



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Council Agenda

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to the

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council Chamber, City Hall

4807 - 52nd Street

Yellowknife

All presentations pertaining to items on the Agenda for the meeting shall be heard under the "Delegations Pertaining to Items on the Agenda," portion of the Order of Business. All presentations pertaining to items not on the Agenda shall be heard under the "Delegations Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda" portion of the Order of Business.

The following procedures apply to all delegations before Council:

- a. all delegations shall address their remarks directly to the Presiding Officer and shall not pose questions to individual Members or Administration;
- b. each presenter shall be afforded five minutes to make their presentation;
- c. the time allowed to each presenter may be extended beyond five minutes by a resolution of Council;
- d. after a person has spoken, any Member may, through the Presiding Officer, ask that person or the City Administrator relevant questions; and
- e. no debate shall be permitted on any delegation to Council either between Members or with an individual making a presentation.

Please refer to By-law No. 4975, the Council Procedures By-law, for the rules respecting the procedures of Council.

COUNCIL:

Mayor Rebecca Alty

Councillor S. Arden-Smith
Councillor Garrett Cochrane
Councillor Ryan Fequet
Councillor Ben Hendriksen

Councillor Cat McGurk
Councillor Tom McLennan
Councillor Steve Payne
Councillor Rob Warburton

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Item No.

Description

OPENING STATEMENT

1. Councillor Arden-Smith will read the Opening Statement.

The City of Yellowknife acknowledges that we are located in Chief Drygeese territory. From time immemorial, it has been the traditional land of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of all other Indigenous Peoples including the North Slave Métis, and all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations for the agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Previously
Distributed

3. Minutes of Council for the special meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2023 are presented for adoption.

4. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
Councillor _____ seconds,

That Minutes of Council for the special meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2023 be presented for adoption.

Unanimous	In Favour	Opposed	Carried / Defeated
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5. Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2023 are presented for adoption.

6. Councillor Arden-Smith moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

That Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2023 be presented for adoption.

Unanimous	In Favour	Opposed	Carried / Defeated
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<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
	<u>DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF</u>
7.	Does any Member have a pecuniary interest in any matter before Council today?
	<u>CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS</u>
8.	There was no correspondence nor were there any petitions for the agenda.
	<u>STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>
9.	There were no Statutory Public Hearings for the agenda.
	<u>DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</u>
10.	There were no delegations pertaining to items on the agenda.
	<u>MEMBER STATEMENTS</u>
11.	There were no statements for the agenda.
12.	Are there any Member statements from the floor?
	<u>INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>
	Councillor Arden-Smith will introduce the following reports:
13.	Governance and Priorities Committee Report for May 23, 2023.
14.	There was no business arising from this meeting.
15.	Governance and Priorities Committee Report for June 5, 2023.
16.	There was no business arising from this meeting.
	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
17.	There was no new business for the agenda.
18.	Is there any new business from the floor?



Item No.

Description

ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

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

DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

20. Councillor McLennan moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

That the motion to adopt the Access for All policy be removed from Table.

Unanimous	In Favour	Opposed	Carried / Defeated
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21. Is there any deferred business or are there any tabled items from the floor?

OLD BUSINESS

22. There was no old business for the agenda.

23. Is there any old business from the floor?

NOTICES OF MOTION

24. There were no notices of motion for the agenda.

25. Are there any notices of motion from the floor?

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

26. There were no delegations pertaining to items not on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

27. There were no administrative enquiries for the agenda.

28. Are there any administrative enquiries from the floor?

ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 12:07 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 12:07 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,
Councillor R. Fequet, (via teleconference)
Councillor B. Hendriksen,
Councillor C. McGurk,
Councillor T. McLennan, (via teleconference) and
Councillor R. Warburton.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
C. Caljouw,
C. Greencorn,
C. MacLean,
J. Mutford,
A. Rivers,
K. Thistle,
C. White,
S. Woodward, and
S. Jovic.

<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.



(For Information Only)

3. Committee heard a presentation from Honourable Caroline Wawzonek, Minister of Finance GNWT, regarding GNWT 2023/2024 Budget. Minister Wawzonek noted that for the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the GNWT plans to spend \$2.31 billion (including adjustments). Minister Wawzonek further noted that will be combined with an estimated surplus of \$178 million. Minister Wawzonek stated that revenues are expected to be \$2.48 billion.

(For Information Only)

4. Committee recessed at 1:14 p.m. and reconvened at 1:24 p.m.

(For Information Only)

5. Committee accepted for information a memorandum regarding whether to apply to Infrastructure Canada to seek a four (4) year Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (submarine water line replacement) project schedule extension to 2032, while advancing regulatory and design work, and continuing to seek funding assistance to meet budget shortfalls.

Committee noted that piped water supply in Yellowknife commenced in 1948 from Yellowknife Bay. In the time period between 1948 and 1968 health concerns were raised by members of the public regarding arsenic contamination emanating from the gold mines, and particularly contamination of the drinking water. In 1967, the Government of Canada, Con Mine and Giant Mine each contributed one third of the cost of the installation of the submarine water supply line. The construction of the water supply line was completed in 1969, bringing the current age of the pipe to 54 years in 2023.

