

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2013-22 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Curtis expressed concern for the victims of the typhoon tragedy in the Philippines and extended heartfelt sympathy to members of the local Filipino community and all those impacted by this disaster.

Philippine Tragedy

**2013-22-01**

It was duly moved and seconded THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of Sally Wright as a delegate speaking to the proposed Ogilvie Street land sale, and the addition of "Support for Long Term Housing Plan" under New and Unfinished Business.

**AGENDA**

Carried Unanimously

**2013-22-02**

It was duly moved and seconded THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated October 28 2013 be adopted as presented.

**MINUTES**

October 28, 2013

Carried Unanimously

**DELEGATIONS**

Sally Wright, representing the Escarpment Parks Society, expressed the Society's concern for the Yukon Filipino community in the wake of the typhoon tragedy. She also expressed support for the proposal for a Frack-Free Zone.

SALLY WRIGHT  
Ogilvie Street Parks Society

Ms. Wright provided a brief history of the Ogilvie Street Park and noted that Pat Ellis has been active in telling the history of the downtown and the escarpment area. She expressed concern that the City is considering selling these Ogilvie Street lots, as area residents had thought that they were part of the escarpment area and would eventually become a park. She advised that this perception led the Society to informally discuss plans for park development at this site. She encouraged Council to postpone this sale.

SALLY WRIGHT  
Ogilvie Street Parks Society

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **City Planning Committee**

Administration advised that the proposed land disposition bylaws are not on tonight's agenda for first and second reading because a Council and Senior Management meeting has been scheduled to discuss the issue further. The bylaws are currently scheduled for first and second reading on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Council members discussed the pros and cons of bringing the bylaws forward at this time or defeating the motions to do so in order to avoid creating the perception that the end result is already determined. The Mayor agreed to hold a Mayor's Meeting to hear from interested parties on the potential disposition of both of these land parcels.

LAND DISPOSITION  
BYLAWS  
Discussion

#### **2013-22-03**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-49, a bylaw to authorize the sale and transfer of a residential parcel located at 67 Wann Road in Porter Creek, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process

BRING FORWARD  
BYLAW 2013-49

Carried Unanimously

#### **2013-22-04**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-50, a bylaw to authorize the sale and transfer of a mixed-use parcel located at the escarpment end of Ogilvie Street in the Downtown area, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD  
BYLAW 2013-50

Carried Unanimously

An activity report for October 2013 was received from the Planning Services Department.

ACTIVITY REPORT  
For Information Only

Administration confirmed that a policy review process for the Schwatka Lake area will lead to the development of an area plan for the lake's west shore as well as revisions to the existing Schwatka Lake Waterfront Policy.

Issues Arising from  
the Activity Reports

The Committee asked for more information on the Housing Gap analysis.

**Corporate Services Committee**

Administration has reviewed departmental operating projections and provided a forecast of the results to the end of the year. Operating projections compared to the revised budget indicate an operating shortfall of \$58,265.00. The projected shortfall represents less than 1% of the revised operating budget and can be met with reserves. It is expected that expenses will be under budget, but that will be offset by reduced revenues, particularly from decreased development activity and lower revenues from Bylaw Services.

A number of capital projects have been identified as complete, allowing funds to be returned to reserves in preparation for the 2014 budget. The Finance Department is confirming the status of other capital projects and funding sources, and a further report will come forward with respect to any necessary budget amendments.

THIRD QUARTER  
VARIANCE AND  
YEAR-END PROJECTION  
For Information Only

Administration confirmed that:

- the significant increase in electrical costs in 2013 has affected the City's projections;
- re-budgets occur in the new year and are being kept as tight as possible while still accounting for multi-year projects;
- the Energy Management Plan is accounting for higher energy rates and will attempt to mitigate energy costs to the extent possible; and
- rising energy costs are causing a re-evaluation of the budgets, and that these energy costs will impact future rates

Activity reports for October 2013 were received from the City Manager, the Director of Corporate Services, and the Business and Technology Systems, Financial Services, Human Resources, and Strategic Communications Departments.

ACTIVITY REPORTS  
For Information Only

Administration confirmed that:

- funding for implementation of the organizational review will be carried over into 2014, and the project is expected to be completed early in the new year
- the Business and Technology Systems Department is reviewing new internet service providers; and
- on-going labour negotiations are on schedule

Issues Arising from  
the Activity Reports

Administration provided details regarding a number of on-going issues with respect to Mount Sima, and advised that the request for proposals for a Specified Procedures Report on grant funds is scheduled for release on November 8, 2013.

