



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Council Agenda

Monday, July 24, 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 Fequet 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 regular meeting of Monday, June 26, 2023 are presented for adoption.

4. Councillor Fequet moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

That Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday, June 26, 2023 be presented for adoption.

Unanimous	In Favour	Opposed	Carried / Defeated
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DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

5. Does any Member have a pecuniary interest in any matter before Council today?

CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

6. Correspondence from the Back Bay Community Association regarding Surface Water Lines.
7. Correspondence from the Yellowknife Condo Corporation #33 regarding Surface Water Lines.



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STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Statutory Public Hearings regarding By law No. 5072, a by-law to open and name a roadway in Phase 2 of Engle Business District as Goshawk Road.

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

MEMBER STATEMENTS

10. There were no statements for the agenda.
11. Are there any Member statements from the floor?

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Fequet will introduce the following reports:

12. Governance and Priorities Committee Report for June 19, 2023.
13. Councillor Fequet moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

That Council adopt the Access for All policy.

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14. Governance and Priorities Committee Report for June 26, 2023.
15. There was no business arising from this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

16. A memorandum regarding whether to appoint a member to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.
17. Councillor Fequet moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

That Council appoint 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



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Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) for a two-year term commencing July 25, 2023, and ending July 24, 2025.

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ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

18. By-law No. 5072 - A by-law to open and name a roadway in Phase 2 of Engle Business District as Goshawk Road, is presented for Third Reading.

19. Councillor Fequet moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

Third Reading of By-law No. 5072.

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20. By-law No. 5073 - A by-law to amend Tax Administration By-law No. 4207, as amended to exempt Makerspace YK Units 9-12, Plan 4655 (100-5001 Forrest Drive), from property taxation, is presented for Third Reading.

21. Councillor Fequet moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

Third Reading of By-law No. 5073.

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DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

22. There was no deferred business and there were no tabled items for the agenda.
23. Is there any deferred business or are there any tabled items from the floor?

OLD BUSINESS

24. There was no old business for the agenda.



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25.	Is there any old business from the floor?
<u>NOTICES OF MOTION</u>	
26.	There were no notices of motion for the agenda.
27.	Are there any notices of motion from the floor?
<u>DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA</u>	
28.	There were no delegations pertaining to items not on the agenda.
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES</u>	
29.	There were no administrative enquiries for the agenda.
30.	Are there any administrative enquiries from the floor?
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	

June 19, 2023

Mayor Rebecca Alty and Council
City of Yellowknife,
4807 - 52 Street, P.O. Box 580,
Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N4

Dear Mayor Alty and Councillors:

Re: Surface Water Lines

The Back Bay Community Association was founded in 1983 to represent its members in matters of interest to the neighbourhood. It is likely the oldest, continuously active community organization in Yellowknife. Given our long-track record as a representative organization, the Back Bay Community Association is submitting 203 signatures from individuals in several communities/neighbourhoods directly impacted by the City of Yellowknife's proposal to decommission the surface water lines. In addition, we are submitting a letter from one of the petitioners.

The attached petitions are requesting the City of Yellowknife to:

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The attached petitions respond to media reports, rather than any direct City communications with the communities/neighbourhoods affected. They also respond to the City's assertion that it cannot afford to maintain the surface water lines in their current state. The petitioners request public and transparent evidence-based decision-making on this fundamental municipal service.

We are aware that the City's Administration has committed to bring an analysis to Council with recommendation(s) on the future of the surface water lines. The attached petitions ask that affected residents be involved in this analysis. Many of the petitioners are anxious that the analyses of water delivery options consider

- Equality of cost and access to water throughout the City;
- Implications for fire protection and suppression services;

- Cost implications to local residents and businesses, as well as to the City;
- Overall impact on local businesses, recreation facilities, public and private gardens including the general appeal of Old Town and surrounding area to visitors and residents; and
- Capacity of local businesses to provide year-round trucked services.

We thank City Council in advance for an early response to the petitioners.

We look forward to working with you on a transparent cost-benefit analysis.

