



Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee

Date	April 7, 2015
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall
Committee Members Present	Councillor John Streicker – Chair Councillor Betty Irwin – Vice Chair Mayor Dan Curtis Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Mike Gladish Councillor Dave Stockdale
Staff Present	Christine Smith, City Manager Valerie Anderson, Acting Director of Corporate Services Linda Rapp, Director of Community and Recreation Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Douglas Hnatiuk, Manager of Parks and Community Development Marc Boulerice, Parks Supervisor

Your Worship, the Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Mayor Curtis proclaimed Wednesday, April 8, 2015 to be the ***International Day of Pink*** in the City of Whitehorse.

1. Rotary Centennial Bridge Gates and Designation

The Rotary Centennial Bridge is currently designated as non-motorized, but has been identified as the only river crossing feasible for connecting the trail networks on both sides of the river. In response to a formal request regarding misuse of the bridge by motorized vehicles, a temporary gate system was installed and tested. Upon review, the consensus was that bridge gates were not successful as a deterrent to bridge use by off-road vehicles. Consultation with motorized user groups suggested that the best solution would be to re-designate the bridge to allow motorized users access to the motorized multiple use trails on the west side of the river.

The Whitehorse Trail and Greenways Advisory Committee and the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee were both consulted on the issue. Based on all the information gathered and the submissions received, the issue is a divisive one with a full spectrum of opinions. At each end are the extreme users who are either completely

against motorized use, or who find it unfair that this bridge is non-motorized. In the middle, there are many who would accept shared use. While shared use is always the most cost effective and inclusive way forward, at this time it does not appear that there is strong enough community support to consider changing the bridge designation to accommodate motorized multiple use. Additionally, as the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the bridge approaches, there is a desire to support the original pedestrian designation of the bridge as part of the Millennium Trail. Public education is considered an effective tool in broadening the community's perspectives.

17 delegates spoke in support of maintaining the non-motorized designation for the bridge. Most delegates cited safety issues, and some concerns were raised with respect to liability and policing issues. Noise disruptions to birds and wildlife and to the quality of the experience for other users were also noted. An additional concern was raised regarding potential impacts for nearby residents, as it was assumed that allowing motorized uses on the bridge would result in increased off-road vehicle traffic in the area. One delegate spoke in favour of allowing motorized vehicles on the bridge. Some of the delegates spoke to the issue of shared use and inclusivity, but the consensus was that Rotary Centennial Bridge is not suitable for shared use.

Recommendation

THAT the current status and designation of the Rotary Centennial Bridge as non-motorized be maintained; and

THAT public education efforts be improved with respect to proper use of trails on the east side of the Yukon River.

2. Trail and Greenways Advisory Committee Action Plan

The purpose of the Whitehorse Trail and Greenways Advisory Committee is to provide advice to City Council and administration related to the development, maintenance, promotion and encouragement of a sustainable, inclusive, diverse and accessible Whitehorse trail network for all trail users, stakeholders and stewards. The Terms of Reference for the Committee provide for the development of an annual action plan to guide the work of the Committee. Over the past few months committee members have discussed priorities and developed an Action Plan for 2015. The plan allows Council to see the issues that the advisory committee plans to address, and to ensure that these issues are aligned with the priorities established by Council.

Keith Lay suggested that more information should be provided to the public with respect to the activities of this committee. He also suggested that updated trail maps should be a priority, and requested information regarding the ability for Emergency Services to respond to incidents on the trail network.

Recommendation

THAT the 2015 Action Plan for the Whitehorse Trail and Greenways Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

3. Festivals and Special Events Grants

An internal committee reviewed the Festivals and Special Events Fund applications for projects occurring from July to December of 2015. \$25,000.00 is available for cash support in this funding intake. Eight applications were received and rated by the committee using the criteria outlined in the Festivals and Special Events Grant Policy. Each application is carefully analysed, and the policy determines the recommendations that are made for both financial and in-kind support. In-kind requests were looked at critically to ensure they can be accommodated within the regular operating hours of the affected Departments. In anticipation of three signature events that may come forward at the fall intake, the full amount of available funding was not allocated in order to allow a carry-over of funds.

Recommendation

THAT Festivals and Special Events Grants for projects occurring from July to December 2015 be approved as recommended.

