



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 8, 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 T. McLennan,
Councillor S. Payne, and
Councillor R. Warburton.

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

1. Councillor Cochrane read the Opening Statement.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- #0222-25
3. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday,
November 24, 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 November 24, 2024

9. Councillor Cochrane read a report of a meeting held on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
- #0223-25 10. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That Council:

1. adopt the Council and Administration Protocol Policy;
2. adopt the Council Leave Policy; and
3. repeal and replace the Council Travel, Conference and Training Policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Governance and Priorities Committee Report for December 1, 2025

11. Councillor Cochrane read a report of a meeting held on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.



- #0224-25 12. Councillor Cochrane moved,
 Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

That Council direct the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA) regarding the establishment of a copper recycling and diversion program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Special Governance and Priorities Committee Report for December 1, 2 and 3, 2025

13. Councillor Cochrane read a report of meetings held on December 1, 2 and 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

- #0225-25 14. Councillor Cochrane moved,
 Councillor Payne seconded,

That Council direct Administration to prepare a recommendation for Council on options to divest of the Wildcat Café.

- #0226-25 15. Councillor Fequet moved,
 Councillor Foote seconded,

That Council direct Administration to prepare options and a recommendation on the future of the Wildcat Cafe that balances the relative financial risk to the community, with the historic significance of the Wildcat Cafe to Yellowknife's heritage.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Councillor Payne declared a conflict with Mine Training Building, as he is on the Board of Directors for Line Drive, and left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

- #0227-25 17. Councillor Cochrane moved,
 Councillor McLennan seconded,

That Council direct Administration to prepare a recommendation for Council on options to divest the Mine Training Building.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



18. Councillor Payne returned to the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

#0228-25 19. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That the 2026 Draft Budget with revenues of \$113,601,083, debenture interest payments of \$458,000, debt principal repayments of \$2,442,000, expenditures of \$147,432,268 including capital investments of \$49,150,000 and amortization and asset retirement obligations of \$18,431,000, be approved; and that Council adopt the 2027 and 2028 Budget in principle.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

20. A memorandum regarding consideration of an Exploratory Committee regarding the 2035 Canada Winter Games.

#0229-25 21. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor McGurk seconded,

That Council directs Administration to develop the Terms of Reference for Council's consideration to establish a 2035 Canada Winter Games Exploratory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22. A memorandum regarding whether to amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, as amended, to reflect changes approved in Budget 2026.

ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

23. By-law No. 5118 - A by-law to amend Part 2 – Building Fees, Part 4 – Cemetery Fees, Part 8 – Parking Meter, Parking Certificate and Orderly Use of Highway Permit Rates, Part 9 – Land Application Fee, Part 12 – Recreation and Parks Related Fees, Part 14 – Service Connection Failure Assistance Program Fees, and Part 15 – Water and Sewer Rates, Part 17 – Tipping and Solid Waste Related Fees, Part 18 – Development Permit Fees and Part 20 – Fees for Other City Programs and Services of Fees and Charges By-law No.



NOTICES OF MOTION

34. There were no notices of motion.

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

36. There were no administrative enquiries for the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

- #0237-25 37. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

That the Meeting be adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

<Original Signed by the Mayor>

Mayor

<Original Signed by the City Manager>

City Manager