In 2017, the City of Yellowknife commissioned a comprehensive engineering study (the Study) completed by AECOM Canada Ltd (AECOM) to analyze the costs and risks associated with the two options Yellowknife has for distinct drinking water sources through an evaluation matrix - the Yellowknife River and Yellowknife Bay, having estimated life cycle costs of \$33M and \$18.2M respectively. The recommendation was based on a robust decision matrix, which took into consideration factors such as:

- Susceptibility to raw water quality changes;
- Constructability;
- Reliability of water supply;
- Ease of operation; and
- Life cycle cost

The recommendations from the Study were presented to Council on January 15, 2018. Dillon Consulting Ltd (Dillon) completed a third party review of the Study and reaffirmed the conclusions of the study. Both professional engineering companies recommended that the City of Yellowknife should retain the Yellowknife River as the drinking water source and schedule replacement of the submarine pipeline.



On June 11, 2018, City Council passed a motion directing Administration to submit an expression of interest to the Government of Canada's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) sponsored by Infrastructure Canada, the first milestone in the application process. The City of Yellowknife learned in October 2018 that the expression of interest provided the framework necessary to advance the project to the next phase of the application process. City Administration filed a full application on January 11, 2019 to meet the final deadline of the DMAF process. The final application consisted of input from various City departments, local businesses and strong letters of support from Indigenous partners such as Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) and North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA).

On March 13, 2019, the Government of Canada announced that Yellowknife was a successful applicant to the DMAF program and would receive funding of 75% of total project costs. The estimated project budget in 2019 was \$34.5M which resulted in \$25.8M (75%) of federal funding and \$8.6M (25%) in City contributions. The City received a letter from the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities stating the approval of the project in principle with a project completion date of 2028.

Since the execution of the contribution agreement, the City has retained project management services and professional engineering services to advance the planning and design of the project. In April 2023, the City received the preliminary design report for the project. This report noted updated Class 4 (D) estimates of \$57.0M in construction costs. The DMAF contribution agreement stipulates that project costs over and above the agreed amount will be covered by the City of Yellowknife. This results in an updated total City contribution of \$31.1M, approximately a 262% increase. See table below for updated capital cost.

		DMAF	City	
2019 Capital Costs	34,482,958.00	25,862,218.50	8,620,739.50	
2023 Capital Costs	57,042,250.00	25,862,218.50	31,180,031.50	262%

After speaking with DMAF officials with Infrastructure Canada, the City was informed that project schedule extensions were being granted across Canada to 2032. Many DMAF applicants are seeing significant cost overruns and schedule challenges as a result.

Administration has determined that the appropriate path forward at this time is to seek a project schedule extension to 2032. This allows:

1. Additional time to advance regulatory approvals and design work.
2. Additional time to seek additional financial support from other orders of government.
3. A review of current risk data from the Giant Mine Remediation Project.
4. Revisit the evaluation matrix completed in 2018 with current data.
5. Staff the opportunity to address project complexities and technical considerations surrounding Pumphouse #1 and Pumphouse #2.



The City of Yellowknife has been very clear from the onset of the project that these costs should not be a municipal responsibility due to the consequences of historical, third party decision making. Administration has, and will continue to seek additional funding sources to cover the City's contribution amount.

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

Motion #0123-19 - Council Minutes - May 2019

<https://events.yellowknife.ca/meetings/Detail/2019-05-13-1900-Council-Meeting/f5f8e74b-e5e6-42b7-be53-ae2b010d63b0>

Committee noted that applicable legislation, by-laws, studies or plans include:

1. AECOM – Preliminary Design Report (DM#731869) - April 2023;
2. AECOM – City of Yellowknife Potable Water Source Selection Study (DM#509277) – December 2018; and
3. Dillon Consulting - Yellowknife Potable Water Source Selection Report Third Party Review (DM#509276) – January 2018.

6. The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, June 5, 2023 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,
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. Caljouw,
C. MacLean,
A. Rivers,
K. Sulzer,
C. White,
G. White,
S. Woodward, and
S. Jovic.

<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.
	(For Information Only) Committee heard a presentation regarding Fees and Charges. Administration noted that fees and charges form a significant portion of the City's revenues. Administration further



noted that the expanse, diversity and history of this revenue source weave a fairly complicated tapestry. Administration provided background information, a survey of the various fees and charges and the role they play in the City's financial picture and the fees and charges within the Community Services Department. Administration noted that Fees and Charges By-law amendments have typically been brought forward at two points during the year: in December they are brought forward in conjunction with the Budget, to reflect any changes inherent in it, and in the spring they have historically been brought forward to prepare for the fall recreation season, and Administration also tries to address any other adjustments that must be made at that same time.

In response to a question from Councillor Cochrane, Administration undertook to provide comparable jurisdiction used in review of the Development Permit Fees.

Councillor McLennan served notice that he will remove from table a motion to adopt the Access for All policy at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

(For Information Only)

3. Committee recessed at 1:38 and reconvened at 1:50 pm.

(For Information Only)

4. Committee heard a presentation regarding Budget 2024. Administration noted that they have already been working hard behind the scenes for many weeks to create the foundations of Budget 2024. Administration outlined the key pillars that establish the foundation for the budget; provided a high-level look at some of the major factors that are influencing Budget 2024 and the associated decisions; summarized the progress to date; and provided the next steps.
5. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.