

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2014-24 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2014, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillors Kirk Cameron
Jocelyn Curteanu
Mike Gladish
Dave Stockdale

ABSENT: Councillor Betty Irwin
Councillor John Streicker

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Christine Smith
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 Dave Albisser

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

CALL TO ORDER

2014-24-01

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

1. Deletion of the IAFF Contract; and
2. Addition of a resolution requesting action from the Premier with respect to the Minister of Yukon Housing.

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

2014-24-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated October 14,
2014 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES
October 14, 2014

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Curtis noted that the Poppy Flag was raised today at City Hall, and reiterated Council's condolences to the families and friends of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Corporal Nathan Cirillo.

Mayor Curtis commended Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Vickers and all the men and women in uniform for Canada's defence, and gave thanks for the safety of all the people working at the Parliament Building during the recent traumatic times in Ottawa.

**PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Planning Committee

2014-24-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2014-29, a bylaw to designate the Old Log Church and
Rectory as municipal historic sites, be brought forward for second
and third reading under the bylaw process.

DESIGNATION OF
HISTORIC SITES
Old Log Church & Rectory

Carried Unanimously

2014-24-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a Development
Agreement with Christina Zahar with respect to a Major Development
Incentive for rental housing units at 2008 Centennial Street in Porter
Creek.

DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT
(2008 Centennial Street)

Carried Unanimously

Administration confirmed that the Development Incentive Policy does
not speak to affordability, but specifically addresses the need for
rental development in the community. Council members expressed
support for this kind of development.

Discussion

City Operations Committee

There is no report from the City Operations Committee

No report

Community Services Committee

Mayor Curtis proclaimed the week of October 26 to November 1, 2014
to be Mental Awareness Week in the City of Whitehorse

PROCLAMATION

Kate Mechan and Johnathan Berg addressed the Committee to
remind everyone that this is Poverty and Homelessness Action Week
in the City of Whitehorse. They highlighted the activities taking place
in the community to increase the public's knowledge about the social
and economic impacts of poverty, the measures that can be taken to
diminish poverty and homelessness poverty, and the food security
issue.

PROVERTY AND
HOMELESS ACTION
WEEK – For Information
Only

2014-24-05

It was duly moved and seconded THAT the Festivals and Special Events grant allocations for January to June, 2015 be approved as presented in the amount of \$74,140.00, including both cash and in-kind support, funded by the 2015 Operating Budget

<u>Grant Recipient</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	
Adaka Cultural Society (<i>Signature Event</i>)		
Adaka Cultural Festival 2015	\$4,000.00	
In-kind	\$4,000.00	
Association Franco-Yukonnaise		
Fete de la Saint-Jean Baptiste – Whitehorse	\$2,000.00	
In-kind	\$240.00	
Chinese Canadian Association of Yukon		
2015 Chinese New Year Party	\$1,000.00	
Nakai Theatre Ensemble		
Nakai Theatre’s Homegrown Festival	\$3,000.00	FESTIVAL AND EVENT GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS
Yukon Educational Theatre		
Burning Away the Winter Blues	\$1,850.00	
In-kind	\$4,490.00	
Yukon Film Society		
Available Light Film Festival	\$3,300.00	
In-kind	\$1,000.00	
Yukon Literacy Coalition		
Family Literacy Day	\$750.00	
In-kind	\$330.00	
Yukon Quest International Association (<i>Signature Event</i>)		
Quest Sled Dog Race	\$7,000.00	
In-kind	\$5,650.00	
Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous (<i>Signature Event</i>)		
Rendezvous Festival	\$7,000.00	
In-kind	\$28,530.00	
	Total Funds:	
	\$29,900.00	
	Total In-kind:	
	\$44,240.00	

Carried Unanimously

2014-24-06

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Naresh Prasad be appointed to the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination Advisory Committee for a two year term expiring October 31, 2016.

CITIZEN APPOINTMENT
TO CCMARD Advisory
Committee

Carried Unanimously

2014-24-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Rick Goodfellow and Helen Strelieff be re-appointed to the
Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee for a two year term
expiring October 31, 2016.