Sincerely,



Dave Jones
Back Bay Community Association,



Lois Little
Back Bay Community Association,

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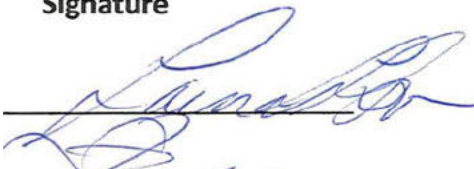

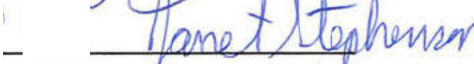




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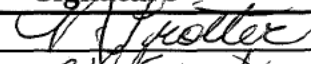
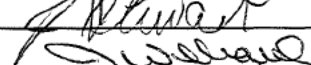
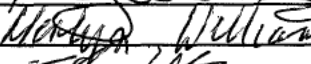

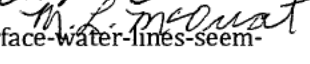

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Yellowknife Summer Surface Water Lines

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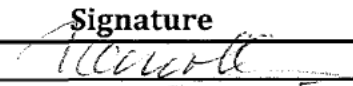
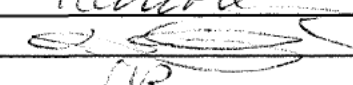
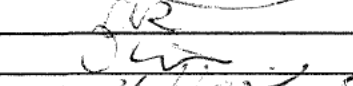
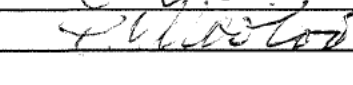
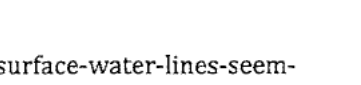
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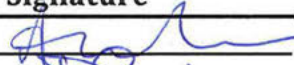
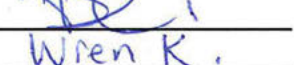
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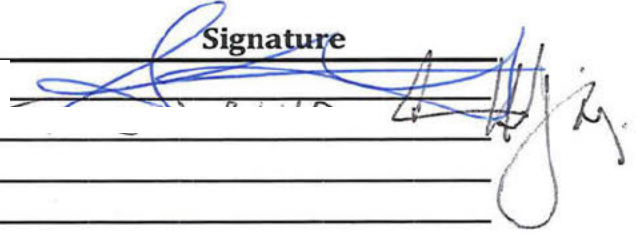
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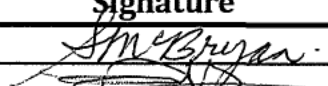
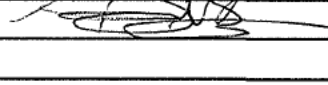
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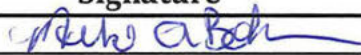
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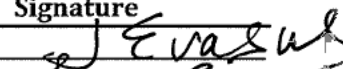
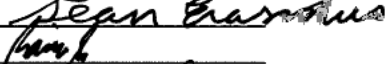

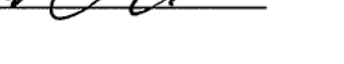
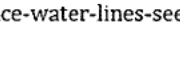
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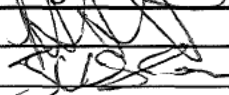
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Executive Offices City of Yellowknife	
Date	JUL 19 2023
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City of Yellowknife - Administration
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- No new financial hardship is incurred by residents and businesses
- A detailed assessment is carried out on new climate emissions from summer trucked water delivery
- Consideration is placed on the adverse impacts to traffic and noise of trucked water delivery, and careful regard to the added safety risks to summer cyclists and foot traffic
- The analysis includes an overview of the expected loss of gardens and decline of locally grown food
- Infrastructure requirements can be supported now and, in the future – if appropriate maintenance had been carried out by the City, would removing surface water lines be contemplated by City Administration.

The City has demonstrated it is unable to keep taxes stable. Removing surface water line service without an equitable alternative, is an affront to the tax paying residents and businesses that rely on this municipal service.

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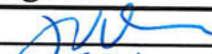




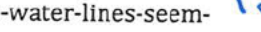
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CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OPEN ROADS

YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Pursuant to Section 88 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, S.N.W.T. 2003, c.22, notice is hereby given of the intention of the City of Yellowknife to pass a by-law to open and name roads within Phase 2 of the Engle Business District as Eagle Drive (extension) and Goshawk Road.

The Council of the City of Yellowknife will hear any person claiming to be affected by the by-law who wishes to be heard at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.) on Monday, July 24, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chamber.

Additional information and copies of By-law No. 5072 may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or by phoning 920-5646.

Any person wishing to make a verbal submission at the meeting is asked to contact the Office of the City Clerk at 920-5646 before 12:00 noon on Monday, July 24, 2023.