4. Community Clean-up Litter Program Policy

The Community Clean-up Litter Program has been in place since 1994, and provides for Whitehorse clubs, groups and organizations to assist in the annual spring clean-up and receive a grant for their efforts. The policy governing this program sets standards for eligibility, frequency and grant amounts using recommended maintenance procedures and standards. The existing policy was reviewed to ensure that it correctly reflects the level of service and grant totals, and the fee for service has been increased to encourage more groups to participate in the program and bring the fee in line with that offered by the Government of Yukon for the roadside litter clean-up grant program.

Funds for the increased total per application will come from existing budget totals with a reduced number of grant applications being approved.

Recommendation

THAT the Community Clean-up Litter Program Policy dated April 2015 be adopted as presented.

5. Community Events – For Information Only

A number of recent community events were noted, including the International Bonspiel and the Masters Bonspiel, and the high quality of the City's recreation facilities was commended.

The Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the City are working together to host a Vulnerable Persons Forum in the near future.

The Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee is working with the Government of Yukon and Bylaw Services with respect to improvements to the Handy Bus system and alternative methods of transport for persons using wheelchairs or other mobility aids.

In response to a query regarding summer use of arena areas at the Canada Games Centre, administration confirmed that dry floor spaces are available for booking and that programming suggestions are welcomed.

Community members were encouraged to participate in clean-up events and in keeping the City clean.

6. Extended Meeting – For Information Only

Committee members unanimously agreed to extend the meeting beyond three hours.

Addendum

The following delegates spoke in support of maintaining the existing designation for the Rotary Centennial Bridge:

Rick Griffiths

Representative of the Vanier Social Justice Club

Keith Lay, Active Trails Whitehorse Association

Rob McClure

Cameron Eckert, Yukon Bird Club

Eva Von Flotow

John Quincy, Yukon Canoe and Kayak Club

Johan Groenewegan

Tony Gonda

Heather Sikes

Jim Gilpin

Gabrielle Watts

Barbara Quilty

Margaret Neffstead

Gerald Parent

Gail Moffat

Dorothy Lebel

Dave Erickson spoke in support of re-designating the Rotary Centennial Bridge to motorized multiple use to allow motorized off-road vehicles to use the bridge.



Minutes of the meeting of the City Planning Committee

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Staff Present	Christine Smith, City Manager Valerie Anderson, Acting Director of Corporate Services Linda Rapp, Director of Community and Recreation Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services Patrick Ross, Manager of Planning Services

Your Worship, the City Planning Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Public Hearing Report – Zoning Amendment, Outdoor Sports Complex

The Government of Yukon has applied for a zoning amendment in Whistle Bend to allow for the development of an outdoor sports facility that would include two artificial turf soccer pitches, a rubberized running track, storage and changing room buildings, and other track and field athletic facilities. At the public hearing on March 23rd, nine people appeared to speak to the application. A total of 37 written submissions were also received, 34 in support, two opposed, and one raising concerns. A concern raised was that the proposed location is not appropriate for a city-wide facility as it is not near the downtown area. However, the location is in an area that, upon completion of Whistle Bend, will be adjacent to major roadways, three potential school locations, and the future town square and commercial centre. It is anticipated that the area will have a high level of transit service and a dense neighbourhood population.

Concerns were also raised regarding the relocation of the Yukon Horse and Rider Association to allow for residential and school development. Analysis of the needs of the Horse and Rider Association show that the density and urban nature of Whistle Bend make it an inappropriate location for their activities. Both the City and the Government of Yukon are committed to finding a new site for the Association's show grounds.

Support for the proposed facility included the demonstrated need, community benefits for residents and for potential sport tourism events, and safety concerns arising with respect to maintenance issues at existing facilities. No significant concerns or impacts have been identified through this public hearing review that would result in a recommendation to not proceed with the bylaw process.

Committee members discussed concerns with respect to the proposed facility, including the displacement of some housing units and ongoing maintenance costs for the facility. The Committee asked for clarification on Council's authority with respect to this proposal and the ability to phase the zoning change. Administration was asked to confirm that the site is adequately sized for a school and fields.

On behalf of the Yukon Outdoor Sports Association, Michael Abbott expressed ongoing interest in Council's deliberations with respect to the proposed facility.

