



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, December 9, 2024 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Mayor R. Alty,
Councillor S. Arden-Smith,
Councillor G. Cochrane,
Councillor R. Fequet,
Councillor B. Hendriksen,
Councillor C. McGurk,
Councillor T. McLennan, (via teleconference)
Councillor S. Payne, and
Councillor R. Warburton.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	(For Information Only) Deputy Mayor Cochrane read the Opening Statement at the Special Council meeting.
2.	(For Information Only) There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.
3.	(For Information Only) Committee accepted for information the Sixth Annual Report from the City of Yellowknife's Integrity Commissioner, Sheldon Toner.



(For Information Only)

4. Committee heard a presentation from Stephen Pearce, Jordan Young, Paul Vallee and Greg Dandewich, representatives of InterVISTAS, regarding the City of Yellowknife 2025-2028 Tourism Strategy.

(For Information Only)

5. Councillor Payne left the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

(For Information Only)

6. Committee heard a presentation regarding a New Recruitment Campaign.

(For Information Only)

7. Committee read a memorandum regarding whether to amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, as amended, by amending Parts 5, 14 and 15 of Schedule B to reflect changes approved in Budget 2025.

Committee noted that the fees and charges are collected, managed, and used in the delivery of programs and services across most City departments; in 2025 they are expected to constitute around 18.69% of the City's overall revenues.

Prior to 2007, user fees and charges were embedded in the individual by-laws associated with the programs and services provided by the City. In 2007, all fees and charges were consolidated into a new by-law, Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, to improve transparency and to simplify the associated administration.

Each spring, Administration conducts an annual review of all Fees and Charges, and based on this review brings forward annual amendments for Council's consideration. Administration also reviews the Fees and Charges By-law in the context of budget decisions, and when necessary brings forward amendments in conjunction with the Budget approval.

Budget 2025 includes changes to the Animal Fees, Service Connection Failure Assistance Program Fees, and Water and Sewer Rates. These are reflected in the amending by-law being brought forward now for implementation January 1, 2025. Budget 2025 also contains changes to the Recreation and Parks Related Fees, and these will be brought forward in the spring 2025 amendment with an effective date of September 2025.

Committee noted that Council's policies, resolutions or goals include:

Strategic Direction #1:

People First:

Focus Area 1.3

Liveable Community:

Supporting all residents to participate in the social fabric and physical space of our community.



Strategic Directions #2:

Service Excellence:

Focus Area 2.2

Capacity:

Balancing service levels with human and fiscal resources.

Strategic Directions #3:

Sustainable Future:

Resilient Future:

Enhancing Yellowknife as a great place to live, visit, work and play now and in the future.

Committee noted that applicable legislation, by-laws, studies or plans include:

1. *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* section 72 (e); and
2. Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, as amended.

Committee noted that during Budget 2025 deliberations, Council approved the following recommendations:

- 1) To increase the dog Impoundment Fees to \$250 per day.
- 2) To increase User Fees of Piped and Trucked water by two point six percent (2.6%) per year from 2025 to 2027.
- 3) To increase the monthly Infrastructure Replacement Levy per equivalent residential unit (ERU) from \$16.00 to \$18.50 in 2025, \$21.00 in 2026 and \$23.50 in 2027.
- 4) To increase the insurance premium per equivalent residential unit (ERU) from \$10.00 to \$12.50 in 2025, \$15.00 in 2026 and \$17.50 in 2027.

Committee noted that these amendments arise from the requirement to incorporate changes to Animal Fees, Service Connection Failure Assistance Program Fees, and Water and Sewer Rates included in Budget 2025.

Committee recommended that By-law No. 5100, a by-law to amend Part 5 – Animal Fees, Part 14 – Service Connection Failure Assistance Program Fees and Part 15 – Water and Sewer Rates 15 of Schedule B of Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, as amended, be presented for adoption.

Committee noted that this matter would be discussed at today's Council meetings.

(For Information Only)

8. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor Warburton seconded,

That Committee move in camera at 1:12 p.m. to discuss a memorandum regarding whether to appoint a member to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



(For Information Only)

9. Committee discussed a memorandum regarding whether to appoint a member to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.

(For Information Only)

10. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That Committee return to an open meeting at 1:13 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. **Committee read a memorandum regarding whether to appoint a member to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.**

Committee noted that there is a vacancy on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Homelessness for a representative from the public at large.

It is the practice of the City of Yellowknife to advertise all vacancies for boards and committees. The City has advertised a vacancy on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Homelessness in the Capital Update, the City's website and social media sites.

Committee noted that Council's policies, resolutions or goals include:

Council Goal #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.

Committee noted that Council's policies, resolutions or goals include:

Council Procedures By-law No. 4975, as amended.

Legislation

Section 122 of Council Procedures By-law No. 4975 states:

Special Committees of Council

122. Where Council deems it necessary to establish a special committee to investigate and consider any matter, Council shall:

- (1) name the committee;
- (2) establish terms of reference;
- (3) appoint members to it;
- (4) establish the term of appointment of members;
- (5) establish requirements for reporting to Council or a standing committee; and
- (6) allocate any necessary budget or other resources to it.

Procedural Considerations

All appointments to Special Committees must be approved by Council.

The composition of the Committee was structured so that various segments of the community are represented.

Committee noted that the Committee members will assist the City in an advisory capacity regarding homelessness issues within the municipal boundaries of the City of Yellowknife. Appointing a full complement of Members will ensure that the work of the committee is completed in a timely fashion.

Committee recommends that Council appoint Shaun Dean, a representative from the public at large, to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) commencing January 14, 2025 and ending January 13, 2027.

MOVER APPROVAL

12. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.