



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

## **ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Monday, May 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

1. Councillor McLennan read the Opening Statement.

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

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations.

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

- #0097-25
3. Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday,  
May 12, 2025 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. There were no delegations pertaining to items on the agenda.

## **MEMBER STATEMENTS**

8. There were no member statements for the agenda.

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

### **Governance and Priorities Committee Report for May 20, 2025**

9. Councillor McLennan read a report of a meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

- #0098-25 10. Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor McGurk seconded,

#### **That Council:**

1. **Adopt the 2024 Audited Financial Statements as recommended by the Audit Committee.**
2. **Approve the Inter-Fund and Reserve transfers as outlined in the 2024 Audited Financial Statements; and**
3. **Agree to keep the General Fund balance at \$12.10 million as at December 31, 2024.**

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0099-25 11. Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

#### **That Council:**

1. **Fill a vacancy on Council resulting from the resignation of Mayor Rebecca Altj and the appointment of Councillor Ben Hendriksen to the office of the Mayor by appointing Rob Foote, a person eligible as a candidate to the office of Councillor; and**



**2. Appoint Rob Warburton as Deputy Mayor.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0100-25      12.      Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor Arden Smith seconded,

**That Council approve the 2025 – 2026 Revised Work Plan, as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

13.      There was no New Business for the Agenda.

**ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS**

14.      By-law No. 5106      -      A by-law to amend Financial Administration By-law No. 4206, as amended, to establish the Tourist Accommodation Tax Reserve, was presented for Third Reading.

- #0101-25      15.      Councillor McLennan moved,  
Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

**Third Reading of By-law No. 5106.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

17.      There was no old business.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

18.      There were no notices of motion.



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

19. Council heard a presentation from Bruce Laurich regarding the proposed amendments to the Yellowknife Community Plan on behalf of the Tin Can Hill Conservation Committee. Mr. Laurich noted that the Tin Can Hill Conservation Committee (TCHCC) was formed in 2022 in response to plans to develop a polytechnic university campus on Tin Can Hill. Mr. Laurich further noted that the TCHCC's goal is to attain legislated, permanent protection of Tin Can Hill as a natural space, free from development and available for the respectful enjoyment of all citizens. Mr. Laurich stated that they would like to propose amendments to the Community Plan that will clarify and strengthen protection policies, objectives, and directives for all of Tin Can Hill and the adjacent Rat Lake.

- #0102-25      20. Councillor McGurk moved,  
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

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

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

21. Mr. Laurich continued his presentation regarding amendments to the Yellowknife Community Plan on behalf of the Tin Can Hill Conservation Committee. Mr. Laurich proposed that a new zone "Tin Can Hill/Rat Lake Regional Park" be created within the Plan for Tin Can Hill/Rat Lake. Mr. Laurich noted that the purpose of a new zone would be to provide protection to the area as undeveloped natural parkland intended for outdoor recreation.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES**

22. There were no administrative enquiries for the agenda.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

- #0103-25      23.      Councillor Cochrane moved,  
Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

**That the Meeting be adjourned at 7:22 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

<Original Signed by the Mayor>

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Mayor

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City Manager