

MINUTES of REGULAR Meeting #2024-20 of the Council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Kirk Cameron  
Councillors Dan Boyd  
Paolo Gallina  
Jenny Hamilton  
Anne Middler  
Lenore Morris

ABSENT: Eileen Melnychuk

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  
A/Director of Operations and Infrastructure Travis Whiting

Mayor Cameron called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**AGENDA**

**2024-20-01**

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

Carried Unanimously

**MINUTES**

**2024-20-2**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated  
September 23, 2024, and the Minutes from the Special Council  
meeting dated November 1, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Cameron advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at this meeting and called for submissions with respect to Zoning Bylaw Amendment – 505, 507, 509, and 511 Main Street (Hyatt Place Hotel).

Zoning Bylaw Amendment –  
505, 507, 509, and 511 Main  
Street (Hyatt Place Hotel)

There were 20 written submissions received with all opposed to the Zoning Bylaw Amendment – 505, 507, 509, and 511 Main Street (Hyatt Place Hotel). There were 5 oral submissions at the public hearing.

Andrea Ash Lawrence, a business owner and resident of Copper Ridge, expressed concerns about ongoing parking shortage in downtown Whitehorse due to construction of the Hyatt, the potential impact of a proposed amendment reducing parking requirements for new developments, and the need for a multi-level parkade to accommodate growing demand for parking downtown.

Andrea Ash Lawrence

Sandra Doll, a long-time resident of Grainger, expressed concern about the lack of parking for both workers and residents in downtown Whitehorse, noting that new developments like condominiums are being built without adequate parking infrastructure.

Sandra Doll

Nancy Houston, a resident living across from the Hyatt, expressed frustration over the lack of parking in the area, particularly due to workers occupying spots, and opposed reducing parking requirements for the applicant, arguing that the company should either provide the required spaces or contribute financially to a much-needed parkade.

Nancy Houston

Michael Hale, a resident of Copper Ridge and the CEO of NVD, while addressing concerns about parking, emphasized that their development will include 43 parking stalls, which he believes is sufficient. The delegate argued that the city's broader parking infrastructure issues should not be blamed on individual projects, asserting that NVD is committed to the community and that imposing a parking fee would be unfair.

Michael Hale

Lorraine Young, owner of a local craft shop, expressed strong opposition to the Hyatt's request for reduced parking requirements, citing the already limited parking downtown, the negative impact on local businesses, and the lack of consultation with residents. The delegate questioned how the City allows large corporations to bypass infrastructure plans that affect the community.

Lorraine Young

Mayor Cameron called two more times for submissions with respect to Zoning Bylaw Amendment – 505, 507, 509, and 511 Main Street (Hyatt Place Hotel), and hearing no additional submissions, the Public Hearing for the Zoning Bylaw Amendment was declared closed.

Public Hearing Closed

Mayor Cameron advised that a Public Hearing was scheduled at this meeting to hear any submissions with respect to Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Whistle Bend Electrical Substation.

Zoning Bylaw Amendment –  
Whistle Bend Electrical  
Substation

There were 2 written submissions received, with both opposed to Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Whistle Bend Electrical Substation.

Mayor Cameron called three times for submissions with respect to Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Whistle Bend Electrical Substation.

Heather Roach, a Re/Max realtor and administrator for a local construction company, expressed concern about safety and changing zoning.

Heather Roach

Hearing no additional submissions come forward, Mayor Cameron declared the Public Hearing for Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Whistle Bend Electrical Substation now closed.

Public Hearing Closed

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **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 November and December 2024.

Upcoming Procurements –  
November / December – For  
Information Only

#### **2024-20-3**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council approve the allocation of \$95,000 for Recreation Grants as recommended by the Recreation Grant Task Force.

Fall Recreation Grants

Carried Unanimously  
– *Councillor Hamilton declared a conflict of interest and left Council Chambers for the discussion of this item.*

**2024-20-4**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council approve Festival and Special Event Grant  
allocations in the amount of \$50,000.

Festival and Special Event  
Grants

Carried Unanimously

**2024-20-5**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council approve Environmental Grant allocations in  
the amount of \$22,191.02.