Capital Update June 30 and July 7

Prepared: June 27, 2023; SJ/

DM#536718



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, June 19, 2023 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, June 19, 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 R. Fequet,
Councillor B. Hendriksen,
Councillor T. McLennan,
Councillor S. Payne, and

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
C. Caljouw,
S. Hove,
C. MacLean,
W. Newton,
K. Thistle,
C. White,
G. White, 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.
3.	(For Information Only) Committee discussed timing of GPC/Council Packages. Committee noted that on April 24, 2023, Council passed a motion directing Administration to 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. Committee further noted that Council had concern regarding current processes for distribution of meeting material. Committee noted that Council Members expressed a desire for time to read, review, research and address questions arising from material released the weekend before the meeting and to give the public more opportunity to speak to Council or reach out to members based on agenda. Committee noted that extending current process and timelines means not only extending timelines for decisions by at least a week, but means increasing Administration lead time on bringing issues to Council. Committee further noted that there are tools available if Council feels they need more time on any issue.

Committee resolved to maintain status quo with respect to timing of GPC/Council packages.

(For Information Only)

4. Committee read a memorandum regarding whether to approve the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Directions.

Committee noted that since being elected in October 2022, Council has worked to confirm its mission, vision, principles and high level strategic directions that are supported by focus areas and proposed key initiatives for the next four years.

These strategic directions reinforce and complement the core services and mandated responsibilities that the City continues to uphold and deliver upon, while providing key areas of focus that Council believes are important for the community over the next four years. Confirming strategic directions can (a) ensure transparency for Council's key high-level priorities, (b) focus on the steps required to get there and (c) guide Council when making decisions regarding the allocation of resources.

On May 15, 2023, Council approved the draft 2023-2026 Strategic Directions release to the public for engagement and review. The draft Strategic Directions document was posted on the City website and comments were encouraged through PlaceSpeak from May 30th to June 9th. Five (5) residents made eight (8) comments.

Committee noted that applicable legislation, by-laws, studies or plans include:
Council's Goals & Objectives 2019-2022

Public Input

Between May 30 and June 9, five (5) residents made eight (8) comments using the Placespeak platform. Comments generally highlight areas where residents seek to reaffirm Council direction and propose actions that support the strategic directions.

Theme	Comment
Infill Trails and access to nature	"Yellowknife is a...community with a strong sense of pride in our unique...natural beauty". This natural beauty, currently accessible to Yellowknifers on our doorstep, is the reason why many residents including myself live here. It is a huge advantage that Yellowknife has over other Canadian cities, and must be preserved. Trail and nature protection, particularly close to the downtown core, should be a priority for this council. The continued eroding of Frame Lake and



	<p>Niven trails, as well considering green spaces such as that adjacent to Rotary Park and Tin Can Hill for development, will not preserve this access to nature, nor does it show a sense of pride in our natural beauty nor a vision for a sustainable future.</p> <p>Old/used sites need to be prioritized for development over easy-to-develop new sites - this is a no-brainer in terms of developing a sustainable and livable city that puts people first. Trails and natural green spaces within our city provide an affordable recreational amenity for citizens - continuing to erode these will do the opposite and prohibit people without a vehicle from accessing nature.</p> <p>Promoting and maintaining trail access throughout the winter should continue to be prioritized and expanded. Planning for equipment and manpower in the future should be taken into account here, particularly given that snowfall will increase in the coming decades. It would be nice to know if the City adopted any of the 2023 targets as recommended in their Trail Enhancement and Connectivity Strategy (2018) and whether or not they have been achieved.</p>
Biannual updates	<p>On page 7, I'm delighted to see the commitment for biannual reports to the community on the City's "progress, results, and adjustments" in relation to Council's strategic directions. I very much look forward to reading these. It would be great to see these biannual progress reports available on City's website and posted on your social media. Can you confirm that biannual refers to every 6 months rather than every 2 years? I do hope it's the former.</p> <p>Also, it's great to see so many previous plans (some many years old) referenced. It would be great to see progress reports on these and any future plans incorporated into the new biannual reports - including areas of focus and action items, with target dates for action.</p>
Active transportation Design standards	<p>My main area of interest is active travel, and so I'm glad to see the document mention 'multi-modal travel', including in winter. The Doc speaks of "Responsiveness to the needs of the public", a "liveable community" and a "sustainable future". Many cities around the world have realized, particularly in the past decade, that old designs for our public spaces were not putting people first nor compatible with a sustainable future, and many have made the necessary adjustments. YK could be a Canadian leader here by considering the legacy of its decisions and actions for generations to come. I'm glad the Development and Design Standards are being reviewed. I hope that this review will genuinely consider modes of travel other than the car. Our city streets currently do not consider the safety of children, pedestrians, cyclists and vulnerable road users, and many feel they cannot use alternative modes as a result. Road widths, particularly around residential streets and downtown, are huge, with half the street width taken up by one or two distantly parked vehicles - this wasted space could be dedicated to proper active travel lanes, sidewalks and other community spaces. I'm not convinced that a review of the Planning and Design Standards alone will result in a cohesive active travel network, especially given that much of city road design is done by outside designers.</p> <p>There needs to be an overall vision for active travel first that will inform and link in with the new development and design standards. A new active transportation strategy needs to be developed - one that is far more ambitious and detailed than the last. One which takes into account international best practices, especially in other winter cities which do this right. There is huge potential here for our compact city. Maps of active travel routes are needed or a fragmented substandard network will result; a piece-meal approach with no overall vision is unlikely to result in a good end product. The city should not be put off by their one attempt at a segregated bike lane ten years ago. It would greatly help if professionals with experience designing for winter cities with great active travel options are involved in the design process, as well as during the review of the Design Standards and development of active travel plans.</p> <p>The design standards should include the need for a sidewalk outside every residence, so that parents can feel confident in the safety of their children walking down the road to a friends house or to school. We need more pedestrian crossings, and ones that don't have a 3 minute wait, as is currently the case at a number of our crossings.</p>
Bicycle lanes	<p>An additional point - the current design standards, as well as the city website, seem to lump in bicycle lanes with trails and recreational sports. While there is of course overlap, a shift in this</p>