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 2015-08, a bylaw to change the zoning of a parcel of vacant land in Whistle Bend to allow for the development of an outdoor sports complex, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

2. Official Community Plan Amendment – Various Policy and Map Changes

The existing Official Community Plan is at the approximate mid-point of its expected lifespan and a number of amendments are being brought forward for consideration. Policy amendments are recommended to reflect the Schwatka Lake Area Plan and the Regional Parks Plan. Additional policy amendments are recommended to support the construction of visitable, adaptable and accessible housing.

A mapping amendment is proposed to facilitate a potential future quarry near Haeckel Hill. If approved, a Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board review would be required, followed by a zoning amendment and other permitting processes. An additional mapping amendment is proposed to facilitate a potential future residential - commercial development at the west end of Main Street. If approved, a number of steps including rezoning, subdivision, and land disposition would be required before any development could proceed.

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 2015-14, a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan with respect to various policy and mapping amendments, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process.

3. Zoning Amendment – Comprehensive Zones

Administration is proposing amendments to the regulations in Comprehensive Development zones to allow for more design options for buildings in those zones. The Comprehensive Development zones were introduced to provide specific provisions that would lead to more attractive developments and pedestrian-oriented site design to ensure that denser developments are functional and attractive. The changes proposed will allow more flexibility with respect to garage placement, and will allow patios, decks, and covered entries in addition to porches. An additional amendment is proposed to clarify the definition of “Mixed Use Development” and eliminate discrepancies throughout the bylaw where the term *mixed use* conflicts with the existing definition.

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 2015-13, a bylaw to amend regulations in Comprehensive Development zones, and to amend the definition of ‘mixed use development’, be brought forward for due consideration under the bylaw process



Minutes of the meeting of the City Operations Committee

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Location Council Chambers, City Hall

Committee Members Present Councillor Betty Irwin – Chair
Councillor Mike Gladish – Vice Chair
Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu
Councillor Dave Stockdale
Councillor John Streicker

Staff Present Christine Smith, City Manager
Valerie Anderson, Acting Director of Corporate Services
Linda Rapp, Director of Community and Recreation Services
Mike Gau, Director of Development Services

Your Worship, there is no report from the City Operations Committee



Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee

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Committee Members Present	Councillor Mike Gladish – Chair Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu – Vice-Chair Mayor Dan Curtis Councillor Betty Irwin Councillor Dave Stockdale Councillor John Streicker
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Your Worship, the Corporate Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Re-budgeting Capital Expenditures

Some of the capital projects included in the 2014 capital budget were not fully completed or were not initiated for a variety of reasons. If these projects are to be completed, funds that were set aside in 2014 have to be re-budgeted into 2015. The Management Group reviewed their outstanding capital projects and identified those that require re-budgeting. It is anticipated that most of the projects being brought forward will be completed this year, with three projects extending into 2016. The majority of the projects are funded from the appropriate City reserves, and the remainder are funded from outside sources such as the Building Canada Fund and Gas Tax. There are no requests for additional funds.

Recommendation

THAT the 2015 Capital Budget be amended by re-budgeting 2014 capital expenditures in the amount of \$6,321,517.



Minutes of the meeting of the Public Health and Safety Committee

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Staff Present	Christine Smith, City Manager Valerie Anderson, Acting Director of Corporate Services Linda Rapp, Director of Community and Recreation Services Mike Gau, Director of Development Services

Your Worship, the Public Health and Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. **New Business** – For Information Only

Councillor Streicker advised that he will bring forward a motion at the regular council meeting on April 13, 2015 with respect to the right for a healthy environment. He explained that the resolution is being brought forward in response to an initiative from the David Suzuki Foundation and the timing is appropriate to tie in with Earth Day. A draft of the resolution was circulated to members of council and management.



**Minutes of the meeting of the
Development Services Committee**

Date April 7, 2015
Location Council Chambers, City Hall
Committee Members Present Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu – Chair
Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillor Mike Gladish
Councillor Betty Irwin
Councillor Dave Stockdale
Councillor John Streicker
Staff Present Christine Smith, City Manager
Valerie Anderson, Acting Director of Corporate Services
Linda Rapp, Director of Community and Recreation Services
Mike Gau, Director of Development Services

Your Worship, there is no report from the Development Services Committee

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Adopted at the regular council meeting on April 13, 2015

ORIGINAL MINUTES SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"V. Anderson"

Valerie Anderson, Acting City Clerk