Environmental Grants

Carried Unanimously

**City Planning Committee**

**2024-20-6**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-48, a bylaw to amend the  
zoning of 18 Selkirk Street, from PS – Public Service to PSx –  
Public Service (modified), be brought forward for consideration  
under the bylaw process.

Zoning Amendment –  
Selkirk Water Treatment  
Plant

Carried Unanimously

**2024-20-7**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Council direct that Bylaw 2024-49, a bylaw to amend the  
zoning of 401 Casca Boulevard and 4.61 ha of vacant  
Commissioner’s land, from PG – Greenbelt to PU – Public  
Utilities and FP – Future Planning respectively, be brought  
forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

Zoning Amendment –  
Northeast Casca Boulevard  
Amendments

Carried Unanimously

**Development Services Committee**

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

**City Operations Committee**

In response to the delegates’ presentation, Committee  
members inquired about the City’s snow clearing policy for the  
Hamilton Boulevard trail, including processes for potential  
changes. Administration responded to questions regarding the  
current policy, past maintenance practices, and related  
considerations. It was clarified that Council would have future  
decision opportunities on trail maintenance through budget  
discussions, policy updates, and related operational  
considerations.

New Business – Snow  
Clearing on Hamilton

Forest Pearson of the Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition presented on winter maintenance on Hamilton Boulevard and motorized multi-use trails. Committee members asked questions clarifying who has done winter trail maintenance in this area, potential alternatives for maintaining accessibility, and the treatments applied to similar multi-use trails within the City.

Delegate Forest Pearson,  
Whitehorse Urban Cycling  
Coalition – Inclusive Winter  
Maintenance

Matthias Purdon spoke on the importance of winter maintenance on the Hamilton Boulevard multi-use trail, noting improved accessibility from Klondike Snowmobile Association's maintenance last winter. Committee members inquired about the path's accessibility and connectivity in certain areas.

Delegate Matthias Purdon,  
Hamilton Boulevard Multi-Use  
Path Winter Maintenance

### **Community Services Committee**

In response to the delegation, Committee members discussed facility use and allocation, focusing on dog groups' access to City spaces, including past usage, fees, alternative locations, and community interest. Administration noted that a primary consideration is ensuring balanced access and flexibility for all users, and that Council will have future decision points on facility access through budget allocations, fees adjustments, and policy updates.

New Business – Dog Parks  
and Fields

The Whitehorse Woofers Dog Club presented a request for continued use of City facilities for dog training purposes. Committee members asked questions to clarify details about the user group, seasonal usage, compatibility with other activities, and equipment setup.

Delegates Carol Foster and  
Hillary Hatton, Whitehorse  
Woofers Dog Club – Canine  
Dog Agility Training Facility

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed November 8, 2024, as Indigenous Veterans Day in Whitehorse to honour over 200 years of Indigenous contributions to military service.

Proclamation – Indigenous  
Veterans Day  
(November 8, 2024)

Mayor Kirk Cameron proclaimed November 11, 2024, as Remembrance Day in Whitehorse to honour those who have served and continue to serve Canada.

Proclamation –  
Remembrance Day  
(November 11, 2024)

### **Public Health and Safety Committee**

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

No Report

**BYLAWS**

**2024-20-8**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2024-48, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 18  
Selkirk Street, from PS – Public Service to PSx – Public  
Service (modified), be given First Reading.  
Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2024-48**  
Zoning Amendment –  
Selkirk Water Treatment  
Plant  
FIRST READING

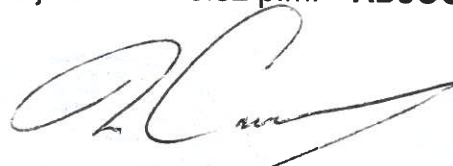
**2024-20-9**

It was duly moved and seconded  
THAT Bylaw 2024-49, a bylaw to amend the zoning of 401  
Casca Boulevard and 4.61 ha of vacant Commissioner's land,  
from PG – Greenbelt to PU – Public Utilities and FP – Future  
Planning respectively, be given First Reading.  
Carried Unanimously

**BYLAW 2024-49**  
Zoning Amendment –  
Northeast Casca  
Boulevard Amendments  
FIRST READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**



  
Kirk Cameron, Mayor

  
Corporate Services

Adopted by Resolution at Meeting #2024-21