



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

## ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**City Staff:** C. Caljouw,  
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. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations.

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

- #0215-25
3. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the special meeting of Monday,  
November 10, 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.



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**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. Council heard a presentation from Adrian Bell, a representative from NWT Art Centre Initiative, regarding the draft 2026 Budget. Mr. Bell requested that \$25,000.00 be allocated to a competitive process open to local non-profit organizations interested in establishing and running an Artist-in Residence (AiR) program for the City of Yellowknife.
- #0216-25 8. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Fequet 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. Mr. Bell continued his presentation regarding the draft 2026 Budget. He emphasized the importance of demonstrating the City's commitment to the arts and investing in community projects that promote collaboration and innovation.
10. Council heard a presentation from Jim Martin and Randy Rivers, representatives from the Yellowknife Tennis Club, regarding the draft 2026 Budget. Mr. Martin and Mr. Rivers supported the line item in the budget to resurface the City's tennis courts and noted that they are in need of resurfacing. Mr. Martin further noted that economies of scale can be achieved if all courts are resurfaced in the same year.
- #0217-25 11. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Foote 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**



12. Mr. Martin and Mr. Rivers continued their presentation regarding the draft 2026 Budget. They noted that improved courts would enhance recreational opportunities and encourage greater community participation in tennis.
13. In response to a question from Council, Administration undertook to provide information regarding the Service Contract with the Yellowknife Tennis Club for the operational management of the City's tennis courts.

### **MEMBER STATEMENTS**

14. There were no member statements for the agenda.

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

#### **Governance and Priorities Committee Report for November 10, 2024**

15. Councillor Arden-Smith read a report of a meeting held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
16. There was no business arising from this meeting.

#### **Governance and Priorities Committee Report for November 17, 2025**

17. Councillor Arden-Smith read a report of a meeting held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
- #0218-25 18. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Fequet seconded,

**That for the purpose of encouraging development on vacant land and addressing underutilized lots and derelict buildings, that Council direct Administration to bring forward:**

1. **A by-law to amend Tax Administration By-law No. 4207, as amended, to create a definition and new tax class for vacant land; and**
2. **A by-law to regulate vacant and abandoned buildings.**



- #0219-25      19.      Councillor Warburton moved,  
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

**That the motion be amended as follows:**

**That for the purpose of encouraging development on vacant land and addressing underutilized lots and derelict buildings, that Council direct Administration to bring forward:**

- 1. A by-law to amend Tax Administration By-law No. 4207, as amended, to create a definition and new tax class for vacant land including consideration of contaminated sites, and low density parking and surface parking lots; and**
- 2. A by-law to regulate vacant and abandoned buildings.**

**MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0220-25      20.      Councillor Arden-Smith moved,  
Councillor Foote seconded,

**That Council appoint Edwin Shu, an accountant, pursuant to Audit Committee By-law No. 4127, to serve on the City of Yellowknife (City) Audit Committee for a three-year term commencing November 25, 2025 and ending November 24, 2028.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

21.      There was no New Business for the Agenda.

**ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS**

22.      There were no by-laws for the agenda.

**DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

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



**OLD BUSINESS**

24. There was no old business.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

25. Councillor Arden-Smith provided 'Notice of Motion' that, at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on December 8, 2025, she will bring forward a motion that Council direct Administration to bring forward a by-law to grant temporary exemption for extenuating circumstances for business licenses.

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES**

27. There were no Administrative Enquiries for the Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- #0221-25 28. Councillor Cochrane moved,  
Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

**That the Meeting be adjourned at 7:38 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