

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2013-24 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 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: City Manager Brian Crist  
Director of Community and Recreation Services Linda Rapp  
Acting Director of Corporate Services Mike Stevely  
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**

**2013-24-01**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of Philip Fitzgerald from the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce as a delegate speaking to the 2014 to 2017 Capital Budget.

**AGENDA**

Carried Unanimously

**2013-24-02**

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

**MINUTES**

November 25, 2013

Carried Unanimously

**DELEGATION**

On behalf of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce, Philip Fitzgerald addressed Council to reiterate a number of concerns raised in previous submissions with respect to the Capital Budget. He noted that the bylaw does not address the issues of timing, use of local suppliers, and details of projected capital expenditures. The Chamber is requesting that the Capital Budget demonstrate that a plan for the future, identify efficiencies, and stimulate local spending.

PHILIP FITZGERALD  
Capital Budget Issues

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**City Operations Committee**

**2013-24-03**

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT the Snow and Ice Control Policy for 2013-2014 be adopted as presented; and

SNOW & ICE CONTROL &  
TRANSPORTATION  
MAINTENANCE POLICIES

THAT the Transportation Maintenance Policy for 2013-2014 be adopted as presented

Carried Unanimously

Activity reports for November 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 water metering pilot project is expected to provide valuable information that may lead to positive changes in water consumption and help to minimize impacts on ground source water.

Issues Arising from  
the Activity Reports

**Community Services Committee**

Activity reports for November 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 a number of recent community events, including the launch of the Whitehorse History Book, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations at Yukon College, the winter parade and the lighting of the Christmas tree on Main Street.

VARIOUS EVENTS  
For Information Only

**Public Health and Safety Committee**

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

ACTIVITY REPORTS  
For Information Only

The Committee was advised that the Yukon Council on Disabilities and Challenge will be holding Open House events during Disabilities Awareness Week.

COMMUNITY EVENTS  
For Information Only

**Development Services Committee**

Alida Munro and Ed Pearl provided an update on the activities of the Yukon Convention Bureau over the past year. They thanked Council for the ongoing support provided to assist in attracting meetings and conventions to the Yukon, and noted that these events contribute significantly to the local economy. They requested that the City increase its annual contribution by up to \$5,000.00 to assist with new marketing opportunities that will open up when Air North begins offering direct flights to and from Ottawa next year.

CONVENTION BUREAU  
UPDATE AND REQUEST  
For Information Only

J. P. Pinard addressed the Committee to request that Council declare the City of Whitehorse a frack-free zone. He asserted that a declaration of being frack-free is not a matter of jurisdiction but rather of declaring the public's concern. Mr Pinard advised that considerable research has demonstrated the detrimental effect of methane emissions world-wide, and further noted that the harmful effects of fracking are more significant than originally thought. Mr Pinard also stated that methane is more damaging than carbon dioxide to the environment and to climatic instability.

J. P. PINARD  
FRACK-FREE ZONE  
For Information Only

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

ACTIVITY REPORT  
For Information Only

The Committee asked for more advance notice about upcoming forums, and also for more information on:

- The organics cart collection pilot project for commercial and multi-residential sites
- The Green Revolving Fund; and
- The Government of Yukon economic forecast for the coming year

Issues Arising from  
the Activity Reports

**Corporate Services Committee**

**2013-24-04**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-53, a bylaw to adopt the 2014 to 2017 Capital Expenditure Plan, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD  
CAPITAL BUDGET

Carried Unanimously

Activity reports for November 2013 were received from Acting 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

Issues Arising from the Activity Reports

Administration confirmed that:

- Contract negotiations are proceeding as expected;
- Quality control is the primary issue delaying the roll-out of the virtual City Hall, but it is anticipated that the final product will be available early in the New Year;
- The Building Consolidation Project is at the business case finalization phase, and more information will be forthcoming early in 2014;
- The biennial Citizen Survey is conducted in-house and is a statistically valid survey; and
- There was no response to the initial request for proposals with respect to the Specified Procedures Report on the use of grant funds by the Great Northern Ski Society. The request for proposals is being advertised again at this time.

Issues Arising from  
the Activity Reports

**City Planning Committee**

**2013-24-05**

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Bylaw 2013-51, a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw by changing the zoning of five lots located adjacent to the Sportees property on Sixth Avenue to establish consistent zoning for the area, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD  
SPORTEES AREA  
REZONING

Carried Unanimously

**2013-24-06**

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT the conditional use application for an over-size caretaker residence at 33 Levitch Drive be denied.

DENY CONDITIONAL  
USE APPLICATION  
33 LEVITCH DRIVE

Council members discussed the pros and cons of permitting this application, and it was noted that the proposed residence will be a very small part of overall development on this site. The consensus was that administration has followed procedure by recommending against this application, but Council makes the decision, and has the authority to approve the application if the majority of members choose to do so.

Discussion

Council requested that caretaker regulations be carefully examined the next time the Zoning Bylaw is brought forward for a complete review.

Discussion

**2013-24-07**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the motion with respect to the conditional use application for  
an over-size caretaker residence at 33 Levitch Drive be amended to  
read that the application be approved.

Amendment

Carried Unanimously

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

Vote on Main Motion

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

ACTIVITY REPORT  
For Information Only

Administration confirmed that the Economic Development position  
will be advertised this week.

Issues Arising from  
the Activity Reports

**BYLAWS**

**2013-24-08**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-54, a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw,  
having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

**BYLAW 2013-54**

FEES AND CHARGES  
AMENDMENT

Carried Unanimously

THIRD READING

**2013-24-09**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-55, a bylaw to appoint an interim City Manager,  
having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

**BYLAW 2013-55**

INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Carried Unanimously

THIRD READING

**2013-24-10**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-56, a bylaw to provide for the operation,  
maintenance and control of sewerage and drainage systems for the  
City of Whitehorse, having been read a first and second time, now be  
given third reading.

**BYLAW 2013-56**

SEWER AND STORM  
UTILITY BYLAW

Carried Unanimously

THIRD READING

**2013-24-11**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-57, a bylaw to provide for the operation, maintenance and control of a water distribution system for the City of Whitehorse, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2013-57**  
WATER UTILITY BYLAW  
THIRD READING

**2013-24-12**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-51, a bylaw to amend the zoning of five lots on Sixth Avenue, be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2013-51**  
ZONING AMENDMENT  
Sportees Area Lots  
SECOND READING

**2013-24-13**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2013-51, a bylaw to change the zoning of five lots located adjacent to 6098 Sixth Avenue to provide consistent zoning for the area, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2013-51**  
ZONING AMENDMENT  
Sportees Area Lots  
THIRD READING

**2013-24-14**

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

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2013-53**  
CAPITAL BUDGET  
2014 to 2017  
SECOND READING

Council discussed the issues and concerns raised by the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce with respect to the budgeting process, and requested that these be placed on the agenda for consideration by the new Finance Committee once it is fully operational. Council noted that the Chamber has a lot of expertise to offer and expressed appreciation for their participation in the budgeting process and the improvements to the relationship between Council and the Chamber over this past year. Council also noted that this is a modest capital budget compared to recent years, and is aimed at replenishing capital reserves in preparation for more large projects that are forthcoming in the near future.

Discussion

**2013-24-15**

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

Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2013-53**

CAPITAL BUDGET  
2014 to 2017

THIRD READING

Mayor Curtis wished all citizens a safe and happy Christmas season  
and advised that Council will now recess until January 6, 2014.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 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 #2014-01 dated January 13, 2014