

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2017-10 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Curtis
Councillors Jocelyn Curteanu
Robert Fendrick
Betty Irwin
Roslyn Woodcock

ABSENT: Councillors Dan Boyd
Samson Hartland

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Linda Rapp
Acting Director of Community and Recreation Services Krista Mroz
Acting Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Director of Development Services Mike Gau
Director of Infrastructure and Operations Peter O'Blenes
Manager of Strategic Communications Jessica Apolloni

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

CALL TO ORDER

2017-10-01

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

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Curtis proclaimed the month of May 2017 to be Sexualized Assault Prevention Month in the City of Whitehorse.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Curtis proclaimed May 7 to 13, 2017 to be Emergency Preparedness Week in the City of Whitehorse.

2017-10-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated April 24, 2017 be adopted as presented.

MINUTES

April 24, 2017

Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Curtis called three times for anyone to appear to address Bylaw 2017-07, a bylaw to provide for a work of local improvement in the Hillcrest Neighbourhood.

BYLAW 2017-05

Hillcrest Local Improvement

Ron Woods stated his opinion that there are discrepancies to the project that have not been addressed. He suggested that the voting process is flawed and that the burden on residents will be too much. He asked council to carefully consider what action to take if the vote goes through.

RON WOODS

Lesley Carberry advised council that she and her neighbours believe that the bylaw is complex, the amount being levied against property owners is too large, and the interest rate is too high. She also noted that the scope of the improvements versus regular maintenance is not understood. Ms. Carberry suggested that scaled options would be a good idea, and expressed the hope that a clear majority would be required before the City proceeds with the project. She also stated the opinion that the voting process is undemocratic.

LESLEY CARBERRY

Fae Branigan advised council that she is not in favour of the proposed upgrades. She cited a number of issues including loss of business, the insufficient length of the warranty on defective work, and the financial burden on residents. She also suggested that the steelox exemption from pump replacement should be extended to all residents.

FAE BRANIGAN

Laura Beattie advised Council that as the owner of one of the steelox properties she cannot have the recirculation pump connected and therefore will not benefit from the new water service. She noted that 30% of homes in the area are in the same position, and stated that critical pieces of infrastructure should be routinely budgeted for upgrade or replacement. Ms. Beattie expressed concern that the City wants Hillcrest to look like other parts of the city instead of a unique neighbourhood. She also expressed concern that the city plans to go ahead with the work regardless of the outcome of the vote.

LAURA BEATTIE

Shaunagh Stikeman spoke on behalf of another resident to reiterate concerns regarding the cost impact of the local improvement charges for area residents.

SHAUNAGH STIKEMAN

Amanda Janssens expressed concern over the cost to homeowners. She stated that she was aware that other neighbourhoods have experienced the same issue, but noted that costs are higher now. She asked what property taxes are for if not for roads and infrastructure maintenance.

AMANDA JANSSENS

Linda Cameron stated the opinion that city staff did not adequately explain how the infrastructure will be paid for and contended that residents should have been more clearly consulted on the costs charged to residents.

LINDA CAMERON

Ms. Cameron suggested that the city should be putting money aside over time for these types of projects, and that the project should be scaled so that residents don't have to pay interest. Ms. Cameron also stated that she is not confident that the full effect of the proposed reconstruction is known, and that residents do not have a clear vision of what they are voting on. She asked about potential impacts on forest and wetlands and the status of the paved trail through the forest area. She also asked for an explanation for the exemption being given to the steelox properties.

LINDA CAMERON
(Continued)

Jim Gilpin stated that if tonight's input is any indication, the results of the vote on this issue will be negative. In that event, he encouraged the city to press pause and review the project so that next year a positive plan can come forward. Mr. Gilpin also suggested that if the vote is within the 40% range the city should delay the project in order to improve acceptability. He also encouraged council to vote in favour of the bylaw if the vote is overwhelmingly positive.

JIM GILPIN

Dan Bader advised council that he was not told about the potential reconstruction project when he purchased his property six months ago. He expressed concern that the improvements will not increase the value of his property above the debt level.

