



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Deputy Mayor S. Arden-Smith,
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. Caljouw,
C. MacLean,
K. Thistle,
C White,
G. White,
S. Woodward, and
S. Jovic.

1. Councillor Hendriksen read the Opening Statement.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- #0049-23 3. Councillor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the special meeting of Monday,
March 27, 2023 be adopted.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- #0050-23 4. Councillor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor McLennan seconded,



That the Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday, March 27, 2023 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

5. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

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

STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. There were no Statutory Public Hearings.

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

8. There were no delegations pertaining to items on the agenda.

MEMBER STATEMENTS

9. There were no member statements for the agenda.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance and Priorities Committee Report for March 27, 2023

10. Councillor Hendriksen read a report of a meeting held on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

- #0051-23 11. Councillor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor McLennan seconded,

That Council adopt the Access for All Policy.

- #0052-23 12. Councillor McLennan moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

That the Access for All Policy be referred back to the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting for further discussion.



Those in favour or referring the Access for All Policy back to Administration noted that they would like options for raising the maximum income for households to qualify.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- #0053-23 13. Councillor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor Payne seconded,

That Council support the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) bid to host the 2026 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife by:

- 1. Allocating staff resources in an advisory capacity on the Bid Committee.**
- 2. Providing a letter of support indicating that the City of Yellowknife will provide the required City facilities to the Games at no cost.**
- 3. Allocating staff resources in an advisory capacity on the Host Committee should the GNWT be successful in their bid to host the Games.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

14. Council read a memorandum regarding whether to appoint members to serve on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

- #0054-23 15. Councillor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor McLennan seconded,

That Council appoint Riley Oldford, Cornelius Van Dyke, Denise McKee and Lynda Koe to serve on the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two-year term commencing April 12, 2023 and ending April 11, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Council read a memorandum regarding whether to appoint a member to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.

- #0055-23 17. Councillor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,



That Council appoint Jason Brinson, a representative from non-government Health organizations (including hospitals and other public institutions, and organizations focused on mental health and addictions) to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) for a two-year term commencing April 12, 2023 and ending April 11, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

18. There were no By-laws for the agenda.

DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

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

OLD BUSINESS

20. There was no old business.

NOTICES OF MOTION

- #0056-23 21. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference be referred to an upcoming Governance and Priorities Committee for discussion on changes, amendments and overall direction of said advisory committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- #0057-23 22. Councillor Fequet moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

That Administration consider changing the timing of distribution of meeting materials to be sent out farther in advance to give Council time to review material in advance of a meeting.

MOTION CARRIED
(Councillor Payne and Deputy Mayor Arden Smith opposed)



DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

23. Council heard a presentation from Lani Cooke regarding development of a scenic trail down Franklin Avenue to the Old Town (Twin Pine Trail). Ms. Cooke noted that they are a loosely organized group seeking approval to go ahead with a plan to plant trees and shrubs along the eastern side of Franklin Avenue on the way to the Old Town. Ms. Cooke further noted that they envision a more natural area replacing the lawn, with a walking trail running parallel to the sidewalk where the lawn is now. Ms. Cooke stated that would offer a choice for pedestrians to proceed directly down the hill by sidewalk or take a more leisurely walk beneath the shade of trees on a meandering trail. Ms. Cooke further stated that they have discussed their idea with members of the Ecology North Board and they have offered support.

- #0058-23 24. Councillor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That, pursuant to s.49 of Council Procedures By-law No. 4975, Council hear a presentation from Karen Hamre regarding development of a scenic trail down Franklin Avenue to the Old Town (Twin Pine Trail).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25. Council heard a presentation from Karen Hamre, a landscape architect, regarding development of a scenic trail down Franklin Avenue to the Old Town (Twin Pine Trail). Ms. Hamre noted that the current lawn beside the sidewalk doesn't show off our natural environment and it requires large amounts of water and the use of carbon emitting land mowers to maintain. Ms. Hamre further noted that they envision planting indigenous trees and shrubs where the lawn is currently located. Ms. Hamre stated that more trees and shrubs should help the spring runoff, which can make the sidewalk treacherous. Ms. Hamre further stated that they do not have a specific plan to offer. Ms. Hamre noted that they simply want Council approval this evening to develop proposals to raise money for design drawing, which they will share with Council, and then to purchase trees, or salvage them from areas in the City that are being developed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

26. In response to a question from Councillor Fequet, Administration advised that they are in process of selling three (3) lots in Niven Lake Phase 5 Subdivision and two (2) lots in Grace Lake South Waterside Residential Subdivision through Ballot Draw to be held on May 4, 2023.



27. In response to question from Councillor Warburton, Administration advised that the City is updating its Development Incentive Program By-law No. 4534 in order to facilitate development in the City and support Downtown revitalization. Administration further stated that public consultation was done through survey on Placespeak and that draft Development Incentive By-law will be brought forward in the 2nd Quarter

ADJOURNMENT

- #0059-23 28. Councillor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That the Meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Mayor



City Manager

