



## Minutes of the meeting of the City Planning Committee

Date	June 3, 2024	2024-11
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Michelle Friesen - Chair	
	Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Dan Boyd	
	Councillor Kirk Cameron	
	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu	
	Councillor Ted Laking	
	Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Tracy Allen, A/City Manager	
	Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
	Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services	
	Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture	
	Peter Duke, A/Director of Development Services	
	Darcy McCord, Senior Planner, Planning Services	

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

### **1. Zoning Amendment – Interim Granular Resource Extraction**

Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw were presented to enable interim granular resource extraction as a multi-year temporary use. Application requirements for the proposed temporary use development permits are specified in the proposed amendments. Administration provided additional information on the public input process and YESAB requirements. Concerns were raised over potential long project times, noise, dust and traffic, to which it was confirmed that all would be considered when evaluating the permit applications.

### **The Recommendation of the City Planning Committee is**

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-33, a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw to enable interim granular resource extraction as a multi-year temporary use, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

**2. Public Hearing Report – Official Community Plan Administrative Amendments**

The Committee was presented with a summary of submissions received from the Public Hearing held May 13, 2024, regarding the proposed administrative amendments to the Official Community Plan. One written submission was received noting concerns, two people spoke at the Public Hearing, and one delegate spoke to this item at the Regular Council meeting on April 8, 2024. Both First Nation governments have reviewed the amendments. The report responded to concerns raised about trails, definitions, maps, and wildfire risk reduction.

**The Recommendation of the City Planning Committee Is**

THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-22, administrative amendments to the Official Community Plan, be amended at second reading and proceed through the bylaw process.



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

Date	June 3, 2024	2024-11
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Dan Boyd - Chair Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Ted Laking Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Tracy Allen, A/City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture Peter Duke, A/Director of Development Services	

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

**1. New Business – Development Permits Backlog**

As requested by a Committee member, Administration provided an update on efforts to address the list of pending permit applications, confirming that contracted services are being utilized to conduct plan reviews and reduce the waiting period.

**2. New Business – Selkirk Water Treatment Project**

A Committee member requested an update on the Selkirk Water Treatment Project. Administration confirmed that the City is still working to secure the construction funding, but the contract to begin the design phase has been awarded.



**Minutes of the meeting of the  
City Operations Committee**

<b>Date</b>	June 3, 2024	2024-11
<b>Location</b>	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu - Chair Mayor Laura Cabott	
<b>Committee Members Present</b>	Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Ted Laking Councillor Mellisa Murray	
	Tracy Allen, A/City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services	
<b>Staff Present</b>	Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture Peter Duke, A/Director of Development Services	

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



## Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee

Date	June 3, 2024	2024-11
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Kirk Cameron – Chair Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Ted Laking Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Tracy Allen, A/City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture Peter Duke, A/Director of Development Services	

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

**1. New Business – Yukon Firefit Association**

As requested by a Committee member, Administration confirmed that a letter outlining City funding and support opportunities was sent to the Yukon Firefit Association last year. Administration will follow up with the event organizers.

**2. New Business – Leota Street Park**

A Committee member requested an update on planning for Leota Street Park in Whistlebend. Based on feedback from the public engagement, Administration is working with the Yukon Government on the design concept which is expected at the end of June. Public engagement for the naming of the park was encouraged.

**3. New Business – Fridays in the Park**

A Committee member thanked the Parks department staff for their work on Fridays in the Park, commenting that the events have been well advertised and are a good opportunity to bring the community together.

**4. Delegate Juan Jordan – Public Transit Routes to School**

Delegate Juan Jordan informed Council of struggles experienced by the students of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School (SFACSS) utilizing the City's transit system. The delegate asked that the routes be updated on Google Maps, and that the students of SFACSS be considered in future changes.

**5. Delegate Myron Penner, Fire Fitness Association – Firefit Regional 2025**

Myron Penner of the Yukon FireFit Association presented to Council to request a street closure of a section of Main Street for the 2025 Firefit Regional. The delegate also requested the City provide some event-specific items such as bleachers, tents, and waiving of parking fees.



**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Public Health and Safety Committee**

Date	June 3, 2024	2024-11
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Mellisa Murray - Chair Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Ted Laking	
Staff Present	Tracy Allen, A/City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture Peter Duke, A/Director of Development Services	

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

**1. Vehicle for Hire Bylaw**

The Committee was presented with the proposed Vehicle for Hire Bylaw 2024-10, a bylaw to regulate the vehicle for hire industry in Whitehorse to ensure passenger safety and provide reliable, efficient, fair, and modernized service. Administration provided additional information on company and driver requirements and testing, and on the industry's awareness and preparedness for these changes to be implemented. A few Committee members shared future app features they would like to see, and expressed interest in increasing fines for specific safety-related offenses.

**The Recommendation of the Public Health and Safety Committee is**

THAT Council direct Bylaw 2024-10, a bylaw to permit, license, and regulate the owners and operator of vehicles for hire in Whitehorse, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.



