



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor R. Alty,
Councillor S. Arden-Smith, (via teleconference)
Councillor G. Cochrane,
Councillor R. Fequet,
Councillor B. Hendriksen,
Councillor C. McGurk,
Councillor T. McLennan,
Councillor S. Payne, and
Councillor R. Warburton.

City Staff: S. Bassi-Kellett,
C. Greencorn
C. MacLean,
C White,
G. White,
S. Woodward, and
S. Jovic.

1. Councillor Cochrane read the Opening Statement.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- #0167-22
3. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday,
November 14, 2022 be adopted.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.



CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

5. There was no correspondence nor were there any petitions.

STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. There were no Statutory Public Hearings.

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

7. Council heard a presentation from Linda Bussey regarding the Arctic Inspiration Prize. Ms. Bussey noted that the Arctic Inspiration Prize is the largest annual prize in Canada and that provides seed funding for innovative projects on an annual basis; provides up to \$3.7 M annually; and supports Northerners start projects that foster positive change in NWT communities and across all of Canada's North. Ms. Bussey requested future commitment of \$10,000 for three years.
8. Council heard a presentation from Melissa Syer, Executive Director, Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Syer that they have concern regarding the communication surrounding the budget that relates to comments about a stagnant assessment base and requested to see this claim be accompanied by data. Ms. Syer further stated that Council should amend the Budget Policy to fix mill rate ratios at their current level; the General Fund Balance should be brought down to the maximum limit of the budget policy range (15% of approved expenditures) this year and that the City of Yellowknife establish an external Finance Committee, which would report to Council with a goal of exploring operational efficiencies and cost saving measures.

MEMBER STATEMENTS

9. Councillor Hendriksen thanked the City road crews and business partners who stepped up over the last week, working in tough conditions with the resources they have, to clear snow and make sure our roads and sidewalks are accessible. Councillor Hendriksen also thanked Yellowknifers who were patient and understanding of the work that needs to be done, and appreciate that this more than doubling of our 10-year average snowfall was a challenge to our resources.



10. Councillor Hendriksen acknowledged the hard work over the last week and noted opportunities for improvement that he noticed when he heard from many residents over the course of the week. Councillor Hendriksen noted that the City needs to be better at communicating with residents and improve the frequency of when they get information to residents about snow removal.
11. Councillor McLennan thanked City Staff and contractors for all their hard work dealing with the snow this week. Councillor McLennan noted that there is website called Yellowknife Weather Facts that compiles data from Environment Canada that shows that this winter we've gotten more snow so far than 10 of the last 12 winters total.
12. Councillor Cochrane acknowledged that this is the first meeting of the new Council and took the opportunity to congratulate the new Council and Mayor on their success in the election. Councillor Cochrane noted that he is beyond honoured to serve in this position and further noted that he is excited to see what kind of future they will help bring into fruition for the City of Yellowknife. Councillor Cochrane stated that he values everything that the newly elected Council brings and is looking forward to learning from his colleagues over the next four years. Councillor Cochrane thanked Administration for their leadership and service to our community. Councillor Cochrane noted that he is one of only a small handful of Indigenous People to ever serve on Council. Councillor Cochrane further noted that he is the first openly gay man to serve on Council. Councillor Cochrane stated that this Council is now tied with the most number of Indigenous People to sit on Council and also has the most 2SLGBTQ+ to ever serve on Council. Councillor Cochrane noted that kind of representation matters. Councillor Cochrane further noted that this will send a message to other queer Yellowknifers questioning what the limitations of authenticity will bring that there are a few and even fewer as the years go by. Councillor Cochrane further advised that he is proud to be able to sit here, the first of many to come 2SLGBTQ+ Metis Yellowknife City Councillors.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance and Priorities Committee Report for November 14, 2022

13. Councillor Cochrane read a report of a meeting held on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
- #0168-22 14. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor Payne seconded,



That Council appoint Karen Willy, a representative from an organization serving seniors, to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) for a two-year term commencing November 29, 2022 and ending November 28, 2024.

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Governance and Priorities Committee Report for November 21, 2022

15. Councillor Cochrane read a report of a meeting held on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
- #0169-22 16. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor Payne seconded,

That:

1. The Mayor be authorized to travel to Ottawa, ON from February 7 – 10, 2023 to participate on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2023 Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) panel entitled Forging Renewed Relations for Reconciliation & Sustainability.
2. Administration review and provide an update on Council Travel Authorization Policy.

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NEW BUSINESS

17. Council accepted for information a memorandum regarding Budget 2023 Public Input.

ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

18. By-law No. 5064 - A by-law to dispose of Lots 12 to 16, 18 to 23, and 37 to 41 Block 908, Plan 4727 and a portion of Lot 84, Block 907, Plan 4727 (Engle Business District Phase 2 Subdivision), was presented for First, Second and Third Reading.



- #0170-22 19. Councillor Cochrane moved,
 Councillor Fequet seconded,

First Reading of By-law No. 5064.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- #0171-22 20. Councillor Cochrane moved,
 Councillor Warburton seconded,

Second Reading of By-law No. 5064.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- #0172-22 21. Councillor Cochrane moved,
 Councillor Hendriksen seconded,

That By-law No. 5064 be presented for Third Reading.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- #0173-22 22. Councillor Cochrane moved,
 Councillor Payne seconded,

Third Reading of By-law No. 5064.

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DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

23. There was no deferred business and there were no tabled items.

OLD BUSINESS

24. There was no old business.

NOTICES OF MOTION

25. There were no notices of motion.

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

26. There were no delegations pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda.



ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

27. In response to a question from Councillor Fequet, regarding the internal communication protocols for when and how issues, such as the current situation with the snow accumulation, are escalated, Administration advised that they strive to provide the best communications and reach out to people. Administration further stated that typically requires ongoing messaging in different ways through different means to get to target audiences.
28. In response to a question from Councillor Fequet regarding snow removal, Administration advised that budget contemplates total accumulation for the year. Administration further noted that they will observe data trends and accumulation to determine if further budget adjustments are necessary.
29. In response to a question from Councillor McGurk regarding snow accumulation, Administration advised that they use Environment Canada historical data but will consider additional source where appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT

- #0174-22 30. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor McLennan seconded,

That the Meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Mayor



City Manager

