



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

## **ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Monday, November 25, 2024 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 S. Payne, and  
Councillor R. Warburton.

**City Staff:** S. Van Dine,  
D. Gillard,  
C. Greencorn,  
C. MacLean,  
K. Pandoo,  
K. Thistle,  
C. White,  
G. White, and  
S. Jovic.

1. Councillor Arden-Smith read the Opening Statement.

### **AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS**

2. Public Presentations regarding the 2025 Budget.
3. Council heard a presentation from Anita Villeneuve regarding Bike Storage Options. Ms. Villeneuve requested that the City provide safe storage for bicycles. Ms. Villeneuve suggested wooden bike shelters and mesh bike shelters. Ms. Villeneuve noted that the wooden bike shelter is environmentally sustainable and that the mesh bike shelter would be secure and robust bike storage unit for 10 bicycles that offers more protection against theft and vandalism.
4. Council heard a presentation from Becca Denley, a representative from Communities in Motion, regarding new Snow Removal Methods. Ms. Denley noted that the methods in which Yellowknife's current snow removal system works, is not as effective as other winter cities around the world. Ms. Denley suggested that the City use a method similar to Montreal's snow removal



system - snow blowers. Ms. Denley further noted that the City should prioritize snow removal of sidewalks/crosswalks so that people who do not use vehicles can have freedom of movement.

- #0198-24      5.      Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Payne seconded,

**That pursuant to s. 53(3) of Council Procedure By-law No. 4975, as amended, the time allowed for the presenter be extended by up to two minutes.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.      Ms. Denley, a representative of the Communities in Motion, continued her presentation regarding new Snow Removal Methods. Ms. Denley asked that the City look at the City of Oulu, Finland which prioritizes removal of snow from multi-use paths prior to vehicular travel.
7.      Council heard a presentation from Wendy Bisaro, a representative of Yellowknife Senior's Society, regarding free access to the Fieldhouse Walking Track for seniors. Ms. Bisaro noted that currently access to the Yellowknife Fieldhouse walking track is free to senior residents Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Ms. Bisaro further noted that the current schedule is restrictive and intervenes with both seniors' programming and personal schedules.

- #0199-24      8.      Councillor Fequet moved,  
Councillor Hendriksen seconded,

**That pursuant to s. 53(3) of Council Procedure By-law No. 4975, as amended, the time allowed for the presenter be extended by up to two minutes.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.      Ms. Bisaro continued her presentation regarding free access to the Fieldhouse Walking Track for seniors. Ms. Bisaro noted that expanding access to the track will allow seniors to make choices to engage and participate in recreational opportunities offered elsewhere.
10.     In response to a question from Councillor McGurk, Administration undertook to provide information regarding revenue collected from the Fieldhouse Walking Track.



11. Council heard a presentation from Ainsley Dempsey, owner of the Gallery on 47 Street, regarding the proposed tax increase and ways to reduce it. Ms. Dempsey urged Council to explore all options and reduce operational expenditures to support community and local businesses.

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

- #0200-24
12. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday,  
October 28, 2024 be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

13. Councillor McGurk declared a conflict with Item No. 15 on the agenda, a motion determining how to respond to the Integrity Commissioner Report dated October 10, 2024.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS**

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

### **STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARINGS**

15. There were no Statutory Public Hearings.

### **DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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

### **MEMBER STATEMENTS**

17. There were no member statements.

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

#### **Governance and Priorities Committee Report for October 28, 2024**

18. Councillor Arden-Smith read a report of a meeting held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
19. There was no business arising from this meeting.



Governance and Priorities Committee Report for November 12, 2024

20. Councillor Arden-Smith read a report of a meeting held on Monday, November 12, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

#0201-24 21. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Fequet seconded,

**That Council not direct Administration to implement the Home Energy Financing Program at this time.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

22. Councillor McGurk declared a conflict of interest and excused herself from the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

#0202-24 23. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Fequet seconded,

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives the Integrity Commissioner's Investigation Report dated October 10, 2024 as presented;**
- 2. Accepts Councillor McGurk's willingness to accept responsibility for the contraventions; and**
- 3. Censure Councillor McGurk for violating articles 4.6, 12.1 and 13.1 of the Council Code of Ethics By-law.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

24. Councillor McGurk returned to the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

#0203-24 25. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Hendriksen seconded,

**That Council appoint John Williston, a representative from an organization serving seniors, to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) commencing November 29, 2024 and ending November 28, 2026.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#0204-24 26. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Cochrane seconded,



That Council, pursuant to Audit Committee By-law No. 4127, appoint an accountant to serve on the City of Yellowknife (City) Audit Committee: Janet Toner from November 23, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and Christine Siu from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Governance and Priorities Committee Report for November 18, 2024

27. Councillor Arden-Smith read a report of a meeting held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

#0205-24 28. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Payne seconded,

**That Council direct Administration to utilize the Revitalization Initiative Reserve toward Development Incentives and the development of City owned lands by contributing to the Land Fund to facilitate:**

- a. selling Lot 34, Block 30, Plan 2564 (50/50 Lot), pursuant to the Terms of Reference/Request for Proposal;
- b. retain the remaining \$1,591,000 dollars in the Revitalization Initiative Reserve to:
  - i. support the sale of Lot 34, Block 30, Plan 2564; and
  - ii. fund and support Development Incentives;
- c. the Revitalization Initiative Reserve is to remain open.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#0206-24 29. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Fequet seconded,

**That Council direct Administration to draft a Council Leave Policy and present it to Council prior to the next election.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

30. A memorandum regarding whether to enter into a three (3) year contract with Crowe MacKay LLP for the provision of financial audit services for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024 – 2026, with the potential for a one-year mutual extension.



#0207-24 31. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Fequet seconded,

**That Council authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with Crowe MacKay LLP for the provision of financial audit services for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024 – 2026, with the potential for a one-year mutual extension in the amount of \$163,020 plus GST per year.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS**

32. By-law No. 5097 - A by-law to repeal and replace Development Incentive Program By-law No. 4534, as amended, was presented for First and Second Reading.

#0208-24 33. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor McGurk seconded,

**First Reading of By-law No. 5097.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#0209-24 34. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Hendriksen seconded,

**Second Reading of By-law No. 5097.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

35. By-law No. 5098 - A by-law to amend Financial Administration By-law No. 4206, as amended, was presented for First and Second Reading.

#0210-24 36. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

**First Reading of By-law No. 5098.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#0211-24 37. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Fequet seconded,



**Second Reading of By-law No. 5098.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

39. There was no old business.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

40. There were no notices of motion.

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES**

42. There were no administrative enquiries for the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- #0212-24 43. Councillor Warburton moved,  
Councillor Payne seconded,

**That the Meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

<Original Signed by the Mayor>

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Mayor

<Original Signed by the City Manager>

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City Manager

