



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 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. Greencorn,
C. MacLean,
K. Pandoo,
K. Thistle,
C White,
G. White, and
S. Jovic.

1. Councillor McGurk read the Opening Statement.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- #0148-23
3. Councillor McGurk moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

4. There were no disclosures of conflict of 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. Council heard a presentation from Derek Lindman, a representative of YK Citizens for Ceasefire, in support of motions regarding a ceasefire.

- #0149-23 8. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor McGurk seconded,

That, pursuant to s.49 of Council Procedures By-law No. 4975, Council hear a delegation from Renee Saucier regarding a ceasefire.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Council heard a presentation from Renee Saucier in support of motions regarding a ceasefire.

- #0150-23 10. Councillor Fequet moved,
Councillor McGurk seconded,

That, pursuant to s.49 of Council Procedures By-law No. 4975, Council hear a delegation from Awa M'Backé regarding a ceasefire.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Council heard a presentation from Awa M'Backé in support of motions regarding a ceasefire.

- #0151-23 12. Councillor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That, pursuant to s.49 of Council Procedures By-law No. 4975, Council hear a delegation from Amy Lam regarding a ceasefire.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



13. Council heard a presentation from Amy Lam in support of motions regarding a ceasefire.

- #0152-23 14. Councillor Fequet moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

That, pursuant to s.49 of Council Procedures By-law No. 4975, Council hear a delegation from Wessam Bou-Saleh regarding a ceasefire.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Council heard a presentation from Wessam Bou-Saleh in support of motions regarding a ceasefire.

MEMBER STATEMENTS

16. There were no member statements for the agenda.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance and Priorities Committee Report for November 27, 2023

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

- #0153-23 18. Councillor McGurk moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Directions Implementation Actions be referred back to Administration to be updated and incorporated into the 2024 work plan and be brought back to Governance and Priorities Committee in early 2024 to review and approve the administrative and strategic actions together.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Governance and Priorities Committee Report for December 4, 2023

19. Councillor McGurk read a report of a meeting held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.



- #0154-23 20. Councillor McGurk moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That the Mayor write a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly to request that the Federal Government call for an immediate ceasefire and halt to violence by both the state of Israel and Hamas; the restoration of basic services including food, water, power, fuel, communications, and medical services to the population of Gaza; the immediate release of all hostages; unhindered access for humanitarian aid for all those in need and to work to ensure the safety of both Israelis and Palestinians.

Those opposed to the motion noted that foreign policy is not within the City's jurisdiction.

Those in favour of the motion noted that City Council represents the public and should put this motion forward to echo the sentiments of concerned citizens in Yellowknife for support for peace and an immediate, permanent ceasefire in Gaza, in spite of departure from City's jurisdiction.

MOTION DEFEATED

(Councillor Fequet, Hendriksen, McGurk and McLennan in favour)

- #0155-23 21. Councillor McGurk moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

That the Mayor and Council request the Premier of the Northwest Territories to write a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly to request that the Federal Government call for an immediate ceasefire and halt to violence by both the state of Israel and Hamas; the restoration of basic services including food, water, power, fuel, communications, and medical services to the population of Gaza; the immediate release of all hostages; unhindered access for humanitarian aid for all those in need and to work to ensure the safety of both Israelis and Palestinians.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



- #0156-23 22. Councillor McGurk moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That the Mayor and Council of the City of Yellowknife condemn all acts of anti-semitism, anti-Palestinian racism and Islamophobia in our community, and will work to ensure our community is just, safe and welcoming for all.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

23. A memorandum regarding whether to appoint Geoffrey Thomas Pothier as a By-law Officer for the City of Yellowknife.

- #0157-23 24. Councillor McGurk moved,
Councillor McLennan seconded,

That:

- 1. Pursuant to s. 137 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act, S.N.W.T. 2003, c.22*, Geoffrey Thomas Pothier, be appointed as a By-law Officer for the City of Yellowknife; and**
- 2. The term of appointment shall begin on commencement of employment with the City of Yellowknife as a By-law Officer and expire upon termination of employment with the City of Yellowknife as a By-law Officer.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

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

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

- #0158-23 31. Councillor McGurk moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

That the Meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Mayor



City Manager