**City Operations Committee**

Activity reports for October 2013 were received from the Acting Director of Infrastructure and Operations, and the Engineering, Operations, and Water and Waste Services Departments.

ACTIVITY REPORTS  
For Information Only

Administration confirmed that the Grove Street Sustaining Station maintains water pressure on Grove Street.

The Committee asked for additional information regarding the capital projects planned by Engineering Services for 2014, and for details regarding the City's effluent production and discharge.

Issues Arising from  
the Activity Reports

**Community Services Committee**

Mayor Curtis proclaimed November 8, 2013 to be World Town Planning Day in the City of Whitehorse.

PROCLAMATION

Administration confirmed that grant recipients are required to submit an accountability report that includes a summary of how successful the project has been, and these reports can be forwarded to Council upon receipt. Council was advised that a member of the Recreation Grant Task Force directly contacts each applicant to clarify questions or concerns and gain a true understanding of the proposed project. This information is shared with the Task Force and every application is reviewed with due diligence.

RECREATION GRANT  
ALLOCATIONS  
Discussion

**2013-22-05**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the allocation of \$43,074.17 be approved for Category 1 Fall  
Recreation Grants; and

THAT any unexpended recreation grant funds and any refunds  
received prior to year-end be authorized for re-budgeting to 2014.

<u>Grant Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
551 Whitehorse Lions (Air Cadets) Biathlon / Marksmanship Biathlon / Marksmanship Instructor	\$4,000.00	
Aikido Yukon Aikido Recreation Program (rent and insurance)	\$5,000.00	
Arctic Edge Skating Club Yukon Championships / AWG Trials/ Test Day/Coaching leadership	\$3,000.00	
Chickadees Playschool Association Supplies/Field Trips	\$1,750.00	
Dog Powered Sports Association 2014 River Runner	\$1,500.00	
Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon Camp Raven	\$7,000.00	RECREATION GRANTS
Nakai Theatre Ensemble 24 Hour Playwriting Competition and Cabaret	\$4,000.00	
Romp and Run Rent	\$500.00	
Volunteer Benevoles Yukon Promote Volunteerism in Whitehorse	\$8,824.17	
Whitehorse Rapids Speed Skating Club Winter Camp	\$2,000.00	
Yukon Academy of Martial Arts Landing Mat	\$1,000.00	
Yukon Art Society Arts Underground Recreational/Educational Program	\$3,000.00	
Yukon Curling Association Fall Junior Development Camp	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
Total	<b>\$43,074.17</b>	
		Carried Unanimously

Activity reports for October 2013 were received from the 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

The Committee commended the user numbers for both the Canada Games Centre and Transit, and asked for additional statistics regarding ridership during evening hours as well as Handy Bus ridership.

Issues Arising from  
the Activity Reports

The Committee requested more information regarding revenues and expenditures at the Canada Games Centre.

The Committee commended the grand opening of the new off-leash dog park at the end of Main Street and thanked Parks and Recreation staff for their excellent work.

New Off-Leash Dog Park  
For Information Only

### **Public Health and Safety Committee**

Activity reports for October 2013 were received from Bylaw Services and the Fire Department.

ACTIVITY REPORTS  
For Information Only

The Committee asked for more information regarding the takeaways from Operation NANOOK.

Administration confirmed that

- “Blue Card Command” training is a program that ensures that incident command is consistent across the country
- more training is required for the emergency operations centre, and on-the-ground training is also required.

Issues Arising from  
the Activity Reports

The Committee noted that the new Mobile Live Simulator is an excellent tool for fire fighter training, and commended the Fire Department for raising just over \$11,000.00 for Karen’s fund in their “Cares Enough to Wear Pink” campaign.

Fire Department Issues  
For Information Only

### **Development Services Committee**

Kirn Dhillon, representing the Government of Yukon, thanked Council for the City’s involvement in the waterfront revitalization project, and advised that this project won a Brownie Award at this year’s Canadian Urban Institute Conference. This award is given for outstanding projects that represent excellence in leadership, innovation and environmental sustainability by transforming brownfields. A brownfield is previously used land that has the potential to be cleaned up or upgraded in some way.