Multi modal transportation	perspective would be helpful. Many of the city's trails are not very well suited for bike lanes as they do not provide a direct route, do not have sufficient width, are not maintained well enough (winter and summer), nor are they properly linked up with the road network elsewhere. Space needs to be dedicated for active travel, including protected bike lanes, on our existing roads and streets.
Infill Tin Can Hill Natural green spaces	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to review the Strategic Directions document. I am concerned with ensuring two things- that Yellowknife continues to be a liveable city (the Mission), and that future growth is environmentally and fiscally responsible.</p> <p>1. I am all for infill of vacant lots to keep the city compact. But there needs to be some natural green space that is accessible within city limits and walking distance for residents without vehicles. this is very important for mental health. I believe that Tin Can Hill is the most valuable natural green space left in the City and it should be left undeveloped.</p> <p>2. Development of Tin Can Hill (the most immediate proposal relates to the polytechnical university on the Hill) is environmentally and fiscally irresponsible and not to the city's benefit. The GNWT options paper is a flawed document with incorrect assumptions and faulty reasoning. There are viable and fiscally attractive options available in the downtown core and Capital area that would assist with the City's oft-repeated desire for downtown revitalization, retain a much-used green space, and be more convenient and flexible for students and university administrators. The city is losing a once in a lifetime opportunity to revitalize downtown if it gives in to GNWT pressure to locate the university on Tin Can Hill.</p>
Substance Abuse issues Homelessness Tin Can Hill	<p>With the long wish list of things to do, I don't know how you can possibly have the resources to tackle very many of them.</p> <p>Priorities for me are the substance abuse issues/homelessness as well as removing Tin Can Hill from development. Put the university somewhere else, and stop throwing money away by giving away land. I don't understand the financial decisions of past councils. Please stop the financial bleeding wasting money by giving away things like the 50/50 lot and Tin Can Hill.</p> <p>Regarding substance abuse/homelessness, people I know first hand have been physically assaulted downtown. This issue is beyond out of control and the downtown is a disaster because of it.</p>
Social Issues Clear goals/initiatives	<p>This strategic direction document is very vague. As a community we would benefit from seeing the goals and tactics that the city will be taking to accomplish your vision. It is hard to give constructive feedback on a document that is very broad and gives little information on what major initiatives the city will be focusing on, how much it will cost and what is the benefit to the community as a whole.</p> <p>As a concerned citizen I would like to see strategic efforts being made to provide social supports to the houseless community and what is the city doing to make the city more safe?</p>

Implementation

Once the Strategic Directions are finalized and approved in final form(?) by Council, Administration will propose actions that address and advance these and interweave with current items on Administration's workplan. Council direction on prioritizing actions will be welcomed.