**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Corporate Services Committee**

Date	June 3, 2024	2024-11
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Councillor Ted Laking - Chair Mayor Laura Cabott	
Committee Members Present	Councillor Dan Boyd Councillor Kirk Cameron Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu Councillor Michelle Friesen Councillor Mellisa Murray	
Staff Present	Tracy Allen, A/City Manager Krista Mroz, Director of Community Services Valerie Braga, Director of Corporate Services Lindsay Schneider, Director of People and Culture Peter Duke, A/Director of Development Services	

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

**1. Municipal Charges and Community Service Grants**

The Committee was presented with the request for authorization of 2024 Municipal Charges and Community Services Grants through proposed Bylaw 2024-35. Administration confirmed that each applicant was awarded 100% of what they were eligible for.

**The Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is**

THAT the Council direct that Bylaw 2024-35, a bylaw to authorize municipal charges and community services grants in the amount of \$209,298.45 for the year 2024, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

**2. Council Member Appointment to the Association of Yukon Communities**

As Councillor Friesen has asked to be replaced as City representative to the Association of Yukon Communities, a recommendation was presented to appoint Councillor Dan Boyd as City representative until the end of Council term on October 31, 2024.



**The Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee is**

THAT the appointment of Councillor Michelle Friesen as a City representative to the Association of Yukon Communities be rescinded; and

THAT Councillor Dan Boyd be appointed as a City representative to the Association of Yukon Communities for a term to expire on October 31, 2024.

**3. New Business – Reconsider Letter for Ceasefire**

In response to a Committee member requesting information on the potential of reconsidering the letter for ceasefire, Administration confirmed that research will be conducted on procedure.

**4. Delegate Felix Olaney – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Felix Olaney presented on the history of Palestine and Israel, touched on how policy can be used as a tool of oppression, and urged Council to reconsider the motion to stand in solidarity with Palestine and call for a ceasefire.

**5. Delegate Kate White – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Kate White urged Council to take a position regarding Palestine and explained that remaining silent sends a heartbreaking message to the families of the 37,000 Palestinians that have died and to Whitehorse community members who care deeply about this.

**6. Delegate Lisa Vollans-Leduc, Vice President, Yukon Employees' Union – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Lisa Vollans-Leduc, Vice President of the Yukon Employee's Union, urged Council to acknowledge the truth of the situation in Palestine and advocate for an immediate ceasefire. The delegate also emphasized the importance of debate within Chambers and asked that conversation be allowed on the matter.

**7. Delegate Lisa Stewart – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Lisa Stewart explained that standing in solidarity with Palestine is of interest to the community Council represents and aligns with supporting indigenous right to ancestral lands. The delegate urged Council to make the right decision, declare solidarity with Palestine, refuse to be complicit in genocide, and amend policies so they cannot be weaponized against the people.

**8. Delegate Miasha Albisser – Addressing the Motion for a Ceasefire**

Delegate Miasha Albisser urged Council to reconsider their dismissal of the motion regarding support for a ceasefire in Palestine, highlighting Council's previous support for Ukraine in the Russian invasion and the City's influence on global issues.

**9. Delegate Eric Epstein – Support for Ceasefire in Gaza**

Delegate Eric Epstein, a member of the Jewish community in Whitehorse, expressed support for the motion for a ceasefire in Gaza, and commended the youth for their work on the movement.

**10. Delegate Graeme Poile – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Graeme Poile voiced support for the motion to call for a ceasefire in Palestine, and highlighted inconsistencies in the decision to uphold the point of order against it. The delegate argued that the motion aligns with the City's values of fairness, supporting human rights, and committing to reconciliation with indigenous peoples.

**11. Delegate Brontë Renwick-Shields – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Brontë Renwick-Shields spoke in support of the motion brought forward by Councillor Friesen regarding Palestine and condemned the idea that standing against the deaths of 36,000 people is divisive. The delegate urged Council to take action in upholding human rights by supporting Palestine.

**12. Delegate Michelle Watson – Addressing the Motion for a Ceasefire**

Delegate Michelle Watson provided Council with information on the history of Israel and Palestine relations, and a list of events held in Whitehorse that prove there is community interest in supporting Palestine. The delegate urged Council to review their policies and provide an opportunity for public engagement on this matter to restore community trust in the Council process.

**13. Delegate Eion Sheridan – Support for the People of Palestine**

Delegate Eion Sheridan noted that the population of Whitehorse is similar to the death count of Palestinians from Israel's attacks and urged Council to write to the Federal government in support of a ceasefire and recognition of the state of Palestine. The delegate brought up Council's efforts in support of Ukraine in 2023, and suggested that if needed, Council should move to accept Rafah as a Sister City.

**14. Delegate Molly Swain – Settler Colonialism in Whitehorse**

Delegate Molly Swain drew parallels between the struggles of indigenous peoples in Canada to the current violence on Palestinians. The delegate emphasized the need for Council to remain consistent in addressing injustices against indigenous peoples across the world, and urged Council not to use policy to shut down difficult conversation.

