

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2024-12 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30pm on Monday, June 24, 2024, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu

ALSO PRESENT: A/City Manager Krista Mroz
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Director of People and Culture Lindsay Schneider
A/Director of Operations and Infrastructure Taylor Eshpeter

*Indicates electronic participation.

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

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

2024-12-01

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

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

2024-12-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated June
11, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at
this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to Zoning
Amendment for 6119 6th Avenue.

Zoning Amendment - 6119 6th
Avenue

Mayor Cabott called three times for submissions with respect
to Zoning Amendment for 6119 6th Avenue.

Zoning Amendment - 6119 6th
Avenue

There were no members of the public present to speak, and
one written submission was received in support.

Hearing no additional submissions come forward, Mayor
Cabott declared the Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment for
6119 6th Avenue now closed.

Public Hearing Closed

Mayor Cabott advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to Zoning Amendment for 13, 23, and 33 McClimon Crescent.

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and 33 McClimon Crescent

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Hearing no additional submissions come forward, Mayor Cabott declared the Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment for 13, 23, and 33 McClimon Crescent now closed.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Planning Committee

2024-12-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-25, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 4210 4th Avenue from CM2 – Mixed Use Commercial 2 to CM2(x) – Mixed Use Commercial 2 (modified) to ensure the redevelopment of the Municipal Service Building (MSB) site includes a residential use and to allow for a maximum building height of 30m, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

Public Hearing Report –
Zoning Amendment –
Municipal Services Building

Carried Unanimously

2024-12-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct Administration schedule a Public Input Session at the Regular Council Meeting of August 12, 2024, on the proposed Wasson Place Extension Master Plan.

Wasson Place Extension
Master Plan

Carried Unanimously

2024-12-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that the proposed alternative Bylaw 2024-26, a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan to increase the maximum building height in the Mixed Use Downtown Core designation to 40 m, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Supplemental Information
Report – Official Community
Plan Amendment – Maximum
Building Heights in Mixed Use
Downtown Core

Defeated (3-3)

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

A Committee member suggested Administration consider how to address concerns raised regarding Lot 68 in the Mount Sima Industrial area.

New Business – Mount Sima
Lot 68

Delegate Ian Robertson of Inukshuk Planning and Development, representing Sidhu Trucking, requested Council direct Administration to correct a boundary line within the Official Community Plan that has a part of Lot 68 designated as greenspace and designate an additional 3.9 ha for industrial use. The delegate highlighted that the proponent has addressed concerns raised by the Development Review Committee, and the proposed amendment would be in compliance with the City's planning principles.

Delegate Ian Robertson,
Inukshuk Planning and
Development – Official
Community Plan Mapping
Error for Lot 68

Development Services Committee

2024-12-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council approve an extension of the term for the
Housing and Land Development Advisory Committee until
December 31, 2024; and
THAT Council approve the proposed work plan from June –
December 2024.

Housing and Land
Development Advisory
Committee
Extension/Workplan-Approval

Carried Unanimously

As requested by a Committee member, Administration confirmed that the City has been part of preliminary discussions regarding the development of a convention centre in Whitehorse.

New Business – Convention
Centre in Whitehorse

Delegate Nathan Millar of the Downtown Residents Association, spoke against the proposed and alternative proposed bylaw to increase the maximum building height in the downtown core as neither will address key issues such as climate change and housing affordability. The delegate urged Council not to proceed with the bylaw process as the public has already provided input during the creation of the Official Community Plan.

Delegate Nathan Millar,
Downtown Residents
Association – Downtown
Building Heights

City Operations Committee

As requested by a Committee member, Administration provided information on the decision to have bus route 202 stop on Hamilton Boulevard instead of at the Canada Games Centre and explained how staff will address accessibility.

New Business – Concerns
with New Transit Routes

As requested by a Committee member, Administration provided an update on various traffic-calming initiatives and spot improvements.

New Business – Traffic Calming

As requested by a Committee member, Administration provided an update on the plan to implement an advanced left at the Ogilvie and 2nd Avenue intersection and confirmed that implementation should be complete by the end of 2024.

New Business – Advanced Left at Ogilvie and 2nd

Community Services Committee

A Committee member encouraged community members to attend the Indigenous People's Day opening ceremony at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre on Friday, June 21, 2024.

New Business – Indigenous People's Day Ceremony

As requested by a Committee member, Administration confirmed that the Parks Department is currently working with the Yukon Pickleball Association to identify potential sites, and following confirmation that a site is feasible, a budget submission may be completed.

New Business – Pickleball Facility

A Committee member thanked the community, Council members, and City staff for their involvement in the Philippines Independence Day flag raising ceremony.

New Business – Philippines Independence Day

A Committee member noted the Adäka Cultural Festival is taking place June 28 to July 1 at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, and encouraged members of the community to attend and learn about indigenous culture.

New Business - Adäka Cultural Festival

Public Health and Safety Committee

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

No Report

Corporate Services Committee

In accordance with the Procurement Policy, the Committee was presented with a bi-monthly update on forthcoming procurement projects with an anticipated value greater than \$100,000 for the period of July and August 2024. Additional information was provided on the Lewes Boulevard Bus Lane and Residential Curbside Recycling and Recycling Depot projects.

