



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor B. Hendriksen,
Councillor S. Arden-Smith,
Councillor G. Cochrane,
Councillor R. Fequet,
Councillor R. Foote,
Councillor C. McGurk,
Councillor S. Payne, and
Councillor R. Warburton.

City Staff: S. Van Dine,
R. Andrews,
C. Caljouw,
D. Gillard,
C. Greencorn,
K. Pandoo,
C. Saunders,
K. Thistle,
C. White, and
S. Jovic.

1. Councillor Warburton read the Opening Statement.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- #0109-25 3. Councillor Warburton moved,
Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday,
May 26, 2025 be adopted.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- #0110-25 4. Councillor Warburton moved,
Councillor McGurk seconded,



That the Minutes of Council for the special meeting of Monday, June 2, 2025 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

5. There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

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

STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. There were no Statutory Public Hearings.

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

8. Council heard a presentation from Phil Moon Son regarding the downtown homelessness. Mr. Moon Son noted that he helps his mom to run a small business, Korea House, in the downtown. Mr. Moon Son further noted that a homeless encampment was established in the downtown this summer and that the situation in the downtown has gotten so bad with public intoxication, drug activity and vagrancy. Mr. Moon Son further noted that small businesses feel they are marginalized, have been left to fend for themselves and fear retribution if they call the RCMP. Mr. Moon Son stated that John Williston, their landlord, was attacked outside of Korea House on Thursday and that he fears that his elderly mom who works in the restaurant will be attacked. Mr. Moon Son noted that homelessness is an addictions issue. Mr. Moon Son noted that different levels of government have the most responsibility and they must collectively discuss progressive development to address homelessness in the territory.

- #0111-25
9. 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



10. Mr. Moon Son continued his presentation regarding the issues in the downtown noting that this is not a housing issue, but criminal activity, and encouraged Council to work with other levels of government to address these issues.

MEMBER STATEMENTS

11. There were no member statements for the agenda.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance and Priorities Committee Report for May 26, 2024

12. Councillor Warburton read a report of a meeting held on Monday, May 26, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
13. There was no business arising from this meeting.

Governance and Priorities Committee Report for June 2, 2025

14. Councillor Warburton read a report of a meeting held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
- #0112-25 15. Councillor Warburton moved,
Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

That Council adopt the following strategic priorities for the Municipal Enforcement Division (MED) for 2025/26:

- **Focusing on pedestrian and intersection safety in school zones through the strategic enforcement of the Highway Traffic By-law; and**
- **Prioritizing Municipal Enforcement engagement and visibility in the community, particularly in the downtown core focusing on litter, unsightly lands, and ensuring a safe environment for all.**

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- #0113-25 16. Councillor Warburton moved,
 Councillor Cochrane seconded,

That Council authorize 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 mitigation through vegetation/fuel reduction.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

17. A memorandum regarding whether to proceed with surface patching treatment of Franklin Avenue (41 Street to 43 Street).

- #0114-25 18. Councillor Warburton moved,
 Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

That Council authorize Administration to redirect capital carry over funding to make improvements to Franklin Avenue from 41 Street to 43 Street.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- #0115-25 19. Councillor Warburton moved,
 Councillor Fequet seconded,

That notice requirements be dispense with pursuant to s.71(1)(c) of Council Procedures By-law No. 4975 and that Resolutions respecting Encampments and Support for the Development of the Arctic Security Corridor be added to the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. Council discussed a resolution respecting Encampments.

- #0116-25 21. Councillor Warburton moved,
 Councillor McGurk seconded,

RESOLUTION RESPECTING ENCAMPMENTS

WHEREAS all residents of Yellowknife deserve to feel safe in their community; and



WHEREAS encampments with makeshift structures have been established in Yellowknife; and

WHEREAS encampments have been established elsewhere within the community; and

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) holds the authority and financial responsibility with respect to housing, social services, and community justice; and

WHEREAS there may be public use of alcohol and drugs, drug dealing and vandalism taking place; and

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife provides support and funding for the Line Drive Outreach Program through financial resources made available from the Government of Canada; and

WHEREAS Yellowknife City Council wants to collaborate with compassion with underhoused and unhoused peoples, and support the GNWT to support both public safety and public health for all Yellowknifers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Yellowknife City Council:

