale
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Your Worship, the City Planning Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Lost Graves in Pioneer Cemetery – For Information Only

Scott Howell addressed the Committee to stress the importance of the Pioneer Cemetery. He noted that many of the graves in this cemetery are unmarked, due in some respects to actions taken at the time the City initially assumed responsibility for the site. This means that the names and locations of many individuals buried there are unknown. Mr. Howell explained that he has two brothers buried there, but has no idea of the exact location of their graves. He encouraged Council not to transfer the adjacent property to the Government of Yukon until such time as it has been determined if some graves are located in the area proposed for the new building. He also encouraged Council to consider additional methods to protect the entire cemetery, and suggested that a commemorative wall or plaque should be constructed to commemorate those individuals whose names are known but whose actual interment site is unknown.

2. Monthly Activity Report – For Information Only

An activity report for the month of August was received from the Planning Services Department.

Issues Arising from the Activity Reports

Administration provided an update on current major land development projects, including the status of the Upper Tank Farm proposal, various First Nation projects, Downtown South, and Whistle Bend. Administration advised that local developers have indicated they will be building in Whistle Bend once other units are sold in other parts of the community.

Administration confirmed that

- a phased approach is now being planned for the solar thermal energy project in Whistle Bend
- the Yukon Housing Symposium has been postponed due to changes at the Government and will not be held in September; and
- the next Whistle Bend land lottery will be September 17 – 20, 2013.

The Committee asked for an update on the Hillcrest triplex development project.



Minutes of the meeting of the City Operations Committee

Date	September 3, 2013
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Staff Present	Brian Crist, 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 City Operations Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. **Monthly Activity Reports** – For Information Only

Activity Reports for the month of August were received from the Director of Infrastructure and Operations, and the Engineering, Operations, and Water and Waste Services Departments.

Issues Arising from the Activity Reports

The Committee requested additional information with respect to:

- The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) award being presented to the City at the TAC annual conference;
- Exploring options for dispatch for the Fire Department; and
- Patching programs for rural roads, especially as they relate to portions of Fireweed Drive in Mary Lake

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Administration confirmed that

- The new traffic signals at Hospital and Lewes will be operational on Sunday, September 8th;
- Construction on the Robert Campbell Bridge widening project has been delayed to 2014. There were delays due to drafting issues, but as it was planned as a multi-phase project there will be an opportunity to catch up so that the project concludes on time.
- New information has been received on the proposed building consolidation project that will be presented at an upcoming Council and Senior Management meeting.

The Committee commended the new landscaping improvements for the development at the corner of Sixth and Main.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.