Committee noted that Council's Strategic Directions will provide direction and focus for the future of the City of Yellowknife and will help Council make decisions regarding priority setting, resources and budget allocation.

Committee suggested several amendments and left it with Administration to finalize.



In response to question from the Committee, Administration undertook to provide information whether the 2023 targets, as recommended in their Trail Enhancement and Connectivity Strategy (2018), have been achieved.

Committee recommended that Council approve the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Directions.

Committee noted that this item was discussed at Council meeting on June 26, 2023.

5. **Committee discussed the Access for All Policy.**

Committee noted that on April 24, 2023, Council tabled a motion to adopt Access for All Policy. Committee further noted that on June 12, 2023 Council removed a motion from table and referred Access for All Policy to the Governance and Priorities Committee for discussion. Committee noted that if the City of Yellowknife (the City) is striving to ensure the participation of ALL Yellowknife residents in recreation and transit services regardless of their personal financial constraints they believe that the City must expand Access for All Program. Committee further noted that the current income cut off is too low and leaves some residents unable to participate. Committee noted that by raising the income cut off more residents would be able to live healthy lifestyles by engaging in sports and recreation, get around our community in a sustainable manner and ensure the Access for All Program achieves its stated goals.

Committee requested that the household income cut off to be eligible for Access for All be changed to the Low Income Measure (LIM) from the Northwest Territories Market Based Measure (NMBM); that household income be changed to net income from gross income; and the time period for the Access for All Program be extended from 24 months to 36 months.

(For Information Only)

6. Committee recessed at 1:34 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

(For Information Only)

7. Committee continued its discussion regarding the Access for All Policy.

Committee recommended that the Policy be amended as follows:

1. "Access for All Program" definition - means **three years** of an annual Transit Pass and three years of an annual Individual or Family Flexi Pass provided free of charge to Yellowknife residents who qualify under this Policy;
2. Section 4.1.1.a - The applicant's household income is at or below the applicable **Low Income Measure threshold** for the number of people in the household;
3. Section 4.1.2 - In this Policy, household income is determined by adding together all **net income**, as set out in the Notice of Assessment(s) from the Canada Revenue Agency, for the year immediately preceding the application for all household members over the age of 18.
4. Section 4.2.4 - Access for All passes are valid for **36 months**; after which time, a resident must reapply.



Committee requested that a revised Access for All Policy be brought forward to Council on July 24, 2023 for adoption to allow members that will be absent from the next Council meeting on June 26, 2023 to participate in discussion.

Committee recommends that Council adopt the Access for All Policy.

MOVE APPROVAL

(For Information Only)

8. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That Committee move in camera at 2:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(For Information Only)

9. Committee discussed a personnel matter.
10. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
Councillor Hendriksen seconded,

That, pursuant to Section 118 (11) of Council Procedures By-law No. 4975 the meeting be extended beyond three (3) hours.

(For Information Only)

11. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
Councillor Payne seconded,

That Committee return to an open meeting at 3:03 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(For Information Only)

12. There was no business arising from the in camera session.
13. The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, June 26, 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 R. Fequet,
Councillor B. Hendriksen,
Councillor S. Payne, and
Councillor R. Warburton.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
C. Caljouw,
S. Hove,
N. Johnson,
W. Newton,
K. Thistle,
C. White,
G. White, 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.
3.	(For Information Only) Committee heard a presentation from Lachlan MacLean, a representative from MacLean Consulting, regarding Asset Management. Mr. MacLean noted that Asset Management is a formalized system with emphasis on documentation, standard process, and continuous



improvement. Mr. MacLean further noted that the four pillars of asset management include: Assets, Service Level, Life Cycle Cost and Risks. Mr. MacLean advised that the City delivers services; that delivering services introduces risk and that delivering services and managing risks costs money. Mr. MacLean further advised that the goal of the City is to deliver services at the minimum sustainable cost. Mr. MacLean stated that asset registry is a detailed list of all asset related data that let us build more accurate, farther looking, replacement and renewal plans. Mr. MacLean further stated that the City has Asset Management Policy that establishes direction and guidance for the City's Asset Management practice.

(For Information Only)

4. Councillor Arden-Smith left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

(For Information Only)

5. Committee heard a presentation from Administration regarding Asset Management.
6. The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Governance and Priorities / Council

DATE: July 24, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Administration

ISSUE: Whether to appoint a member to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint 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 July 25, 2023, and ending July 24, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

There is a vacancy on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Homelessness for a representative from non-government Health organizations (including hospitals and other public institutions, and organizations focused on mental health and addictions).