BROWNIE AWARD  
FOR WATERFRONT  
REVITALIZATION  
PROJECT  
For Information Only

Mr. Dhillon advised that the Waterfront Revitalization Project was funded by Yukon and Canada through the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund, with additional investments from the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the City of Whitehorse.

BROWNIE AWARD  
FOR WATERFRONT  
PROJECT  
For Information Only  
(Continued)

The Committee commended previous Councils, administration, and the many partners that made this project such a wonderful achievement, and noted that the increased use of the waterfront is a sure indication of its success.

Activity reports for October 2013 were received from the Director of Development Services and Environmental Sustainability.

ACTIVITY REPORT  
For Information Only

Administration confirmed that work in some areas of Whistle Bend has been suspended for the winter, but it is anticipated that the lots will be open early next year.

The Committee asked for more information about

- the Coast Waste Management Association Conference and Extended Producer responsibility
- the sustainable procurement initiative; and
- upcoming dates with respect to the Solid Waste Action Plan

Issues Arising from  
the Activity Reports

### **Budget Committee**

Mayor Curtis presented the 2014-2017 Capital Budget address and tabled a budget that allocates \$12.9 million over the next four years with a focus on maintaining the City's core infrastructure and sustainably developing critical new infrastructure.

2014 – 2017 CAPITAL  
EXPENDITURE PLAN  
Budget Address

### **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council members discussed the various initiatives that the Government of Yukon has initiated with respect to housing, and noted that a Housing Symposium is scheduled to take place before the end of the month. It was noted that the proposed resolution is simply to express the City's support for the development of a long term housing plan at the federal level. Council commended the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition for their work on housing issues.

LONG TERM HOUSING  
Discussion

**2013-22-06**

It was duly moved and seconded  
WHEREAS a stable and secure housing system that creates and maintains jobs and allows for a range of living options is essential to attracting new workers, meeting the needs of young families and supporting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS the high cost of housing is the most urgent financial issue facing Canadians, with one in four people paying more than they can afford for housing, and

WHEREAS housing costs and household debt are undermining Canadians' personal financial security and putting our national economy at risk; and

WHEREAS those who cannot afford to purchase a home rely on the short supply of rental units, which is driving up rental costs and making it hard to house workers in regions experiencing strong economic activity; and

WHEREAS an inadequate supply of subsidized housing for those in need is pushing some of the most vulnerable Canadians on to the street while federal investments in social housing have begun to expire; and

SUPPORT FOR LONG  
TERM HOUSING PLAN

WHEREAS coordinated action is required to prevent housing issues from being offloaded onto local governments, and to align the steps local governments have already taken with regard to federal, provincial, and territorial programs and policies; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has launched a housing campaign, "Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch," calling on the federal government to increase housing options for Canadians and to work with all orders of government to develop a long-term plan for Canada's housing future; and

WHEREAS Whitehorse has made affordable housing a priority and is examining the City's role in housing by completing a housing continuum Gap Analysis; and

WHEREAS we believe that the City's involvement must be in partnership with other governments, including Yukon, First Nations, and the Federal Government, requiring long-term planning, investment, coordination and leadership from all levels of government;

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**2013-22-06** (Continued)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' housing campaign be endorsed, and that the federal Minister of Employment and Social Development be urged to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of social housing agreements, and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians; and

SUPPORT FOR LONG  
TERM HOUSING PLAN  
(Continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the federal Minister of Employment and Social Development, the Yukon Government Minister of Yukon Housing and Community Affairs, Yukon MP Ryan Leef, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Yukon Communities.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAWS**

**2013-22-07**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-38, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with Humane Society Yukon, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2013-38**

LEASE AGREEMENT  
Humane Society Yukon

THIRD READING

**2013-22-08**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-48, a bylaw to authorise the sale and transfer of a parcel of land to allow for a lot expansion on Range Road, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2013-48**

LAND SALE & TRANSFER  
Driving Force/Range Road

THIRD READING

**2013-22-09**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-52, a bylaw to amend the Waste Management Bylaw with respect to the disposition of cardboard, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2013-52**

AMEND WASTE  
MANAGEMENT BYLAW

THIRD READING

**2013-22-10**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-53, a bylaw to adopt a capital expenditure plan for  
the years 2014 to 2017, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2013-53**

2014-2017 CAPITAL  
EXPENDITURE PLAN

FIRST READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 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 #2013-23 dated November 25, 2013