

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillors Kirk Cameron – Electronic Participation
Jocelyn Curteanu
Mike Gladish
Betty Irwin
Dave Stockdale
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
Director of Infrastructure and Operations Brian Crist

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

CALL TO ORDER

2014-27-01

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of Nancy
Oakley and Janna Powell as delegates speaking to the proposed new
grantmaking policies.

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Curtis proclaimed November 24th to 28th 2014 to be Accessible
Parking Awareness Week in the City of Whitehorse.

PROCLAMATION

2014-27-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated November 10,
2014 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

November 10, 2014

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATIONS

Keith Halliday and Nils Clarke, representing the MacBride Museum,
spoke against the proposed new grant policies. They suggested that
the policies as presented will penalize the museum for its revenue-
raising efforts, and questioned the fiscal decisions that have been
made at the expense of the museums.

MACBRIDE MUSEUM
Grantmaking Policies

The delegates provided details regarding the operating costs for the museum and reiterated the value of the service that museums provide to the community. They noted that each museum has a different funding mechanism, and that the MacBride is unique due to its premium location and high assessment rate. The delegates also noted that a proposal to transfer the museum lands to the City in order to qualify for a tax exemption would not be desirable. They encouraged Council not to adopt the new grant policies as proposed.

MACBRIDE MUSEUM
Grantmaking Policies
(Continued)

Nancy Oakley of the Yukon Historical and Museums Association spoke in support of heritage in the Yukon and applauded Council's efforts to make the grant process more equitable. She expressed support for a multi-year approach and a longer phase-in period, and suggested that a delay in adopting the new policies might be in order. Ms. Oakley noted that tax exemptions are the preferred approach in other jurisdictions, and expressed a willingness to work with the City towards a change in legislation that will allow tax exemptions for museums.

YUKON HISTORICAL AND
MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION
Grantmaking Policies

Janna Powell, representing the Yukon Transportation Museum, noted that some projects would be jeopardized if museums are penalized by having to pay property taxes. She suggested that there is potential to pit organizations against each other as they compete for limited funds, and reminded Council of the value that museums provide to the community. Ms. Powell asked that the adoption of the new policies be postponed in light of outstanding questions.

TRANSPORTATION
MUSEUM
Grantmaking Policies

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Curtis called three times for anyone to appear to address Bylaw 2014-34, a bylaw to adopt the 2015 – 2018 Capital Expenditure Plan.

2015-2018 CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE PLAN

Philip Fitzgerald and Josh Clark spoke on behalf of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce. They advised that a member survey was split on the need and benefit of the building consolidation project and offered a number of recommendations specific to this project. In particular they noted the need for continued consultation, the use of local contractors where possible, and an open tendering process.

Whitehorse Chamber
of Commerce

Mayor Curtis declared public input into Capital Budget Bylaw 2014-34 closed and advised that a report will come forward at the Standing Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 1st, 2014.

Public Input Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corporate Services Committee

2014-27-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the 2014–2017 capital budget be amended as detailed herein,
with funding in the amount of \$215,838.00 returning to various
reserves and \$26,731.00 in outside source funding released for
application to future projects:

1. **Capital Reserve** – amend funding of seven projects as follows
with \$120,005 in funding remaining in the Capital Reserve:

240c00509	Robert Campbell Bridge Widening	-\$70,000
240c01111	Range Road North Reconstruction	\$50,000
240c02010	Downtown Reconstruction 6 th Ave	-\$24,905
300c00110	Software Acquisition	-\$22,016
300c00113	ERP Development	-\$10,487
320c00714	PSB Emergency Door Indicator Lights	-\$12,151
320c01812	PSB LAN A/C Units	-\$30,446

2. **Equipment Reserve** – amend funding of two projects as follows
with \$9,773 in funding remaining in the Equipment Reserve:

320c00614	Replacement Line Painting Equipment	-\$12,099
320c02109	Van Replacement	\$2,326

CAPITAL BUDGET
AMENDMENTS
Third Quarter Variances

3. **Water and Sewer Reserve** – amend project funding as follows
with \$72,926 in funding remaining in the Water & Sewer Reserve:

240c00213	Hillcrest Water Supply	-\$70,000
650c01714	Replace Chlorine Analyzer at 2 Mile	-\$2,926

4. **General Reserve** – amend the funding of the following project
with \$3,764 in funding remaining in the General Reserve:

440c00414	Wildfire Structural Protection Equipment	-\$3,764
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5. **Facility Reserve** – amend the funding of the following project
with \$4,770 in funding coming from the Facility Reserve:

320c00314	Takhini Arena New De-Humidifier	\$4,770
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6. **DCC Reserve** – amend the funding of the following project with
\$4,240 in funding remaining in the DCC Reserve:

320c01611	Grader – Whistle Bend	-\$4,240
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7. **Parking Reserve** – amend the funding of the following project with \$9,900 in funding remaining in the Parking Reserve:

