

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2024-10 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, May 27, 2024, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT:
Mayor Laura Cabott
Councillors Dan Boyd
Kirk Cameron
Jocelyn Curteanu
Michelle Friesen
Ted Laking
Mellisa Murray

ALSO PRESENT:
City Manager Jeff O'Farrell
Director of Community Services Krista Mroz
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Director of People and Culture Lindsay Schneider
Director of Operations and Infrastructure Tracy Allen

Mayor Cabott called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

2024-10-01

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.
Carried Unanimously

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Laura Cabott proclaimed June 2024 to be Indigenous History Month in the city of Whitehorse, an opportunity to increase the visibility of Indigenous culture, acknowledge injustices faced by Indigenous peoples, and promote a platform for healing, education and dialogue.

Indigenous History Month

Mayor Laura Cabott proclaimed June 2024 to be Filipino Heritage Month in the city of Whitehorse, a time to celebrate Filipino culture and acknowledge the contributions the Filipino community has made in the growth of the city.

Filipino Heritage Month

Mayor Laura Cabott proclaimed June 2024 to be National Pride Month in the city of Whitehorse, a month dedicated to promoting queer-visibility events and activities that help lead to an accepting, diverse, and vibrant community.

National Pride Month

MINUTES

2024-10-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated May
13, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATE SUBMISSIONS

Delegate Sylvie Binette, a resident of Valleyview, urged
Council to amend the Valleyview South Master Plan to
designate the area at the North end of Valleyview as greenbelt,
emphasizing the environmental and health benefits for the
residents of Valleyview.

Sylvie Binette – Valleyview
South Master Plan

Delegate Heather Ashthorn, Executive Director of the Raven
Recycling Society, spoke in support of the temporary fee-for-
service recycling depot, but warned Council about the potential
of a temporary solution becoming permanent.

Heather Ashthorn, Executive
Director, Raven Recycling
Society – Temporary Fee-
For-Service Recycling Depot

Delegate Robin Reid-Fraser spoke in support of the temporary
fee-for-service recycling depot at the Waste Management
Facility, as it makes sense to drop off recyclables at the same
time as other waste. However, the delegate also shared
accessibility concerns and noted that the fees should be lower
than waste to encourage residents to make an effort to recycle.

Robin Reid-Fraser –
Temporary Fee-For-Service
Recycling Depot

Delegate Felix Olaney expressed concerns with the temporary
fee-for-service recycling depot, highlighting the barriers it will
pose for those with accessibility struggles. The delegate
emphasized the importance of making recycling challenge-free
so that everyone can contribute to addressing climate change.

Felix Olaney – Temporary
Fee-For-Service Recycling
Depot

Delegate Molly Swain emphasized the importance of
minimizing Whitehorse's impact on global climate change and
noted that recycling must be accessible to everyone in the
community to be effective.

Molly Swain – Temporary
Fee-For-Service Recycling
Depot

Delegate Lauren Ross presented on the crucial role that Lot 66
and the surrounding green area has on the mental and
physical well-being of Valleyview residents. The delegate
urged Council to reconsider allowing the area to be developed.

Lauren Ross – Valleyview
South Master Plan

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to Zoning Amendment for the Municipal Services Building and called for submissions.

Zoning Amendment -
Municipal Services Building

Pat McInroy shared concerns that the proposed Zoning amendment for the Municipal Services Building property to be developed as partially residential would cause too much of an increase in traffic for the area.

Pat McInroy

Catherine McInroy shared concerns about the proposed Zoning amendment for the Municipal Services Building property, commenting that the area could not accommodate the traffic increase from a high-density residential development.

Catherine McInroy

Mayor Cabott called a second and third time for submissions with respect to Zoning Amendment for the Municipal Services Building.

Zoning Amendment -
Municipal Services Building

Hearing no additional submissions, Mayor Cabott declared the Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment for the Municipal Services Building now closed.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Planning Committee

2024-10-03

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT the Valleyview South Master Plan be amended as follows:

Section 5.5.2.4:

“A 10m setback should be provided to mitigate adverse impacts to Valleyview. The setback should be vegetated.”

Section 6.1.2.5:

“If the recommended road alignment that extends from the CGC into the Valleyview South area is determined to be unfeasible, an alternative road alignment that bisects C-117B and C-141B could be considered.”;

Public Input Report –
Valleyview South Master Plan

THAT the proposed amendments to Appendix B maps B1 Land Use Plan, B2 Transportation, and B4 Phasing Concept be approved;

THAT the necessary changes be made throughout the plan and appendixes to ensure that Lot 66 and adjacent unsurveyed Yukon Government land in the Northern Area – North of Sumanik Drive referred to in Section 5.5.1 be designated as Parks/Greenspace; and

THAT Council approve the amended Valleyview South Master Plan, a document providing guidance and a framework for the future development of the area.

Carried (6-1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Boyd, Curteanu, Friesen, Laking, and Murray

OPPOSED: Councillor Cameron

2024-10-04

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-34, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 13, 23, and 33 McClimon Crescent to allow for the development of townhouses, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Zoning Amendment – 13, 23, and 33 McClimon Crescent

Carried Unanimously

2024-10-05

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Council approve the proposed Land Use Master Plan Policy.

Land Use Master Plan Policy

Carried (6-1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Boyd, Curteanu, Friesen, Laking, and Murray

OPPOSED: Councillor Cameron

2024-10-06

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT Council rescind the Land Development Protocol and approve the amended Land Disposition Policy.

