



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor R. Alty,  
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,  
K. Pandoo,  
C. MacLean,  
K. Thistle,  
C White,  
G. White, and  
S. Jovic.

1. Councillor McLennan read the Opening Statement.

**AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS**

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

- #0115-23      3. Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor McGurk seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday,  
July 24, 2023 be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0116-23      4. Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor Hendriksen seconded,



That the Minutes of Council for the special meeting of Tuesday, August 8, 2023 be adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0117-23      5.      Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That the Minutes of Council for the special meeting of Monday, August 14, 2023 be adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0118-23      6.      Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor McGurk seconded,

That the Minutes of Council for the emergency meeting of Monday, August 14, 2023 be adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

7.      There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS**

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

**STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9.      There were no Statutory Public Hearings.

**DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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

**MEMBER STATEMENTS**

11.      Councillor Fequet welcomed back everyone who left during evacuation, wished safe travels to those who have not yet returned, thanked those who were asked to stay and keep our homes safe and thanked the journalists who were on the front lines from Cabin Radio, CBC, and others. Councillor Fequet noted that he is confident that Council will move forward with an After-Action Assessment to ensure that a meaningful process is undertaken with



the public, relevant NGOs, the business community, and other levels of government to provide us both interim recommendations prior to next summer's fire season and final recommendations to ensure we capture all areas for improvement and celebrate the successes.

12. Councillor Hendriksen thanked people and communities who he will forever have thanks for regarding what we have all just experienced. Councillor Hendriksen thanked Mayor Alty; all City Staff, fire fighters from across the NWT, Canada, and the world; staff from other levels of government who led the effort that ensured our community infrastructure and homes are safe, and who have worked to get things moving again now we are home. Councillor Hendriksen thanked private contractors; media in Yellowknife, across the North, and across Canada; and all residents who responded to the call to evacuate and showed the courage to leave their homes and everything they have worked for in order to ensure they were safe.
13. Councillor McGurk noted that forest fires are results of climate change. Councillor McGurk further noted that she doesn't know how is municipal government supposed to afford to pay for adaptation to climate change, even if the municipal funding gap closes. Councillor McGurk stated that the success of our community's response to wildfire treat was entirely contingent on the choices individuals made. Councillor McGurk further stated that the people who left (and looked after each other), the contractors, volunteers, city staff, emergency firefighters, media, aviation operations, healthcare workers, rangers, etc. everyone who calls this place home stepped up massively.
14. Councillor Cochrane thanked all first responders, contractors, volunteers, YKDFN staff and our own staff and Mayor who stayed behind to assure that our community was safe, secure and prepared against a calamity that fortunately never came. Councillor Cochrane thanked the City of Edmonton for being a role model, a friend in a time a need and a home away from home. Councillor Cochrane thanked the Canadian Red Cross who housed thousands, fed thousands and provided emergency medical services to those most in need.
15. Councillor McLennan noted that he is happy that we are all home. Councillor McLennan further noted that there must be a review of the evacuation we all just lived through, while our memories are fresh. Councillor McLennan stated that the focus of our review must be about learning for the future, not laying blame and to do this, the review must be open, transparent and timely. Councillor McLennan further stated that we must learn from this and be better prepared in the future. Councillor McLennan thanked NGO's; all the pilots, aircrew members, engineers, dispatchers and support crews; the





wildland fire ground crews, contractors, volunteers and those who supported the efforts to protect our city. Councillor McLennan thanked local media.

## **INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Governance and Priorities Committee Report for July 24, 2023**

16. Councillor McLennan read a report of a meeting held on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
17. There was no business arising from this meeting.

### **Governance and Priorities Committee Report for August 14, 2023**

18. Councillor McLennan read a report of a meeting held on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
19. There was no business arising from this meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

20. A memorandum regarding whether to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a two (2) year contract renewal with Dragon Toner for the services of Integrity Commissioner for the City of Yellowknife.
- #0119-23 21. Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

**That Council authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a two (2) year contract renewal with Dragon Toner for the services of Integrity Commissioner for the City of Yellowknife.**

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

22. A memorandum regarding whether to appoint Qi (Vivian) Peng as a Development Officer for the City of Yellowknife.
- #0120-23 23. Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor Fequet seconded,

**That:**

1. pursuant to s. 3.1 of Zoning By-law No. 5045 Qi (Vivian) Peng be appointed as a Development Officer for the City of Yellowknife; and



2. the term of appointment shall expire upon termination of employment with the City of Yellowknife.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS**

24. By-law No. 5074 - A by-law authorizing the City of Yellowknife to dispose of Lot 31, Block 47, Plan 3082 and Lot 26, Block 48, Plan 1804 (5226 53 Street), was presented for Third Reading.

- #0121-23
25. Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor McGurk seconded,

**Third Reading of By-law No. 5074.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

27. There was no old business.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

28. There were no notices of motion.

**DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

29. There were no delegations pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES**

30. There were no administrative enquiries for the Agenda



**ADJOURNMENT**

- #0122-23      31.      Councillor McLennan moved,  
                         Councillor Fequet seconded,

**That the Meeting be adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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Mayor

  
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City Manager