**15. Delegate Rick Karp – The Palestinian / Hamas Issue in Gaza**

Delegate Rick Karp spoke in support of a ceasefire and release of hostages in the Palestine and Israel conflict but pointed out the potential of misconstrued data coming out of Gaza. The delegate emphasized that the situation is complicated and the responsibility of the federal government to address.

**16. Delegate Mike Fancie – Invasion of Ukraine**

Delegate Mike Fancie commended Council members for their bravery in standing in solidarity with Ukraine following the Russian invasion despite potential political consequences. The delegate expressed the importance of the gesture of solidarity to the people of Whitehorse and Ukraine, urging the same consideration for the people of Palestine, and noted how these actions will shape how history sees City Council.

**17. Delegate Makiah Anderson – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Makiah Anderson expressed disappointment in the decision to uphold a point of order on the motion on standing in solidarity with Palestine, describing it as going against what the people of Whitehorse stand for. The delegate shared statistics regarding the attack on the Palestinian people and stated that silence and ignorance are a political statement in support of Israel.

**18. Delegate Anya Close – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Anya Close urged Council to align with the Declaration of Commitment, stating that ignoring the death and destruction in Palestine goes against it. The delegate called to Council to apologize for and amend their decision to silence discussion on the motion of solidarity with Palestine and take action in supporting justice for the indigenous peoples of Palestine.

**19. Delegate Antoine Goulet – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Antoine Goulet raised concerns that the decision to uphold a point of order on the motion on standing in solidarity with Palestine is not consistent with Council's decision to stand in solidarity with Ukraine. The delegate urged Council to call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Palestine.

**20. Delegate Emily Ross – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Emily Ross, sharing quotes from Council members when speaking in support of Ukraine, expressed disappointment that Council has not taken action to show solidarity for the people of Palestine, and that discussion on a motion to do so was immediately shut down. The delegate urged Council to recognize the evidence that shows this is a matter of interest to the community.

**21. Delegate Jane Robinson-Boivin – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Jane Robinson-Boivin described the interconnectedness of oppressed people worldwide and that until everyone is free from violence and oppression, no one is free. The delegate, emphasizing that Council members are elected by the people and should represent the people, called on Council to stand against oppression and demand peace and justice for the people of Palestine.

**22. Delegate Tory Russell – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Tory Russell spoke in solidarity with Palestine, condemning the decision to uphold a point of order on Councillor Friesen's motion as a misuse of policy to unjustly silence the debate. The delegate urged that Palestine be treated in a way that is consistent with what Council has stated it stands for, and to reconsider the letter calling for a ceasefire.

**23. Delegate Julianna Scramstad – Palestine and Democracy**

Delegate Julianna Scramstad spoke in support of the motion regarding Palestine and criticized Council's decision to silence the debate on the motion, listing several sections of the Code of Conduct that were not upheld. The delegate urged Council to reconsider this decision and take a more proactive stance in supporting Palestine.

**24. Delegate Joline Beauregard – Solidarity with Palestine**

Delegate Joline Beauregard expressed support for Councillor Friesen's motion on standing in solidarity with Palestine and spoke about the frustration experienced following the decision to uphold a point of order on the motion that shut down debate. The delegate felt that as the community's elected representatives, it is the responsibility of Council to speak up and address the crisis in Palestine no matter how uncomfortable the discussion may be.

**25. Delegate Sana Javed – Colonialism in City Councils**

Delegate Sana Javed spoke about how the suffering of those in Palestine is connected to the suffering of all oppressed people and explained that to truly commit to reconciliation and decolonization in our community as promised, Council must recognize the oppression of indigenous people globally. Noting frustration and exhaustion with the people in power refusing to act, the delegate urged Council to reconsider the motion for a letter calling for a ceasefire.

**26. Delegate Saba Javed – Addressing the Ceasefire**

Delegate Saba Javed described disappointment and shame following the silencing of debate regarding the motion brought forward by Councillor Friesen and called on Council to uphold their responsibility as representatives of the people by speaking out in solidarity with Palestine.

**27. Delegate Muhammad Javed – Addressing the Ceasefire**

Delegate Muhammad Javed shared pride over how the people of the Yukon care about each other regardless of differences, and as evident by the people who have spoken to Council on the conflict in Palestine, the community cares about the people of Palestine as well. The delegate urged Council to recognize the suffering of Palestinians and stand up for human rights.

**28. Delegate Josh Long – Supporting Palestinians in Gaza**

Delegate Josh Long invited Council to imagine if all the people of Whitehorse disappeared, a similar number to those who have died in Israel's attacks on Palestine, and questioned if Council would stand with persecuted groups within the Whitehorse community if times were difficult. The delegate urged Council to stand by their values and speak out about the violence in Palestine.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.



Laura Cabott, Mayor



Corporate Services

