

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CW21-07** of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, City of Dawson Council Chambers

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Mayor	Wayne Potoroka
	Councillor	Stephen Johnson
	Councillor	Bill Kendrick
	Councillor	Molly Shore
	Councillor	Natasha Ayoub

**REGRETS:**

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<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	A/CAO	Paul Robitaille
	EA	Elizabeth Grenon
	CFO	Kim McMynn
	Fire Chief	Mike Masserey
	PW Manager	Gagan Sandhu
	CDO	Stephanie Pawluk

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**Agenda Item:** Call to Order

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The Chair, Wayne Potoroka called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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**Agenda Item:** Agenda

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**CW21-07-01** Moved by Mayor Potoroka, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the agenda for Special Committee of the Whole meeting CW21-07 be accepted as presented.  
Carried 5-0

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**Agenda Item:** Financial and Budget Reports

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a) Draft 2021 Annual Operating Budget and the Capital Expenditure Program Bylaw (2021-04)

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Ayoub that Committee of the Whole forwards the draft 2021 Annual Operating Budget and the Capital Expenditure Program Bylaw (2021-04), as amended, to Council with a recommendation to proceed with second reading.  
No vote

**CW21-07-02** Moved by Mayor Potoroka seconded by Councillor Johnson that Committee of the Whole refer the budget discussion to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.  
Carried 5-0

Council held discussion on the Draft 2021 Annual Operating Budget and the Capital Expenditure Program Bylaw (2021-04).

- Budget doesn't reflect the dedicated funds for KVA.
- How much money is KVA looking for in dedicated funds from the City?

Page 2: 

- Is the WCB Choice Reward Program a guaranteed revenue?
- Business License fees for 2021 should be waived/rebated.
- Building Lease/Rental Income 2020, why did we collect double than what we budgeted for?

Page 3: 

- Expenditures: Mayor and Council- Membership/Conference Fees, why is this amount so high considering no one went to conferences? Travel amounts are budgeted lower in 2021

than 2020 yet membership/conferences are budgeted higher in 2021 than 2020. Why is that?

- Council would like to see a breakdown of membership and conference fees.
- Expenditures: Grants/Subsidy- Homeowner Senior Tax Grants were under budget and Water and Sewer Senior Discount was over budget, why are these numbers not in line with each other?
- Heritage Fund, why wasn't this accessed by anyone?
- Where is the money for reconciliation in the budget?
- Council discussed adding \$35,000 in the budget to go towards operation and maintenance and programming of the new Youth Centre being built by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. What do staff think?

Moved by Councillor Johnson seconded by Councillor Shore that Committee of the Whole requests that \$30,000 be introduced to the budget for operations and maintenance and programming of the TH Youth Center.

No vote

**CW21-07-03** Moved by Councillor Kendrick, seconded by Councillor Ayoub that Committee of the Whole refer the matter to a Special Committee of the Whole meeting.  
Carried 4-1

Page 4: - Has a job description been created for the Communications position?  
- Expenditures: Special Projects/Events- Downtown Revitalization, what is the plan for this budget item? Is \$20,000 going to be enough? Do we have capacity to do it?

Page 5: - Can we level out revenues and expenditures in the Cable budget?  
- What is the status of the cable system and Bell's imminent arrival in town? Are we lobbying for local priorities?

Page 7 - What is the \$30,000 for in land development costs?  
- What number is in the land sales (\$60,000)?  
- Does money need to be budgeted for purchasing land to resolve north end encroachments?

Page 11: - Does the fuel line represent a reduction in fuel use?

Page 13: - Can we hire someone to work at the free store on a part-time basis? As a pilot in 2021? What would it cost? Would it be cheaper to flow through Conservation Klondike Society (CKS)? Are there liabilities if we contract CKS?

Page 14: - Was \$180,000 all that was budgeted for 2020?

Council wants to have the Capital Budget included at the next Annual Operating Budget discussion.

b) COVID-19 Municipal Safe Restart Funding

**CW21-07-04** Moved by Mayor Potoroka, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Committee of the Whole acknowledges receipt of the COVID-19 Municipal Safe Restart Funding report, provided for informational purposes.  
Carried 5-0

**CW21-07-05** Moved by Mayor Potoroka, seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Committee of the Whole extend Special Meeting CW21-07 no longer than 1 hour.  
Carried 3-2

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**Agenda Item: In Camera**

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- CW21-07-06** Moved by Mayor Potoroka, seconded by Councillor Ayoub that Committee of the Whole move into a closed session for the purposes of discussing a land related matter as authorized by section 213 (3) of the *Municipal Act*.  
Carried 5-0

*Councillor Ayoub left the meeting at 10:27 PM.*

- CW21-07-07** Moved by Mayor Potoroka, seconded by Councillor Shore that Committee of the Whole reverts to an open session of Committee of the Whole and proceeds with the agenda.  
Carried 4-0

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**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

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- CW21-07-08** Moved by Mayor Potoroka, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Special Committee of the Whole meeting CW21-07 be adjourned at 10:34 p.m. with the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole being March 24, 2021.  
Carried 4-0

**THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CW21-07 WERE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RESOLUTION #CW21-08-06 AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CW21- OF MARCH 24, 2021.**

Original signed by:  
Wayne Potoroka, Chair

Paul Robitaille, A/CAO