



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Deputy Mayor R. Warburton
Councillor S. Arden-Smith,
Councillor G. Cochrane,
Councillor R. Foote,
Councillor T. McLennan, and
Councillor S. Payne.

City Staff: C. Greencorn,
D. Gillard,
C. MacLean,
K. Pandoo,
K. Thistle,
C. White,
G. White, and
B. Ly.

1. Councillor Foote read the Opening Statement.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- #0008-26
3. Councillor Foote moved,
Councillor Payne seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday,
January 12, 2026 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 January 12, 2026

9. Councillor Foote read a report of a meeting held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
- #0009-26 10. Councillor Foote moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

That:

1. **The Mayor and Members of Council be authorized to attend the following conferences in 2026 that relate directly to the City's business:**

Conference/Event	Location	2025 Dates	# of Members
Arctic Summit	Whitehorse, YT	February 23 – February 25, 2026	Mayor
Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC) Annual General Meeting	Yellowknife, NT	February 26 – February 28, 2026	Mayor and Eight (8) Councillors
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference	Edmonton, AB	June 4 – June 7, 2026	Mayor and One (1) Councillor



2. **Other travel authorization be prioritized based on Council priorities and emerging opportunities and be approved by Council on a case-by-case basis in advance of each conference.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- #0010-26 11. Councillor Foote moved,
 Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

That Council appoint the following as Deputy Mayor and Council representatives to the Special Committees of Council; and that these appointments be reviewed following the Municipal General Election:

Committee	Councillor
Deputy Mayor	Rob Warburton
Audit Committee	Ryan Fequet
Board of Revision	Primary Stacie Arden-Smith Alternate Cat McGurk
Community Advisory Board on Homelessness	Garett Cochrane
Development Appeal Board	Primary Rob Warburton Alternate Stacie Arden-Smith
Grant Review Committee (Two required)	Rob Foote Tom McLennan
Heritage Committee	Steve Payne
Human Resource and Compensation Committee (Two required)	Garett Cochrane Ryan Fequet
Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Development	Rob Warburton

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- #0011-26 12. Councillor Foote moved,
 Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

That Council appoint Sue McKinney, a lawyer, pursuant to Audit Committee By-law No. 4127, to serve on the City of Yellowknife (City) Audit Committee for a three-year term commencing January 27, 2026 and ending January 26, 2029.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Governance and Priorities Committee Report for January 19, 2026

13. Councillor Foote read a report of a meeting held on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

#0012-26 14. Councillor Foote moved,
Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

That Council:

1. **direct Administration to work in collaboration with Government of the Northwest Territories staff to investigate the feasibility of hosting the 2035 Canada Winter Games; and**
2. **authorize Administration to establish an administrative working group to review, analyze and develop recommendations with respect to the advisability of hosting the 2035 Canada Winter Games.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#0013-26 15. Councillor Foote moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

That the Residential Intensification Tax Abatement under By-law No. 4534, as amended, for the property located at 4914 50 Street be approved for an additional 5 years at a declining increment basis (100%-80%-60%-40%-20%).

As there was an equal number of votes for and against, the motion is defeated.

MOTION DEFEATED

(Councillors Cochrane, McLennan and Warburton in favour)

(Councillors Arden-Smith, Fequet and Payne opposed)

#0014-26 16. Councillor Foote moved,
Councillor seconded,

That Council approves the recommendation from the City of Yellowknife Community Advisory Board on Homelessness to allocate the remaining 2025-2026 Reaching Home Funding of \$78,000 to Yellowknife Women's Society for the cultural resiliency and counselling supports to the resilience initiative.



MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

- #0015-26 17. Councillor McLennan moved,
Councillor Payne seconded,

That Council direct Administration to bring forward the Council Remuneration By-law, including any recommended amendments, for Council's review and consideration and that this review include a specific analysis and recommendation regarding the Mayor's remuneration including comparable municipal benchmarks and any proposed adjustments by April 30, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

18. By-law No. 5120 - A by-law to amend the Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, to permit a 'Recycling Facility' on a portion of Lots 8, 9, Block 46, Plan 140 (5204 51 Street), is presented for First Reading.
- #0016-26 19. Councillor Foote moved,
Councillor McLennan seconded,

First Reading of By-law No. 5120.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. By-law No. 5121 - A by-law to amend Community Plan By-law No. 5007, as amended, to change land use designation of portion of Lot 32, Block 568, Plan 4452, from Engle Industrial Business District to Kam Lake, as referenced on Maps 2, 11 and 13 of the Community Plan By-law No. 5007, is presented for First Reading.
- #0017-26 21. Councillor Foote moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

First Reading of By-law No. 5121.



MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

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

OLD BUSINESS

23. There was no old business.

NOTICES OF MOTION

24. There were no notices of motion.

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

26. There were no administrative enquiries for the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

- #0018-26 27. Councillor Cochrane moved,
Councillor Foote seconded,

That the Meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

<Original Signed by the Mayor>

Mayor

<Original Signed by the City Manager>

City Manager