- 1. Direct Administration to bring forward recommendations regarding any existing bylaws that need amendment or new by-laws that need consideration, so that a temporary encampment can be identified, to address unacceptable behaviour;**
- 2. Recommends that the GNWT as the level of government responsible for housing, community justice, and social services, provides oversight of the temporary encampment, including but not limited to ensuring occupant safety, access to basic needs such as potable water, waste removal, porta potties, and other necessities;**
- 3. Recommends that the RCMP increase their foot and bike presence downtown, specifically from 52nd Avenue to Franklin/50th Avenue and from 47th Street to 52nd Street, in recognition of the visible presence of vandalism, public alcohol use, and potential public drug dealing and use;**
- 4. Commits that the City of Yellowknife will support public health and safety of encampment residents at the request of**



and cost paid for by the GNWT by providing solid waste and sewage collection, as well as enforcing by-laws that reinforce public safety at an encampment between the Legislative Assembly and 48th Street, near the day shelter, as a place that is acceptable for a temporary encampment;

5. Commits that the City of Yellowknife Municipal Enforcement Division will prioritize engagement and visibility in the community, particularly in the downtown core focusing on litter, unsightly lands, and ensuring a safe environment for all.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22. Council discussed a resolution to Support the Development of the Arctic Security Corridor.
- #0117-25 23. Councillor Warburton moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCTIC SECURITY CORRIDOR

WHEREAS the Government of Canada is working closely with provinces, territories, and Indigenous Peoples to identify and catalyze projects of national significance; and

WHEREAS First Ministers have stated it is important to invest in dual-use infrastructure in Northern and Arctic communities that will address Canada's Arctic sovereignty and security goals, meet local community needs, advance national energy independence, and unlock the North's economic potential; and

WHEREAS First Ministers, including the Premiers of the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon as well as all western provinces are advocating that the Government of Canada support the Arctic Security Corridor as a National Building project and demonstrate Arctic sovereignty and to open another route to move Canadian natural resources and commodities such as critical minerals to domestic and international markets; and

WHEREAS Premiers acknowledged the federal commitment to move quickly to improve Canada's defence capabilities and meet international spending targets; and



WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife serves as a gateway to resource development to the Northwest Territories as a whole, and both the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions of Nunavut through highway, airport and access to barge infrastructure; and

WHEREAS Indigenous equity and participation will be pivotal to the success of these projects; and

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife, together with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, the Tłı̄ch̄ Government, and the North Slave Métis Alliance, has worked within the framework of truth and reconciliation to form foundational partnerships grounded in mutual respect and joint decision-making, collaborating on infrastructure and economic development initiatives that enhance the well-being of all members, citizens and residents; and

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife is the largest population, and is the services and logistics centre in the Northwest Territories, offering an established industrial supply chain, skilled workforce, and training institutions capable of supporting every phase of the Arctic Security Corridor, from construction through long-term operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Yellowknife supports Canada's selection of the Arctic Security Corridor as a project of National significance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Yellowknife ask other governments such as the Government of Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the T'liche Governments, the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, and the North Slave Metis Alliance to work with the City to ensure that the Arctic Security Corridor project is realized and maximum benefits accrue to the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Yellowknife is ready to work collaboratively with all other governments to maximize benefits for all peoples of the Northwest Territories specifically and Canada broadly and make joint investments that ensure Canadian Arctic sovereignty and prosperity.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

24. By-law No. 5108 - A by-law to set the 2025 Municipal Tax Levy, is presented for Second and Third Reading.

- #0118-25 25. Councillor Warburton moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

Second Reading of By-law No. 5108.

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- #0119-25 26. Councillor Warburton moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

Third Reading of By-law No. 5108.

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27. By-law No. 5109 - A by-law to set the 2025 School Tax Levy, is presented for Second and Third Reading.

- #0120-25 28. Councillor Warburton moved,
Councillor McGurk seconded,

Second Reading of By-law No. 5109.

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- #0121-25 29. Councillor Warburton moved,
Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

Third Reading of By-law No. 5109.

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DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

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

OLD BUSINESS

31. There was no old business.



NOTICES OF MOTION

32. There were no notices of motion.

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

33. There were no delegations pertaining to items not on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

34. There were no administrative enquiries for the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

#0122-25 35. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor McGurk seconded,

That the Meeting be adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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<Original Signed by the Mayor>

Mayor

<Original Signed by the City Manager>

City Manager