



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, July 8, 2024 at 12:05 p.m.

Chair: 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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	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.
2.	Approval of the agenda.
3.	Disclosure of conflict of interest and the general nature thereof.
4.	A presentation from KPMG regarding the final After Action Assessment Report.
ANNEX A	
5.	A memorandum regarding whether to enter into an Agreement with the Northwest Territories Association of Communities to receive the City's allocation of federal DMAF funding for NWT communities for wildland fire protection.
6.	A presentation regarding budget 2025.
<u>IN CAMERA</u>	
ANNEX B	
7.	A memorandum regarding whether to appoint a member to serve on the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.



<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
8.	Business arising from In Camera Session.



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MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Governance and Priorities

DATE: July 8, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Administration

ISSUE: Whether to enter into an Agreement with the Northwest Territories Association of Communities to receive the City’s allocation of federal DMAF funding for NWT communities for wildland fire protection.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council direct the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Northwest Territories Association of Communities to receive the City’s allocation of federal DMAF funding for NWT communities for wildland fire breaks/fire protection.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC) applied to the Government of Canada’s Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Fund (DMAF) on behalf of all the 29 Northwest Territories (NWT) communities within the treeline which are facing wildfire risk to complete their firebreaks over a period of eight years.

Funding of \$20 Million was approved in late 2022, with NWTAC working extensively to negotiate the terms of the contribution agreement that it would enter into with Canada; Canada is funding 100% of the work given the Indigenous communities served and the term extends over 7 years from 2022.

Subsequently, the NWTAC is entering into agreements with all eligible NWT community governments for each community’s respective allocation; the City’s allocation is \$2.354 Million over the life of this project. The respective funding allocations are based on the most recent Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), developed in partnership with the GNWT Department of Environment and Climate Change’s (ECC) Forestry Division. The City’s last CWPP, which our funding allocation is based upon, was prepared in 2019; work is currently underway to update the City’s CWPP to reflect significant work accomplished under duress in 2023 and because this should be updated every 5 years. NWTAC and the ECC are partnering to take as much of the burden off communities as possible,

including the provision of communal resources to do planning, communication, tendering templates, reporting to funders, and other supports from experts like Forestry Management.

Community governments will manage how this project is implemented on the ground, including local planning and engagement and hiring local contractors/workforce required. Funding in year 1 is being used by the NWTAC to get organized, prioritize communities and enter into agreements with each of the 29 community governments. A Motion of Council is required for the Funding Agreement to be accepted by the NWTAC.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION/RESOLUTION/POLICY:

Council Goal #3 Sustainable Future.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

Cities, Towns and Villages Act.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Financial

Council approval to enter into this contract is required.

Operational

Implementing the recommended actions of the City's CWPP requires resources and utilizing DMAF funds through a planned multi-year process allows for the orderly prioritized implementation, especially with an updated CWPP anticipated by the end of 2024.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

That Council not approve entering into this Agreement, thus leaving \$2.354M for use by other community governments.

RATIONALE:

Completing work on the natural assets that protect Yellowknife in the event of a wildfire continues to be a top priority for the City. Being part of an overall project that is coordinated through the NWTAC, with technical and administrative support coming from both ECC and the NWTAC enables the City to focus on allocating efforts and resources fully towards the creation of these protective assets.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

Prepared: July 2, 2024 SBK



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MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Governance and Priorities

DATE: July 8, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Administration

ISSUE: Whether to appoint a member to serve on the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint a member to serve, for a three (3) year term effective July 23, 2024 until July 22, 2027, on the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.

BACKGROUND:

There is a vacancy on the Development Appeal Board.

It is the practice of the City of Yellowknife to advertise all vacancies for boards and committees. The City has advertised the vacancy on the Development Appeal Board in the Capital Update and the City's website.

COUNCIL POLICY / RESOLUTION OR GOAL:

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:

1. *Community Planning and Development Act*; and
2. Zoning By-law No. 5045.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Legislative

In accordance with the *Community Planning and Development Act*, Zoning By-law No. 5045 establishes the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.

Pursuant to Section 30(1) of the *Community Planning and Development Act*, the minimum number of members that Council may appoint to the Development Appeal Board is three. Section 30(1) also states that members hold office for three year terms. Appointments must be made by resolution of Council.

Consistency

Historically, Council has appointed one member of Council and six members of the public to the Development Appeal Board.

When assigning Council Member portfolios, Councillor Rob Warburton (Alternate Steve Payne) was named as the City's representative on the Development Appeal Board.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

That Administration be directed to re-advertise the vacancy on the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.

RATIONALE:

The appointment of members will ensure that the Development Appeal Board has a full complement of members. A full complement of Board Members will ensure that hearings can be held in a timely manner.

ATTACHMENTS:

Expressions of interest from the candidates.

Prepared: June 28, 2024; SJ/