



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, December 5, 2022 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Mayor R. Alty,
Councillor S. Arden-Smith,
Councillor G. Cochrane, (via teleconference)
Councillor R. Fequet,
Councillor B. Hendriksen,
Councillor C. McGurk, (12:20 p.m.)
Councillor T. McLennan,
Councillor S. Payne, and
Councillor R. Warburton (via teleconference).

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
C. Greencorn,
C. MacLean,
K. Thistle,
C. White,
G. White,
S. Woodward, and
P. MacKenzie.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	(For Information Only) Mayor Alty read the Opening Statement.
2.	(For Information Only) There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.
3.	(For Information Only) Committee heard a presentation regarding Submarine Pipeline Replacement.



4. **Committee read a memorandum regarding whether to designate all Councillors as signing authorities for the disbursement of the municipal corporation's money.**

Committee noted that the City of Yellowknife holds multiple bank accounts with TD Canada Trust. In July 2022 Council updated its corporate resolution regarding signing authorities. That resolution allows the Mayor and City Administrator to update the named signing authorities with TD Canada Trust. However, Council must first designate new councillors to be signing authorities in accordance with the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*.

Designating all City councillors as signing authorities allows for disbursements to continue to be made in the absence of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Committee noted that Council's policies, resolutions or goals include:

Goal #2: Delivering efficient and accountable government

Council Motion 0121-22

"That:

1. Council, in accordance with s.100(2)(b) of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, designate Councillor Konge, Councillor Morgan and Councillor Payne to be signing authorities for disbursement of the municipal corporation's money in the event of the absence of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor; and
2. Council adopt the TD Canada Trust Corporate Resolution attached to and forming part of the July 25, 2022 Special Council Agenda, regarding signing authorities for the Municipal Corporation and the transactions that these officers can undertake."

Committee noted that applicable legislation, by-laws, studies or plans include:
Cities, Towns and Villages Act, S.N.W.T. 2003,c.22, as amended.

Legislative

The *Cities Towns and Villages Act* (the Act) requires the Mayor, or Deputy Mayor (in the absence of the Mayor), and the City Manager to sign on all disbursements of the municipal corporation's money (see sections 100(2) and 39(2)). Section 100(2) of the Act allows Council to designate a councillor (or councillors) to sign for disbursements of the municipal corporation's money. Designating all City councillors as signing authorities allows for disbursements to continue to be made in the absence of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Corporate Impact

An updated designated signing authorities is needed to ensure continued efficient banking services.



Committee noted that the recommendation follows the principles of prudent financial management. Appointing the Mayor, along with their potential alternates, as signing authorities ensures disbursements of funds can continue seamlessly in the event of absences, either anticipated or otherwise.

Committee recommends that Council, in accordance with s.100(2)(b) of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, designate Mayor Rebecca Alty, Councillor Stacie Arden-Smith, Councillor Garrett Cochrane, Councillor Ryan Fequet, Councillor Ben Hendriksen, Councillor Cat McGurk, Councillor Tom McLennan, Councillor Steve Payne, and Councillor Rob Warburton to be signing authorities for disbursement of the municipal corporation's money in the event of the absence of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

MOVE APPROVAL

5. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.