



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE  
**ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor R. Alty,  
Councillor 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:** C. White,  
C. Caljouw,  
C. Greencorn  
K. Pandoo,  
C. MacLean,  
K. Thistle, (via teleconference)  
G. White, and  
S. Jovic.

1. Councillor Payne read the Opening Statement.

**AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS**

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations.

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

- #0123-23      3. Councillor Payne moved,  
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday,  
September 25, 2023 be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

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

## STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. There were no Statutory Public Hearings.

## DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

## MEMBER STATEMENTS

8. Councillor Arden-Smith provided member statement regarding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Councillor Arden-Smith noted that Indigenous Women continue to experience high rates of violence and discrimination. Councillor Arden-Smith further noted that five (5) years ago, she pledged herself to Council to represent women, Indigenous Women, and she will be their voice until they are strong enough to speak their own truth and then they can be strong together.
9. Councillor Fequet noted that he is thinking today of civilians caught in the middle of political conflict in Israel and Palestine. Councillor Fequet further noted that it is a brutal reminder that political discourse has real repercussions. Councillor Fequet stated that it is also a reminder that our primary job as elected officials is upholding everyone's collective dignity and human rights. May our discussions here in these chambers and beyond reflect those values always.

## INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Governance and Priorities Committee Report for September 25, 2023

10. Councillor Payne read a report of a meeting held on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
- #0124-23 11. Councillor Payne moved,  
Councillor Hendriksen seconded,



That Council direct Administration to seek external expertise to complete an 'After Action Assessment (AAA): 2023 North Slave Complex Wildfires Emergency Response'.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0125-23      12.      Councillor Payne moved,  
Councillor McGurk seconded,

**That Council adopt the Access for All Policy.**

Those opposed to motion noted that they are in favour of the program as it is currently run but not in favour of the changes. Those opposed to the motion further noted that the income threshold would only get updated once every 5 years versus the Northern Market Basket Measure that gets adjusted by CPI every year; it's more complicated for staff to administer; and it doesn't align with the measures that the Territorial and Federal government use.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(Mayor Alty; Councillors Payne, Arden-Smith and Warburton opposed)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

13.      There was no New Business for the Agenda.

**ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS**

14.      There were no by-laws for the agenda.

**DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

16.      There was no old business.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

17.      There were no notices of motion.



DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

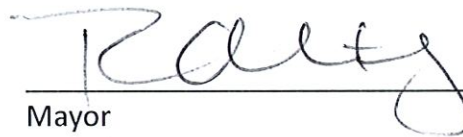
19. There were no administrative enquiries for the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

- #0126-23 20. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That the Meeting be adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Mayor

  
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City Manager

