



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

SPECIAL GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

December 5 and 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Report of meetings held on December 5 and 6, 2022 at 5:30 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,
Councillor T. McLennan,
Councillor S. Payne, and
Councillor R. Warburton.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
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(For Information Only)

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| 1. | Councillor McLennan noted that in abundance of caution he wanted to bring a potential conflict of interest regarding a discussion on paving projects. Councillor McLennan further noted that he is a past employee of Ahmic Air, business located on Willey Road, and that he has a personal relationship with the owner. Councillor McLennan noted that it would be challenging to operate the business while Willey Road is being paved. Councillor McLennan stated that he discussed this issue with Integrity Commission to ensure that he is not in conflict. |
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2. Committee deliberated the draft 2023 Budget.
3. Committee defeated a motion to reduce the Budget by \$50,000 to remove the Fritz Theil Safety Fencing.
4. Committee defeated the motion to transfer \$1,500,000 from the 2023 Paving Program to the 2024 Paving Program by moving over the Wiley Road, Weaver Drive and Franklin Avenue paving jobs to 2024.
5. Committee recessed at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:25 p.m.
6. Committee continued its discussion regarding the Draft 2023 Budget.
- (For Information Only)
7. Councillor McLennan moved,
Councillor Smith seconded,

That Committee move in camera at 7:51 p.m. to discuss a matter still under consideration.

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- (For Information Only)
8. Committee discussed a matter still under consideration.
- (For Information Only)
9. Councillor McLennan moved,
Councillor McGurk seconded,

That Committee return to an open meeting at 8:24 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Committee continued its discussion regarding the Draft 2023 Budget.
11. Committee recessed at 9:27 p.m. and reconvened on December 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance:

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



Councillor S. Payne, and
Councillor R. Warburton.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

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C. Siu,
K. Thistle,
C White,
G. White,
S. Woodward, and
S. Jovic.

12. Committee continued its discussion regarding the draft 2023 Budget.
13. Committee recessed at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened at 7:21 p.m.
14. In response to question from Committee, Administration undertook to provide the percentage of ambulance calls where users do not have insurance coverage.
15. In response to a question from Committee, Administration undertook to provide information regarding Cyber insurance.
16. Committee recessed at 8:22 p.m. and reconvened at 8:32 p.m.
17. Committee continued its discussion regarding the draft 2023 Budget.
- (For Information Only)
18. Councillor McLennan moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That Committee move in camera at 8:57 p.m. to discuss a matter still under consideration.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (For Information Only)
19. Committee discussed a matter still under consideration.
- (For Information Only)
20. Councillor McLennan moved,
Councillor McGurk seconded,



That Committee return to an open meeting at 9:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21. Committee continued its discussion regarding the Draft 2023 Budget.
22. Committee recommended:
 1. That the Budget be reduced by \$75,000 by deleting the Somba K'e Amphitheatre Cover.
 2. That the Budget be reduced by deleting the Arts and Culture Coordination position from Budget 2023 and that Administration be directed to provide support for arts and culture from within existing resources until the Arts and Culture Master Plan Implementation Plan comes to Council for review and approval in 2023.
 3. That the Budget be increased by \$20,000 in 2023 for arts programming in the Visitors Centre and directs Administration to include programming costs and allocations for future years in the Arts & Culture Master Plan Implementation Plan. This funding is to be clearly indicated with a note.
 4. That the Budget be reduced by removing the two (2) Emergency Dispatcher positions from the 2023 Budget and deferring to the 2024 Budget.
 5. That the Budget be reduced by \$100,000 by removing wildfire mitigation.
 6. That the Budget be increased by increasing Medical Response Fees by 15% on January 1, 2023; and that in 2023, Administration review the Medical Response fees compared to other jurisdictions and current costs and bring forward a recommendation for 2024 and on.
 7. That the Budget be reduced by \$50,000 for the Capital Area Committee operation allocation, and be added back in future years, if other order of government outline their financial contribution.
 8. That the Budget be reduced by transferring \$295,000 from the Capital Fund to the Information Technology Reserve in order to maintain the closing balance at 2022's budgeted closing balance.
 9. That the transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Fund be reduced to \$720,000.
 10. That the Budget be increased by \$10,000 to Mayor and Council General Services for the Arctic Inspiration Prize.



Committee recommends that:

- 1. Council direct Administration to include within the Arts & Culture Master Plan Implementation Plan actions for implementing arts and culture coordinator functions.**
- 2. Council directs Administration to officially name the Visitors Centre art space.**
- 3. Council direct Administration to add finalizing the art space governance structure to the 2023 workplan, to be done in conjunction with the Visitor Centre governance structure.**
- 4. Council recommend that the NWT Association of Communities consider sponsoring the Arctic Inspiration Prize, on behalf of all communities in the Northwest Territories in the future years.**
- 5. Council direct Administration to draft a Mill Rate Policy.**
- 6. The 2023 Draft Budget with revenues of \$111,281,200, debenture interest payments of \$694,000, debt principal repayments of \$2,253,000, expenditures of \$151,755,200 including capital investments of \$72,275,000 and amortization of \$15,221,000, be approved; and that the Council adopt the 2024 and 2025 Budget in principle.**

MOVE APPROVAL

23. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.