It is the practice of the City of Yellowknife to advertise all vacancies for boards and committees. The City has advertised a vacancy on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Homelessness in the Capital Update, the City's website and social media sites.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION / RESOLUTION / POLICY:

Strategic Direction #1 People First.

Motion #0459-96, as amended by #0460-96, #0462-96 and #0273-09:

"The following policy be adopted with respect to appointments to municipal boards and committees:

- i) The maximum consecutive years that an individual may serve on any one board or committee is six.
- ii) Individuals who have served the maximum six-year period on one municipal board or committee shall be eligible to be appointed to another board or committee.

- iii) No individual shall be precluded from serving concurrent terms on more than one municipal board or committee.
- iv) Notwithstanding that an individual appointee has served less than six years on a particular board or committee, Council may, after the expiration of the first or subsequent terms of that appointee, advertise for applicants to fill a vacancy on that board or committee.
- v) Notwithstanding clause (i.) of this policy, should the City receive no applications to fill a vacancy on any particular board or committee, the six year maximum limitation may, at the discretion of City Council, be waived.
- vi) Should the City receive no applications to fill a vacancy on any particular board or committee, City Council may appoint a member of the public at their discretion.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

Council Procedures By-law No. 4975, as amended.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Legislation

Section 122 of Council Procedures By-law No. 4975, as amended, states:

Special Committees of Council

122. Where Council deems it necessary to establish a special committee to investigate and consider any matter, Council shall:

- (1) name the committee;
- (2) establish terms of reference;
- (3) appoint members to it;
- (4) establish the term of appointment of members;
- (5) establish requirements for reporting to Council or a standing committee; and
- (6) allocate any necessary budget or other resources to it.

Procedural Considerations

All appointments to Special Committees must be approved by Council.

The composition of the Committee was structured so that various segments of the community are represented.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

That the City re-advertise vacancies for the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.

RATIONALE:

The Committee members will assist the City in an advisory capacity regarding homelessness issues within the municipal boundaries of the City of Yellowknife. Appointing a full complement of Members will ensure that the work of the committee is completed in a timely fashion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Expressions of interest.

Prepared: July 17, 2023; SJ



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

BY-LAW NO. 5072

BH 195

A BY-LAW of the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, to officially open and name a municipal roadway within the City of Yellowknife.

PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 86 and 88 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, S.N.W.T., 2003, c.22.

WHEREAS it is desirable to open and name streets within the Municipal boundaries of the City of Yellowknife and to name them after indigenous northern birds within the Engle Business District;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE, in regular sessions duly assembled, enacts as follows:

APPLICATION

1. That the roadways identified on Schedule A attached to and forming part of this by-law, be officially opened and named:

Goshawk Road

That the roadway identified in orange on Schedule A attached to this by-law be named Goshawk Road;

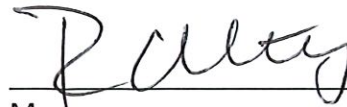
Eagle Drive

That Eagle Drive be extended as identified on Schedule A attached to this by-law.

EFFECT

2. That this by-law shall come into effect upon receiving Third Reading and otherwise meets the requirements of Section 75 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*.

Read a First time this 26 day of JUNE, A.D. 2023.



Mayor



City Manager

Read a Second Time this 26 day of JUNE, A.D. 2023.