DAN BADER

Seven written submissions were received, one in support and six opposed. Administration confirmed that the deadline for submission of votes with respect to the Hillcrest Neighbourhood Local Improvement Project is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9th.

Deadline for Votes from
Benefitting Properties

Mayor Curtis declared the public hearing closed and advised that no further submissions on the issue will be considered by council except the report provided by administration.

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Curtis called three times for anyone to appear to address the conditional use application to allow for outdoor participant recreation services, being a dirt bike track on a lot adjacent to Robert Service Way in the vicinity of the Yukon Energy property and the Miles Canyon access road.

CONDITIONAL USE

Dirt Bike Track
Robert Service Way

Peter Long expressed concern that the proposed lease impacts other uses of the area. He explained that he has been trying to identify loop walks that meet the criteria for walking sports, and requested that the lease boundaries be adjusted to avoid conflicts with existing trails.

PETER LONG

Dorothy Lebel expressed concerns about the timing of this lease given that the Robert Service Way area planning study is currently underway. She also noted concerns regarding the potential increase in various recreational vehicles trespassing on the Millennium Trail and green spaces in the area, and about noise issues from the proposed uses for the lease area. She suggested that an alternative location should be found for the motorcycle association and that a more compatible use should be identified for this area.

DOROTHY LABEL

Keith Lay explained that the Active Trails Whitehorse Association has concerns about this application coming forward while the Robert Service Way study is in process and believes that the proposed use violates the Official Community Plan. Mr. Lay expressed concerns about increased liability to the city and to the motorcycle association due to the lack of fences and monitoring in the area. He also expressed concern regarding impacts to the campground and to trail walkers, and suggested that the club's intended use should be included as part of the Robert Service Way planning study so that stakeholders can provide their input. Mr. Lay also suggested that the proposed activities should be encouraged to move outside city limits.

KEITH LAY

Jared Eby spoke in support of the application on behalf of the Yukon Cross Country Motorcycle Association. He noted that the site has been used for this purpose for a very long time, and that it is a prime location for the purpose due to the soil type, its isolation, and its proximity to the hospital. Mr. Eby explained that the Association is seeking a long-term lease in order to oversee the use, planning, signage, and safety issues associated with the dirt bike track. He suggested that there should be a decrease in civil disobedience as this site is easy to access and has lots of room for parking.

JARED EBY

Six written submissions were received, all opposed to the application.

Submissions Received

Mayor Curtis declared the public input session closed.

Public Input Closed

Mayor Curtis called three times for anyone to appear to address the conditional use application to allow for an acupuncture and healing arts studio operating as a major home-based business in a detached structure at 6 Tagish Road in Riverdale.

CONDITIONAL USE

Healing Arts Studio
6 Tagish Road

Anni Elliston introduced herself as the proponent and provided an overview of the proposed business.

ANNI ELLISTON

Six written submissions were received, all in support of the application.

Submissions Received

Mayor Curtis declared the public input session closed.

Public Input Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Planning Committee

2017-10-03

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2017-15, a bylaw to amend the zoning of the Yukon Gardens parcel on Metropolit Lane to allow for the expansion of the existing greenhouse operations, be brought forward for second and third reading under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
ZONING AMENDMENT
(Yukon Gardens)

Carried Unanimously

2017-10-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2017-10, a bylaw to authorize a lease agreement with the Yukon Cross Country Motorcycle Association, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
LEASE AGREEMENT
(Motorcycle Club)

Carried Unanimously

The Yukon Cross Country Motorcycle Association (YCCMA) has applied for conditional use approval to allow for the use and further development of an existing dirt bike track located off Robert Service Way to the east of the Alaska Highway and south of Whitehorse International Airport.

Concurrent with this application, YCCMA is seeking a ten-year lease agreement with the City to secure tenure to the dirt bike track. The site has been utilized as a dirt bike track under a lease with the Yukon Government, but the proposed use has not undergone any conditional use approval process. Administration is bringing forward the application to legitimize the use of this area as a dirt bike track prior to approval of the lease agreement.