CITIZEN APPOINTMENT
Persons with Disabilities
Advisory Committee

Carried Unanimously

The recent Beer Festival event was commended, and the Fire
Department was thanked for their participation in the development of
the new Firefighter calendar for 2015. Proceeds of calendar sales
will go to the Humane Society, and citizens were encouraged to
support this endeavour.

COMMUNITY EVENTS
For Information Only

Public Health and Safety Committee

There was no report from the Public Health and Safety Committee.

No Report

Development Services Committee

There was no report from the Development Services Committee.

No Report

Corporate Services Committee

There was no report from the Corporate Services Committee.

No Report

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014-24-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Deputy Mayor appointments be approved as follows for the
period from November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015:

Councillor Dave Stockdale	November 1 to December 31, 2014
Councillor John Streicker	January 1 to February 28, 2015
Councillor Mike Gladish	March 1 to April 30, 2015
Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	May 1 to June 30, 2015
Councillor Betty Irwin	July 1 to August 31, 2015
Councillor Kirk Cameron	September 1 to October 31, 2015

DEPUTY MAYOR AND
RESERVE DEPUTY
MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

AND THAT Reserve Deputy Mayor appointments as follows be
approved for the period from November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015:

Councillor Betty Irwin	November 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015
Councillor Mike Gladish	May 1 to October 31, 2015

Carried Unanimously

2014-24-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the following Standing Committee Chair and Vice-Chair appointments be approved for the period from November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015:

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Corporate Services	Mike Gladish	Jocelyn Curteanu
City Planning	Kirk Cameron	Dave Stockdale
Development Services	Jocelyn Curteanu	Kirk Cameron
City Operations	Betty Irwin	Mike Gladish
Community Services	John Streicker	Betty Irwin
Public Health & Safety	Dave Stockdale	John Streicker

Carried Unanimously

STANDING COMMITTEE
CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR
APPOINTMENTS

2014-24-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the following Council member appointments to various ad hoc committees be approved for the period from November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015:

Committee	Members
Alaskan Boroughs Issues Meetings	Councillor Cameron
Association of Yukon Communities	Mayor Curtis Councillor Irwin Councillor Streicker
Canadian Capital Cities Organization	Councillor Gladish
CCMARD Advisory Committee	Councillor Curteanu
Federation of Canadian Municipalities	Councillor Streicker
Finance Committee	Councillor Streicker Councillor Cameron
Persons with Disabilities Advisory	Councillor Stockdale
Trails and Greenways Committee	Councillor Gladish
Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce	Mayor Curtis
Whitehorse Housing Advisory Board	Councillor Irwin

Carried Unanimously

COUNCIL MEMBER
APPOINTMENTS TO
AD HOC COMMITTEES

2014-24-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the following Special Committee appointments be approved for
the period from November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Members</u>	
Budget Committee	Mayor and all Council	COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEES
City Manager's Evaluation	Mayor and all Council	
Emergency Measures Commission	Mayor Curtis Current Deputy Mayor	
	Carried Unanimously	

2014-24-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the following administrative appointments to various committees
be approved for the period from November 1, 2014 to October 31,
2015:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Members</u>		
CCMARD Advisory Committee	Linda Rapp	ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES	
Finance Committee	Robert Fendrick Valerie Anderson Lindsay Schneider		
Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee	Christine Smith		
Planning Group on Homelessness	Linda Rapp		
Reciprocal Insurance Exchange	Valerie Anderson		
Trail and Greenways Committee	Douglas Hnatiuk Mike Gau David Pruden		
Yukon Energy Partners	Shannon Clohosey		
YIC Environmental Sustainability	Shannon Clohosey		
	Carried Unanimously		

2014-24-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Mark Davey, Paul Kishchuk and Stan Thompson be re-
appointed to the City of Whitehorse Finance Committee for a term
expiring October 31, 2015.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS

Carried Unanimously

2014-24-14

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Standing Committee meeting scheduled for December 15, 2014 and the regular Council meeting scheduled for December 22, 2014 be cancelled to allow for a Christmas season recess; and

THAT the June 2015 Standing Committee and regular Council meetings be rescheduled as necessary to facilitate the attendance of Council members at the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference; and

THAT a 2015 summer recess be scheduled for the period from August 1 to August 15 inclusive, with meetings cancelled and re-scheduled as necessary.