Mayor



City Manager

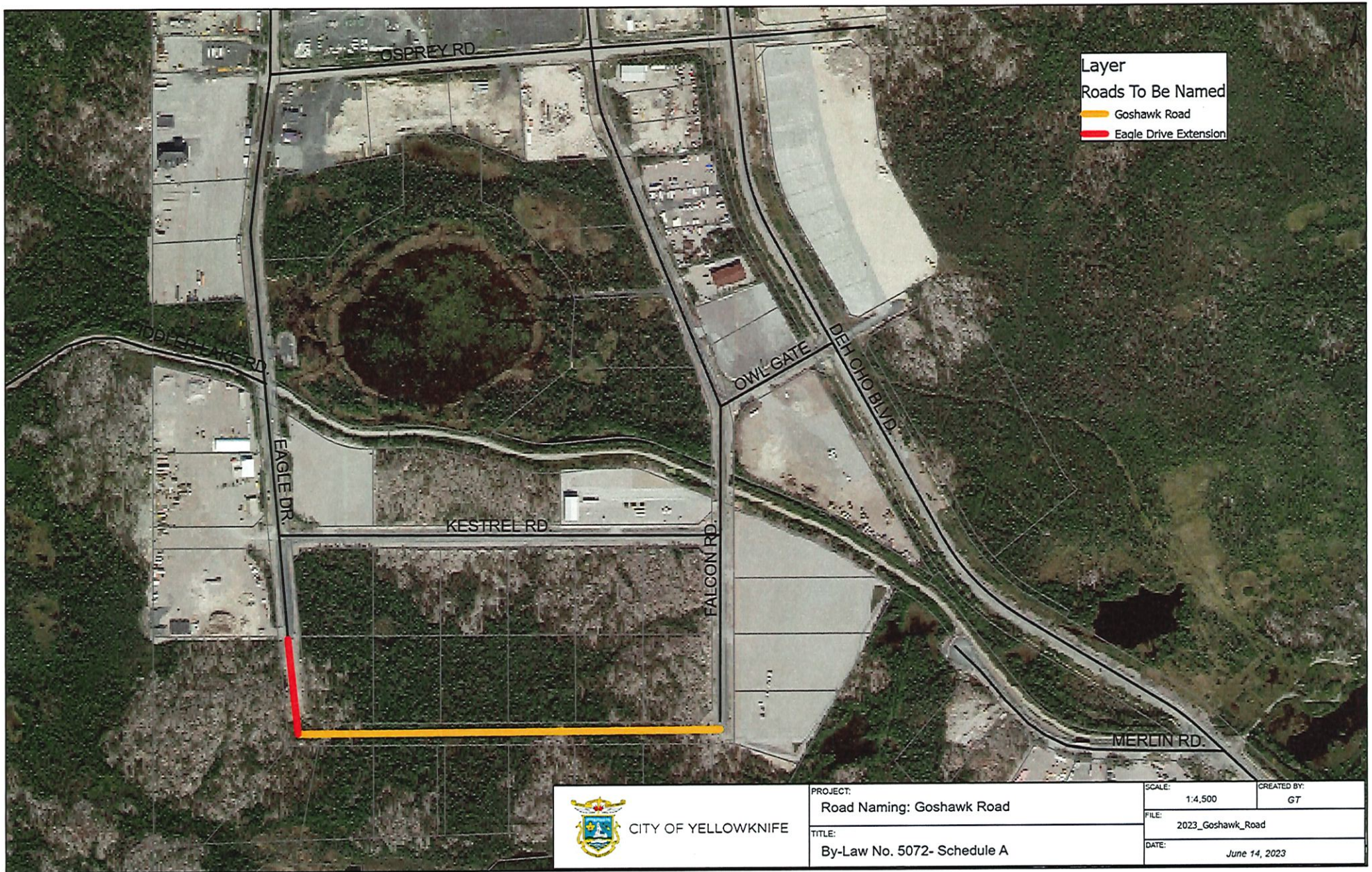
Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2023.

Mayor

City Manager

I hereby certify that this by-law has been made in accordance with the requirements of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* and the by-laws of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife.

City Manager



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

PROJECT:
Road Naming: Goshawk Road

TITLE:
By-Law No. 5072- Schedule A

SCALE:	1:4,500	CREATED BY:	GT
FILE:	2023_Goshawk_Road		
DATE:	June 14, 2023		



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

BY-LAW NO. 5073

BM 444

A BY-LAW of the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, to amend By-law No. 4207, as amended, which provides for the exemption of certain properties from taxes.

PURSUANT TO Section 74 of the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act, RSNWT 1988, c. P-10*;

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife wishes to amend Tax Administration By-law No. 4207;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE, in regular sessions duly assembled, enacts as follows:

APPLICATION

1. That By-law No. 4207, The Tax Administration By-law, Section 15 be amended by adding the following:

J) Makerspace YK: Units 9-12, Plan 4655.

EFFECT

2. That this by-law shall come into effect upon receiving Third Reading and otherwise meets the requirements of Section 75 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*.

Read a First time this 26 day of JUNE, A.D. 2023.

Mayor

City Manager

Read a Second Time this 26 day of JUNE, A.D. 2023



Mayor



City Manager

Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2023.

Mayor

City Manager

I hereby certify that this by-law has been made in accordance with the requirements of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* and the by-laws of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife.

City Manager