NOTICE OF
CONDITIONAL USE
APPLICATION

Robert Service Way
For Information Only

In accordance with the Zoning Bylaw, a public input session has been scheduled for the regular council meeting on May 8, 2017.

The owner of the property located at 6 Tagish Road in Riverdale has applied for conditional use approval to allow for a Major Home-based Business in a detached structure. Approval would allow the owner to convert the existing garden suite at the rear of the property into an acupuncture and healing arts studio.

NOTICE OF
CONDITIONAL USE
APPLICATION

6 Tagish Road
For Information Only

In accordance with the Zoning Bylaw, a public input session has been scheduled for the regular council meeting on May 8, 2017.

An activity report for February to April 2017 was received from the Planning and Building Services Department.

ACTIVITY REPORT
For Information Only

City Operations Committee

Graham Lang addressed the committee on infrastructure concerns for Mountainview Place. He requested that the City assume ownership of the infrastructure after it is upgraded to City standards.

GRAHAM LANG
Mountainview Place
For Information Only

A Committee member shared his understanding of the history of the Mountainview Place development. The Committee asked that administration bring forward a report on the matter.

2017-10-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the bidding process for the supply of line painting services be waived; and

CONTRACT AWARD
Line Painting Services

THAT the contract for the supply of line painting services be awarded to the Government of Yukon in the amount of \$55,000.00.

Carried Unanimously

Activity Reports for February to April 2017 were received from the Director of Infrastructure and Operations and the Engineering, Operations, and Water and Waste Services Departments.

ACTIVITY REPORTS
For Information Only

Community Services Committee

Mayor Curtis proclaimed May 1 to 5 as Yukon Mining and Geology Week, and the month of May 2017 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in the City of Whitehorse.

PROCLAMATIONS
For Information Only

2017-10-06

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the 2017 to 2020 capital expenditure program be amended by adding the 2017 Bus Wrap project in the amount of \$20,000.00, funded by \$15,000.00 from external sources and the City's contribution of \$5,000.00 funded from the General Reserve.

BUDGET AMENDMENT
FOR 2017 BUS WRAP
PROJECT

Carried Unanimously

2017-10-07

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the allocation of \$69,475.78 for Category 1 Recreation Grants,
\$38,721.74 for Category 2 Recreation Facilities–Parks Grants and
\$71,278.26 for Category 3 Arts–Cultural Facilities Grants be approved
as recommended by the Recreation Grant Task Force, subject to any
conditions as outlined in the summary sheets.

Category 1 Recreation Grants

<u>Grant Recipient and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Boreal Adventure Running Association Yukon River Trail Marathon – Sound System	655.00	
Boys and Girls Club of Yukon Connections Program	2,500.00	
Breakdancing Yukon Society Summer Hip Hop Camp and Internship Program	6,345.78	
Community Choir of Whitehorse Society Artistic Personnel, Sheet Music & CD's, Professional Development	6,300.00	
Freedom Trails Therapeutic Riding Association Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program	3,500.00	RECREATION GRANT ALLOCATIONS
Gwaandak Theatre Society Indigenous Summer Play Readings, Theatre Director Training/Mentoring	2,000.00	
Jazz Society of Yukon Jazz in the Hall	2,240.00	
Larrikin Entertainment Ensemble The Syringa Tree	3,500.00	
Music Yukon Arts in the Park	5,000.00	
Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society Operation and Maintenance	5,600.00	
Nlaye Ndasadaye Day Care Society Outdoor Leadership Program	1,925.00	
Open Pit Performance League Busted Up: A Yukon Story	4,060.00	
Special Olympics Yukon Golf Program	1,500.00	
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2017-10-07 (Continued)

Category 1 Recreation Grants

<u>Grant Recipient and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre Moms and Kids Summer Recreation Program	5,500.00	
Whitehorse Concerts Whitehorse Concerts Classical Concert Series	1,750.00	
Whitehorse Curling Club Keep Calm and Learn to Curl Program	4,200.00	
Whitehorse Minor Soccer Club Equipment Storage Upgrade	1,050.00	
Whitehorse Rapids Speed Skating Club Speed Skater Purchase	2,450.00	
Yukon Association for Community Living Celebrate Summer Inclusively	2,000.00	
Yukon Medieval Combat Group International Training Workshop, Lists, Gear and Heating Costs	1,400.00	
Yukon Music Camp Society Yukon Summer Music Camps	6,000.00	
Total Category 1 Grants	\$69,475.78	RECREATION GRANT ALLOCATIONS (Continued)

