

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2013-17 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2013, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis  
Councillors Kirk Cameron  
Jocelyn Curteanu  
Mike Gladish  
Betty Irwin  
John Streicker

ABSENT: Councillor Dave Stockdale

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager Brian Crist  
Director of Community and Recreation Services Linda Rapp  
Acting Director of Corporate Services Valerie Anderson  
Director of Development Services Mike Gau  
Acting Director of Infrastructure and Operations Dave Muir

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**2013-17-01**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the following changes:

1. Change the order of business for the Community Services Committee by moving the Contribution Agreement for the Zaugg Groomer ahead of the Mount Sima Financial Request; and
2. Add Laurie Henderson and David Petkovich as delegates speaking to the Mount Sima issue.

**AGENDA**

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Curtis proclaimed October 7 – 13, 2013 to be National Family Week in the City of Whitehorse.

**PROCLAMATION**

**2013-17-02**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated September 9, 2013 be adopted as presented.

**MINUTES**

September 9, 2013

Carried Unanimously

**DELEGATIONS**

Christina Pekarik deferred to Laurie Henderson as a representative of the Friends of Mount Sima.

CHRISTINA PEKARIK  
Friends of Mount Sima

Laurie Henderson advised that the registration papers for the Friends of Mount Sima Society have been filed, and that plans are being enacted to realize the pledges received. She spoke to the economic and community impacts associated with the operation of the hill and stated that as a result of increased funding from user groups and revised contingency budgets, the funding gap has now been narrowed to approximately \$72,500. She urged Council to vote in favour of supporting the community and the operations at Mount Sima.

Laurie Henderson  
Friends of Mount Sima

Ms. Henderson clarified that the groups have only been asked for a one year commitment at this time as it is the intention of the Society to work with the Government of Yukon and the City to secure a long-term funding arrangement. She also clarified that the Society is looking for a commitment from the City tonight. Following that, plans to collect on the 800+ pledges would go ahead. Ms. Henderson confirmed that a conditional commitment would be workable.

David Petkovich spoke as a member of the business community in support of the Friends of Mount Sima proposal to continue operations of that facility. He suggested that the City should partner with the Friends of Mount Sima for economic and family recreational reasons that help strengthen and attract residents to the community. Mr. Petkovich commended the volunteer efforts of the Friends of Mount Sima and encouraged Council to support these efforts.

David Petkovich  
Support for Mount Sima

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Community Services Committee**

#### **2013-17-03**

It was duly moved and seconded

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

CONTRIBUTION  
AGREEMENT  
(Zaugg Groomer)

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.

Carried Unanimously

Council requested an update on the settlement of the Wild Play claim and administration confirmed that discussions are on-going. However, the funds from this contribution agreement have been identified for Wild Play.

Discussion

**2013-17-04**

It was duly moved and seconded

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:

FINANCIAL REQUEST  
FOR MOUNT SIMA  
SKI HILL OPERATIONS

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.

Administration confirmed that private sector sponsorship has been identified for the snow bus initiative, but City support will be required.

Council members discussed the pros and cons of providing additional taxpayer support for the operations of Mount Sima, and stressed the need for a strategic plan and a realistic business plan that does not depend on government bailouts.

It was noted that the funds identified in this resolution represent the amount that City has determined it would cost to ensure the safety and integrity of the facility if the hill does not open this season, and to ensure that it is maintained in a state of readiness for re-activation at some point in the future.

Council members discussed the City's contributions to Mount Sima through specific project funding and various grant allocations over the years since the ski hill was first opened, and in particular the recent funding provided to secure the chair lift. The suggestion was made that it would be irresponsible or even negligent for Council to authorize additional funds at this time.

Discussion

Although the groups and individuals who have been working to ensure the reopening of the facility were strongly commended, it is not yet clear that operations can continue. It was suggested that proceeding before a proper plan is in place could be detrimental to long term operations. It is essential that proper planning be done so that continued operations are not derailed and the current strong community support is lost. It was also suggested that the funding recommended this evening is not enough to ensure success for this season, and it is likely that a further request for funds will come forward in a few months.

**2013-17-05**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the funding resolution for Mount Sima be amended to include  
an additional condition as follows:

Amendment

3. THAT the Society collects 50% of its 800 pledges for pass purchases by October 31, 2013 before any funding from the City is provided.

Carried Unanimously

The main motion as amended was voted on and DEFEATED (4 – 2)

Vote on Main Motion

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Cameron and Streicker

OPPOSED: Mayor Curtis, Councillors Curteanu, Gladish and Irwin

Recorded Vote

Public notice is hereby given that I, Mayor Dan Curtis, will bring forward at the next regular meeting of Council on October 7, 2013, a motion that reads as follows:

“THAT a specified procedures report be commissioned with respect to the Great Northern Ski Society’s use of grant funds over a multi-year period; and

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
Mayor Dan Curtis

AUDIT OF GNSS

THAT a third party auditor, independent of the Great Northern Ski Society and the City of Whitehorse, be hired to produce the said specified procedures report for an initial maximum of \$15,000.00, funded from the contingency reserve.”

The Committee commended:

- the recent event hosted by the Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement.
- the Full Moon Festival on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Various Community Events  
For Information Only

**Public Health and Safety Committee**

**2013-17-06**

It was duly moved and seconded  
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.

BRING FORWARD  
NEW BICYCLE BYLAW

Carried Unanimously

Administration confirmed that amendments can be made at second or third reading if Council wishes to amend the bylaw as presented

Discussion

**Development Services Committee**

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

**Corporate Services Committee**

**2013-17-07**

It was duly moved and seconded  
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.

BRING FORWARD  
FEES AND CHARGES  
AMENDMENTS

Carried Unanimously

**2013-17-08**

It was duly moved and seconded  
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.

AUTHORIZE COUNCIL  
TRAVEL TO A.Y.C.  
FALL MEETING

Carried Unanimously

**City Planning Committee**

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.

Various Planning Issues  
For Information Only

**City Operations Committee**

**2013-17-09**

It was duly moved and seconded  
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.

BRING FORWARD  
OGILVIE STREET  
RECONSTRUCTION  
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT  
CHARGES BYLAW

Carried Unanimously

Council commended the addition of a map to this bylaw, and requested that a project area map be included as part of standard procedures when any local improvement bylaw is brought forward in the future.

Discussion

**BYLAWS**

**2013-17-10**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-44, a bylaw to amend the Traffic Bylaw with respect to an expansion of the downtown residential parking permit provisions and a number of minor edits, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

**BYLAW 2013-44**  
AMEND TRAFFIC BYLAW  
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-17-11**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-35, a bylaw to regulate the control, use and operation of bicycles in the City of Whitehorse, be given first reading.

**BYLAW 2013-35**  
BICYCLE BYLAW  
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-17-12**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-35 be given second reading.

SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-17-13**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-45, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges bylaw with respect to third quarter changes, be given first reading.

**BYLAW 2013-45**  
FEES & CHARGES  
AMENDMENT  
FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-17-14**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-45 be given second reading.

SECOND READING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-17-15**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-46, a bylaw to authorize a work of local  
improvement with respect to the reconstruction of Ogilvie Street West,  
be given first reading.

**BYLAW 2013-46**

OGILVIE STREET L.I.C.

FIRST READING

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

ORIGINAL DOCUMENT SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"R. I. Fendrick"

Robert I. Fendrick, FCGA, City Clerk

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2013-19 dated October 7, 2013