Land Development Protocol and Land Disposition Policy

Carried Unanimously

Nathan Millar on behalf of the Downtown Residents Association requested that Council clarify what problem Council is hoping to solve by raising the building height maximum so that the public can better engage in the discussion.

Delegate Nathan Millar,
Downtown Residents
Association – Downtown
Building Heights

Development Services Committee

Administration, joined by Acting Chair John Vogt, presented recommendations from the Housing and Land Development Advisory Committee focused on streamlining the process for building and development permits. The recommendations

Housing and Land
Development Advisory
Committee Recommendation
– Permit Process – For
Information Only

consist of a list of actions with the goals to improve timelines, the burden on applicants and City staff, management of complex permits, and communication, fairness, and consistency. Administration expanded on the current status of permit applications, expected results from the changes, and on the potential of a report back to Council after implementation. As requested by Committee members, additional information was also provided on current protocol and requirements.

City Operations Committee

A Committee member requested an update on the project timeline for a new water treatment plant. Administration confirmed that the contract is being awarded to the design team, and the preliminary design is expected to be ready by the end of 2024.

New Business – New Water
Treatment Plant

As requested by a Committee member, Administration confirmed that the concept for the Mountainview Drive Expansion project is expected in early June, with a report to Council most likely early Fall.

New Business –
Mountainview Drive
Expansion

A Committee member requested an update on the status of the secondary river crossing project, to which Administration provided that the conceptual work is almost complete with an expected completion date in early June.

New Business – Secondary
River Crossing

Community Services Committee

A Committee member asked for information on the process of handling requests from the public to develop additional sports courts such as the request from the Yukon Pickleball Association (YPA). Administration confirmed that the Parks department is currently working with the YPA to find a safe, suitable location for the courts that also meets the needs of the association.

New Business – Potential
Pickleball Court Locations

Delegate Bret Harper spoke on inconsistencies between paper transfer tickets and using the transit app that results in an inequality for people unable to have a smart phone. The delegate made several recommendations that would improve the transit transfer system for users such as longer time limits and more routes.

Delegate Bret Harper -
Transit Payment Method
Reconciliation

Representing the Yukon Pickleball Association, delegate Jim Gilpin presented to Council on potential locations for a new set of six courts designated for pickleball and described the benefits of having courts specifically for pickleball so that players do not need to use local tennis courts and potentially interrupt their regular use.

Delegate Jim Gilpin, Yukon
Pickleball Association –
Pickleball Courts

Public Health and Safety Committee

2024-10-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the word "federal" wherever it appears in reference to federal code requirements be removed from the proposed 2024-19 Vacant and Unoccupied Buildings Bylaw; and
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-19, a bylaw to adopt the Vacant and Unoccupied Building Bylaw be brought forward for 2nd and 3rd reading under the bylaw process.

Public Input Report – Vacant
and Unoccupied Buildings
Bylaw

Carried Unanimously

As requested by a Committee member, Administration provided an update on the May 10 and 11 telecommunication outage and gave recommendations to the public such as keeping a battery-powered radio and cash in cases of a similar emergency.

New Business – Emergency
Communication

Corporate Services Committee

2024-10-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Administration be authorized to commence the procurement for the Municipal Services Building Demolition.
Carried Unanimously

Commencement Report –
Municipal Services Building

2024-10-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council amend the 2024 to 2026 Operating Budget to increase the solid waste expenditures budget in the amount of \$250,000 for the 2024 year and \$750,000 for the 2025 provisional year, offset by an increase in revenues from user fees; and
THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the procurement for temporary residential recycling depot services.
Carried Unanimously

Commencement Report and
Budget Amendment –
Temporary Fee-For-Service
Depot

Councillor Michelle Friesen presented a Notice of Motion to be brought forward at the next Regular Council meeting regarding support for and solidarity with the Palestinian people, and calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

Notice of Motion – Councillor
Friesen – Call for Ceasefire

A Point of Order on the Notice of Motion was raised, citing jurisdictional concern. The presiding officer declared the ruling on the Point of Order would be postponed to the next Regular Council meeting.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The point of order that was raised on the Notice of Motion brought forward by Councillor Friesen on May 21, 2024, was ruled as well taken by the chair.

Point of Order – Notice of Motion under Corporate Services Standing Committee on May 21, 2024

A member appealed the decision of the chair. Following a vote of Council, the ruling was upheld 5-2 with Councillors Friesen and Murray dissenting.

BYLAWS

2024-10-11

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2024-34, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 13, 23, and 33 McClimon Crescent to allow for the development of townhouses, be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-34
Zoning Amendment – 13, 23, and 33 McClimon Crescent
FIRST READING

2024-10-12

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2024-19, a bylaw to regulate Vacant and Unoccupied Buildings, be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-19
Vacant and Unoccupied Buildings Bylaw
SECOND READING

2024-10-13

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2024-19 be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-19
Vacant and Unoccupied Buildings Bylaw
THIRD READING

2024-10-14

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2024-32, a bylaw to enter into a lease agreement with Biathlon Yukon for a lease area comprised of Lot 1115, Quad 105 D/10, Plan 98-164, Whitehorse, Yukon, be given Third Reading.

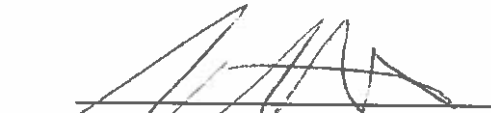
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-32
Lease Agreement – Biathlon Yukon
THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38p.m.

ADJOURNMENT




Laura Cabott, Mayor


Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2024-10