Upcoming Procurements (July/August) – For Information Only

2024-12-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council accept the audited City of Whitehorse 2023
Financial Statements as presented; and
THAT the Water and Sewer Fund surplus of \$329,335 be
transferred to the Water and Sewer Reserve.

Audited 2023 Financial
Statements

Carried Unanimously

2024-12-08

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the
procurement for project 500c00524 Additional Pumper Truck –
Station 3.

Commencement Report –
Pumper Truck – Station 3

Carried Unanimously

2024-12-09

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council amend Appendix B of the 2024 - 2027 Capital
Expenditure Program by increasing the 2024 Capital Budget
for projects 320c01016 Replacement Transit Buses and
320c00722 Additional Transit Buses in the amount of \$250,000
funded by the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Budget Amendment –
Additional Transit Buses

Carried Unanimously

2024-12-10

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-36, a bylaw to amend the
2024-2026 Operating Budget to increase the solid waste
expenditures budget in the amount of \$715,000 for the 2024
year and \$2.14 million for the 2025 provisional year, offset by
an increase in revenues from user fees and government
transfers, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw
process; and

Commencement Report and
Budget Amendment –
Residential Curbside
Recycling Program

THAT Council authorize Administration to commence the
procurement for Residential Curbside Recycling Services.

Carried (5-1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Boyd, Cameron
Friesen, and Murray

OPPOSED: Councillor Laking

A Committee member questioned what else the City of
Whitehorse can do to support the people of Palestine and
asked for consideration.

New Business – Possibilities
for Palestine

Delegate Yusuf Legere requested information on the process that went into the letter that was sent to MP Brendan Hanley regarding the matters in Palestine and questioned the possibility for bias that informed the letter. The delegate asked that the comments made in October 2023 condemning community members protesting for Palestine be rectified.

Delegate Yusuf Legere –
Ceasefire Letter to MP
Hanley

Delegate Molly Swain urged Council to take concrete action to support the people of Palestine and address colonialism in Whitehorse, suggesting policy review, divestment strategies and transparent communication with the public.

Delegate Molly Swain –
Taking Action for Palestine

Delegate Anya Close questioned why all councillors were not included in drafting the letter that was sent to MP Brendan Hanley and criticized the decision to maintain a balanced position, citing that there is no middle ground between an oppressor and the oppressed. The delegate asked the Council to do more to support the people of Palestine.

Delegate Anya Close –
Ceasefire Letter to MP
Hanley

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2024-12-11

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Council direct that the revised bylaw 2024-11, a bylaw to establish regulations and procedures for the 2024 municipal election, replace the original proposed bylaw that received second reading; and
THAT the revised bylaw be brought forward for consideration at third reading.

Election Procedures Bylaw
Supplementary Report

Carried Unanimously

2024-12-12

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-36, a bylaw to amend the 2024-2026 Operating Budget to increase the solid waste expenditures budget in the amount of \$715,000 for the 2024 year and \$2.14 million for the 2025 provisional year, offset by an increase in revenues from user fees and government transfers, be given First Reading.

Carried (5-1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Boyd, Cameron
Friesen, and Murray

OPPOSED: Councillor Laking

BYLAWS

BYLAW 2024-36
Budget Amendment –
Residential Curbside
Recycling
FIRST READING

2024-12-13

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-36 be given Second Reading.

Carried (5-1)

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Cabott, Councillors Boyd, Cameron
Friesen, and Murray

OPPOSED: Councillor Laking

BYLAW 2024-36
Budget Amendment –
Residential Curbside
Recycling
SECOND READING

2024-12-14

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THAT Bylaw 2024-25, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 4210
4th Avenue from CM2 – Mixed Use Commercial 2 to CM2(x) –
Mixed Use Commercial 2 (modified) to ensure the
redevelopment of the Municipal Service Building (MSB) site
includes a residential use and to allow for a maximum building
height of 30m, be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-25
Zoning Amendment –
Municipal Services
Building
SECOND READING

2024-12-15

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-25 be given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-25
Zoning Amendment –
Municipal Services
Building
THIRD READING

2024-12-16

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-10, a bylaw to permit, license, and regulate
the owners and operator of vehicles for hire in Whitehorse, be
given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-10
Vehicle for Hire
THIRD READING

2024-12-17

It was duly moved and seconded
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 given Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-35
Community Services and
Municipal Charges Grants
THIRD READING

2024-12-18

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2024-11, a bylaw to establish regulations and
procedures for the 2024 municipal election be given Third
Reading.

Carried (5-1)

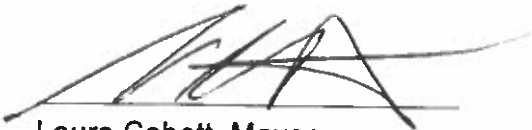
IN FAVOUR: Councillors Boyd, Cameron Friesen, Laking, and
Murray

OPPOSED: Mayor Cabott

BYLAW 2024-11
Elections Procedure Bylaw
THIRD READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**




Laura Cabott, Mayor


Corporate Services