Carried Unanimously

CANCEL / RESCHEDULE
VARIOUS MEETINGS
2014 Christmas Holidays
2015 FCM Conference
2015 Summer Recess

2014-24-15

It was duly moved and seconded
WHEREAS the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation has not invited the council of the City of Whitehorse to provide input to his plan to use funding from the Northern Housing Trust and the new Affordable Housing Agreement to enhance existing Yukon Housing Corporation programs; and

Whereas sections 263(a) and 265(a) of the *Municipal Act* speak to the authority and jurisdiction of council to govern as it considers appropriate; and

WHEREAS the Whitehorse Strategic Plan indicates that the number one issue faced in our City is the shortage of affordable and attainable housing, and that “lack of affordable housing makes it difficult for workers to move to Whitehorse which in turn exacerbates labour shortages, adds stress to family economics, and undermines the community’s stability”; and

WHEREAS there is a great need in Whitehorse for affordable housing for those who do not qualify for social housing and yet cannot afford market rental or ownership options, such as those among us who work in the service industry; and

WHEREAS the City of Whitehorse met with the mining industry and is aware of the strong concern that Whitehorse does not have sufficient affordable housing for resource sector workers who wish to live within the City of Whitehorse in the coming years; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Yukon Housing cancelled the affordable housing projects under the Northern Housing Trust after meeting with a small group of constituents ,without considering the larger interests and needs of all citizens of this great City; and

REQUEST TO THE
PREMIER FOR REMOVAL
OF THE MINISTER OF
YUKON HOUSING

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2014-24-15 (Continued)

WHEREAS the Yukon Government still holds over \$8,000,000.00 from the Northern Housing Trust and, in addition, has signed a new Affordable Housing Agreement with the Federal Government that provides 1.575 million dollars per year for the next five years to address affordable housing shortages in Yukon communities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Yukon Communities passed two resolutions at their board meeting in September 2014 that called for the Yukon Minister to share the Government's action plan with all municipalities, to listen to the concerns of all communities, and then to act on the shortages of affordable housing, an issue faced by a significant number of Yukon communities; and

WHEREAS the City of Whitehorse has written to the Minister of Community Services in July 2014 calling for the Minister to set as a very high priority the important issues and challenges faced by Yukon communities that relate to his Community Services portfolio given that decisions he makes have a profound impact on municipal governments and their citizens; and

REQUEST TO THE
PREMIER FOR REMOVAL
OF THE MINISTER OF
YUKON HOUSING
(Continued)

WHEREAS the Minister of Community Services has time and again failed to engage with the City of Whitehorse in partnership, mutual respect and trust, thus failing to demonstrate his willingness to set municipal issues at the forefront of matters important to fulfilling his responsibilities as the Minister responsible for the Community Services portfolio;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Premier of Yukon be requested to remove the Minister from the Community Services and Yukon Housing Corporation portfolios and instruct a replacement to take immediate action to design and fund programs for affordable housing targeted to help workers who cannot find affordable housing, especially those in the service industry and resource sector of Whitehorse.

Carried Unanimously

Council members discussed the rationale for this resolution and noted that Council does not believe that the Minister is acting in good faith or in the best interests of the City of Whitehorse and other Yukon municipalities. It was also noted that Council's concerns with this Minister have been expressed to the Premier on numerous occasions.

Discussion on the issue included concerns with making a resolution of this nature. The consensus was that affordable housing is a broad issue that is not being adequately addressed by the Minister, and that the City needs to work in partnership with the senior government. Since all avenues have been exhausted in this regard, the resolution is necessary.

Discussion

BYLAWS

2014-24-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2014-29, a bylaw to designate the Old Log Church and
Rectory as municipal historic sites, be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2014-29

HISTORIC SITE
DESIGNATION
Old Log Church & Rectory
SECOND READING

2014-24-17

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2014-29, a bylaw to designate the Old Log Church and
Rectory as municipal historic sites, having been read a first and second
time, now be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2014-29

HISTORIC SITE
DESIGNATION
Old Log Church & Rectory
THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6: 10 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 #2014-25 dated November 10, 2014