Category 2 Recreation Facilities/Parks Grants

<u>Grant Recipient and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Biathlon Yukon Ongoing Operation & Maintenance	4,200.00	
Friends of Mount Sima Society Operations & Maintenance	10,221.74	
Mountain View Golf Club Operations & Maintenance	8,000.00	
Special Olympics Yukon Office Electricity	1,900.00	
Yukon Orienteering Association Chadburn Park and Long Lake North Orienteering Mapping	14,400.00	
Total Category 2 Grants	38,721.74	.../continued

2017-10-07 (Continued)

Category 3 Arts/Cultural Facilities Grants

<u>Grant Recipient and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Guild Society Operations & Maintenance	11,848.00	
MacBride Museum MacBride Museum Heritage Programmer	17,500.00	
Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society Operations & Maintenance	12,000.00	RECREATION GRANT ALLOCATIONS (Continued)
Nlaye Ndasadaye Day Care Society Music Therapy Camp	2,867.00	
Yukon Church Heritage Society Operations & Maintenance	5,000.00	
Yukon Transportation Museum Society Operations & Maintenance	15,000.00	
Yukon Arts Centre Youth Arts Education	7,063.26	
Total Category 3 Grants	\$71,278.26	

Carried Unanimously

Activity Reports for February to April 2017 were received from the Director of Community and Recreation Services, Parks and Community Development, Recreation and Facility Services, and the Transit Services Department.

ACTIVITY REPORTS
For Information Only

A Committee member inquired about the timing of a potential budget amendment to address the operating expenses with respect to the new Aboriginal Day statutory holiday.

Aboriginal Day Costs
For Information Only

Yolande Vachon addressed the Committee to express her gratitude for recent improvements to a number of bus shelters.

Improved Bus Shelters
For Information Only

Public Health and Safety Committee

Activity reports for February to April 2017 were received from Bylaw Services and the Fire Department.

ACTIVITY REPORTS
For Information Only

A Committee member inquired about the status of City infrastructure following the earthquake that occurred earlier in the day.

Infrastructure Status
For Information Only

Development Services Committee

Dianne Williams addressed the Committee to express concerns regarding the costs, financing, and voting process for the local improvement project proposed for the Hillcrest neighbourhood.

DIANNE WILLIAMS
Hillcrest Local Improvement

Activity reports for February to April 2017 were received from the Director of Development Services and the Economic Development and Environmental Sustainability Departments.

ACTIVITY REPORTS
For Information Only

Corporate Services Committee

Activity reports for February to April 2017 were received from the City Manager and the Business and Technology Systems, Financial Services, Human Resources, Legislative Services and Strategic Communications Departments.

ACTIVITY REPORTS
For Information Only

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Mayor Dan Curtis, will bring forward at the next regular meeting of council on May 23rd, 2017 a motion that reads as follows:

NOTICE OF MOTION
Mayor Dan Curtis

“WHEREAS the City of Whitehorse promotes the inclusion of all citizens and deplores discrimination of any kind; and

WHEREAS city council celebrates the diversity of our community; and

WHEREAS June is Pride Month across Canada and beyond;

Crosswalk Painting to
Celebrate Diversity
and Inclusion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Whitehorse demonstrate its support for diversity and inclusion of the LGBTQ Plus community by installing a temporary Rainbow and Transgender Crosswalk at the intersection of Third Avenue and Main Street.”

BYLAWS

2017-10-08

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2017-20, a bylaw to amend the 2017 to 2020 Capital Expenditure Program by increasing the 2017 capital budget for the Operations Building project, having been read a first and second time, now be given third reading.

BYLAW 2017-20
BUDGET AMENDMENT
Operations Building
THIRD READING

Carried Unanimously

