



COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Council Questions – Standing Committee June 3, 2024

1. Zoning Amendment – Interim Granular Resource Extraction

a. *How much gravel is within the City? Are we shifting from utilizing quarries to developable lands?*

Detailed information on the location and quantity of available gravel resources, as well as total annual consumption of gravel in the city is not readily available. YG recently completed a gravel study, but the study did not provide an up to date estimate of remaining gravel reserve volumes. It would take a significant amount of effort to quantify both reserve volumes and annual consumption and would require extensive cooperation from various parties including YG, KDFN, TKC, as well as private businesses and landowners/lease holders. Based on high-level information that is available to the City, there are not many large scale gravel sources remaining within Whitehorse, and for the sources that have been identified, accurate volume estimates are generally not available.

Any new source will help with the availability and escalating cost of granular materials in Whitehorse. Enabling material to be extracted from areas designated for development would relieve pressure and extend the life of existing sources.

From known developable lands, various approvals are required for each area but the following estimates have been provided:

- 145,000 m³ to 165,000 m³ from Whistle Bend South
- 750,000 m³ from Wasson Place extension
- 4.5 million m³ in Valleyview South

2. New Business – Development Permits Backlog

a. *How many building permits remain in backlog?*

To date in 2024, 96 building permits have been issued. 71 applications are under review or yet to be reviewed. 55 are on hold pending more information. Current wait times are 5-8 weeks depending on complexity, completeness and if the application is for a new build or not. The quicker timeframe in some instances is due to the help of outside consultants who can review these applications faster. Additional consulting services are being finalized and work continues on recruitment of more staff including through the services of a hiring agency.

3. New Business – Leota Street Park

a. *Has the City explored contributions from service clubs or volunteer organizations?*

The City is currently exploring a contribution with a service club for the Leota Park or potentially another park in Whitehorse.



COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

4. Vehicle for Hire Bylaw

a. How was the training developed and how will it be provided?

As per the Bylaw, Bylaw Services currently requires mandatory testing prior to issuing a permit. This test, which requires a minimum passing score of 80%, covers critical aspects such as the rules and regulations of the Vehicle for Hire (VFH) bylaw, driver responsibility, vehicle standards, and security camera requirement, etc. Further, VFH companies are responsible for ensuring that their drivers are properly trained in the use and operation of equipment, such as dispatching systems. Any additional training required by Bylaw Services would be the responsibility of the VFH companies to implement utilizing a list of approved training providers.