400c00213 Install Parking Meters in Parkade -\$9,900

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400c00213 Install Parking Meters in Parkade -\$9,900

9. **Gas Tax** – amend the funding of the following projects with \$11,731 in funding returning to the City’s Gas Tax allocation and available for other projects:

240c00810 Porter Creek Reservoir Expansion -\$15,000

320c01312 Building Consolidation Pre-Design \$5,900

500c00114 Asset Management (NAMS) -\$2,631

10. **Federal Capital Grants** – amend the funding of the following project with \$15,000 in Federal Capital Grants not required:

240c00510 Hospital Rd & Lewes Blvd -\$15,000 (BCF)

Carried Unanimously

CAPITAL BUDGET
AMENDMENTS
Third Quarter Variances
(Continued)

The Financial Services Department reviewed operating budget projections submitted by department managers and provided a forecast of operating results to the end of the 2014 fiscal year.

The third quarter variance projection is that total operating revenues will be under budget by \$3,515,736.00 and expenses under budget by \$3,756,572.00.

Operating projections to December 31, 2014 as compared to the revised budget indicate an operating surplus of \$240,836.00 for the corporation.

OPERATING BUDGET
VARIANCE REPORT
For Information Only

Administration confirmed that:

- the electrical audit determined that an understanding of load on the system will better inform future budgets, and
- capital budget variances require a resolution to reallocate funds, but operating budget variances are only projections at this time and no re-allocation decisions are required.

City Planning Committee

2014-27-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bell Mobility Inc. be advised that:

1. The City of Whitehorse is satisfied that Bell has adequately completed consultation with the City with respect to the proposal to construct a wireless telecommunications facility at 30 Electra Crescent on the Whitehorse Airport property; and
2. The City of Whitehorse concurs with Bell's proposal to construct a wireless telecommunications facility at 30 Electra Crescent, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Y1A 6E6, provided it is constructed substantially in accordance with the plans submitted.

CONCURRECE FOR
BELL MOBILITY TOWER
30 Electra Crescent

Carried Unanimously

The Committee encouraged members of the public to attend an Open House with respect to the Building Consolidation Project that will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, November 19th between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

BUILDING PROJECT
For Information Only

City Operations Committee

The Committee reminded the public that sidewalks located adjacent to their businesses or properties must be maintained during the winter, and encouraged everyone to comply in order to keep the sidewalks available for use.

SIDEWALKS
For Information Only

Community Services Committee

The Committee commended this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies and noted that the Royal Canadian Legion has also commended the City's efforts to make the ceremonies a success.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
For Information Only

Public Health and Safety Committee

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

No Report

Development Services Committee

The Committee noted that the City of Whitehorse will be receiving the prestigious Federation of Canadian Municipalities Award for Sustainability. This award recognizes the great strides that the City has made with respect to solid waste issues and the lead role played by the City of Whitehorse with waste diversion initiatives.

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD
For Information Only

The Committee noted that the Geoscience Forum is now under way in the City, with a focus on progressive partnerships. First Nations leadership and partnerships with industry will be highlighted.

COMMUNITY EVENTS
For Information Only

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014-27-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Municipal Charges and Community Service Grants Policy dated November 2014 be adopted as presented.

ADOPT NEW GRANT
POLICIES

Carried (5 – 2)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Curtis, Councillors Curteanu, Gladish, Irwin and Stockdale

Recorded Vote

OPPOSED: Councillors Cameron and Streicker

Council members discussed the potential impact of the new policy for some of the groups that have traditionally qualified for these grants. It was noted that the City has worked very hard to rationalize grant policies, and the proposal is fair, equitable and transparent, making it consistent with Council's values. The consensus was that a decision to proceed with the policies as presented represents the best option at this time.

Discussion

2014-27-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the City Grantmaking Policy dated November 2014 be adopted as presented.

ADOPT NEW GRANT
POLICIES

Carried (6 – 1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Curtis, Councillors Curteanu, Gladish, Irwin, Stockdale and Streicker

Recorded Vote

OPPOSED: Councillor Cameron

2014-27-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT administration be directed to investigate, analyze and report
on findings with respect to property tax exemptions for City-owned
lands.

INVESTIGATE OPTIONS
FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS

Carried (6 – 1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Curtis, Councillors Cameron, Curteanu, Gladish,
Irwin and Streicker

Recorded Vote

OPPOSED: Councillor Stockdale

BYLAWS

2014-27-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2014-30, a bylaw to adopt a Collective Agreement with
International Association of Firefighters Local 2217, having been read
a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2014-30

FIREFIGHTER
AGREEMENT

THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

2014-27-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2014-38, a bylaw to name the subdivision located on
Range Road east of Mountainview Drive as "Range Point", having
been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2014-38

SUBDIVISION NAMING
Range Point

THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL DOCUMENT SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"Mike Stevely"

Mike Stevely, Acting City Clerk

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2014-29 dated December 8, 2014