

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CW22-05 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, City of Dawson Council Chambers

PRESENT:	Mayor	William Kendrick
	Councillor	Elizabeth Archbold
	Councillor	Alexander Somerville
	Councillor	Patrik Pikálek
	Councillor	Brennan Lister

REGRETS:

ALSO PRESENT:	CAO	Cory Bellmore
	EA	Elizabeth Grenon
	PWM	Jonathan Howe
	PDA	Stephanie McPhee

Agenda Item: Call to Order

The Chair, Mayor Kendrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item: Agenda

CW22-05-01 Moved by Mayor Kendrick, seconded by Councillor Somerville that the agenda for Committee of the Whole meeting CW22-05 of March 16, 2022, be accepted as presented. Carried 5-0

Agenda Item: Delegations & Guests

a) Dawson Regional Planning Commission

Nicole Percival and Charlotte Luscombe gave an overview of the Draft Land Use Plan Highlights.

- Draft Plan Concepts and Principles:
 - o Vision
 - o Sustainable development Stewardship
 - o Land Use Designation System
 - Integrated Stewardship Areas (ISA)
 - Special Management Areas I & II (SMA)
 - Highway Corridors
 - Future Planning Areas
- Key Recommendations:
 - o Caribou
 - o Access
 - o Conservation Areas
 - o Wetlands
 - o Stewardship
 - o Mineral Development and Exploration
- Plan is in draft form and is still open for discussion and feedback.

b) Dawson City Farmers Market Society

Sherry Masters requested that the Farmer’s Market be permitted to operate on Sundays in the summer.

- Some vendors are unable to participate on Saturdays due to religion
- Two vendors have requested Sunday market so far

c) Wayne Potoroka RE: North End

Wayne Potoroka presented, from his perspective, the history of the North End and how services in that area have changed over time.

Agenda Item: Business Arising from Delegations & Guests

b) Dawson City Farmer's Market Society

- Administration will amend the lease to include Sundays with some conditions:
 - o Market space will be reduced in size to 105ft
 - o No overnight parking of vendor vehicles or merchandise

Agenda Item: Public Hearings

a) Condominium Subdivision Application: Lot 8, Block R, Ladue Estate

The Chair called for submissions.

The Chair called for submissions a second time.

The Chair called for submissions a third and final time, and hearing none declared the Public Hearing closed.

Agenda Item: Minutes

a) Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes CW22-01 of January 12, 2022

CW22-05-02 Moved by Councillor Pikálek, seconded by Mayor Kendrick that the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW22-01 of January 12, 2022, be accepted as presented.

b) Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes CW22-03 of February 9, 2022

CW22-05-03 Moved by Councillor Somerville, seconded by Councillor Pikálek that the minutes of Special Committee of the Whole meeting CW22-03 of February 9, 2022 be accepted as presented.
Carried 5-0

c) Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes CW22-04 of February 10, 2022

CW22-05-04 Moved by Councillor Archbold, seconded by Councillor Somerville that the minutes of Special Committee of the Whole meeting CW22-04 of February 10, 2022 be accepted as presented.
Carried 5-0

Agenda Item: Referrals from Prior Meetings

a) Andre Zadrazil RE: Laundry Services

Council held discussion regarding Andre Zadrazil's letter regarding Laundry Services:

- Is it the responsibility of the City or provide this service?
- Could a non-profit take it on?
- Review washing machine rates in the Fees & Charges Bylaw

Agenda Item: Special Meeting, Committee, and Departmental Reports

a) AYC AGM Resolutions

The CAO gave an explanation to Council regarding AYC AGM resolutions.

b) RCMP 2022 Policing Priorities

Councillor Lister left the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

CW22-05-05 Moved by Mayor Kendrick, seconded by Councillor Somerville that Committee of the Whole forwards to Council to issue a letter to Dawson City RCMP notifying them the priority issues Council would like the local detachment to focus on for 2022/23 are:
Police / Community Relations
Positive Relationships between Youth and the Police
Road Safety
Keeping drugs and alcohol away from youth
Restorative Justice
Carried 4-0

c) Vacant Land Tax

The CAO updated Council on where the Vacant Land Tax was at:

- Feedback from Council was forwarded to Across the River Consulting who completed a detailed analysis of the Tax Assessment Roll
- Identified 42 clear vacant title lots and 14 vacant lots that are part of tax consolidations
- Next steps:
 - o Research owner development plans/permits in progress
 - o Investigate if the 14 vacant lots are legitimately consolidated for tax purposes under Yukon laws
 - o Field inspections of vacant lots to further consolidation

Council wants a further analysis of lots identified by Across the River Consulting as “Residential Yards”.

d) Information Report: Rec Centre Update

The CAO updated Council on where the Rec Centre project was at:

- Additional work was completed in conjunction with the Dome Road Master Plan
 - o Preliminary Geotechnical Evaluation
 - o Metal Concentrations Assessment
 - o Phase II Environmental Site Assessment
- Recent Developments:
 - o administration has recently met with Infrastructure Development on moving forward with the next steps in this project.
 - o Next steps with YG Infrastructure as the current project manager for this project is to complete the conceptual design and refine details of option1 – Dome road
 - o Continue to work with YG in securing adequate funds for the project as well as leveraging City of Dawson funds that have been reserved in the Rec Facility Reserve to its maximum potential.
 - o Administration will be meeting in person with Infrastructure Development Branch at the end of March on several projects, including the new Recreation Centre project.

- CW22-05-06** Moved by Councillor Somerville, seconded by Mayor Kendrick that Committee of the Whole meeting CW22-05 be extended not to exceed past 11:00 p.m. Carried 4-0
e) Council Chambers IT Update

The CAO updated Council on the Council Chambers IT:

- Peter Menzies from CFYT came in to look at the current equipment. His suggestion was to have the person doing the IT for the GA this spring to come in and have a look at the Council Chambers equipment and setup.

Agenda Item: Bylaws & Policies

- a) Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. 5 (2021-14) & Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 14 (2021-15)

Council held discussion regarding the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments.

- CW22-05-07** Moved by Councillor Somerville, seconded by Councillor Pikálek that Committee of the Whole leaves the Commercial and Residential Mixed-Use definition as it currently is. Carried 3-1

- CW22-05-08** Moved by Councillor Somerville, seconded by Councillor Pikálek that Committee of the Whole postpone discussion of Sections 10 onward to a future Committee of the Whole meeting. Carried 4-0

Agenda Item: Public Questions

Lewis Miesen: The City has Development Incentives that have been in place since 2019. How many applications for Development Incentives have been processed? How many people are actually going through this process?

Council: People have been applying for and receiving Development Incentives.

Lewis Miesen: How many vacant properties are there currently in Dawson? Talking more about buildings that have been abandoned.

Council: There is a report in the agenda package that talks only about vacant land. We'll get back to you.

Lewis Miesen: The current vacancy rate in Dawson is very low, as you know. According to Yukon monthly statistical review for January of this year it was 1.7%. Given the severity of our housing shortage, why is this information not publicly listed next to the Development Incentives?

Lewis Miesen: Is there a plan to go after the vacant buildings? I'm talking abandoned buildings that have been there for 40 years and nothing seems to have been done.

Council: The Fire Chief requires owners of derelict buildings that are fire hazards to deal with them.

Agenda Item: In Camera

- CW22-05-09** Moved by Mayor Kendrick, seconded by Councillor Somerville that Committee of the Whole move into a closed session of Committee of the Whole, as authorized by Section 213(3) of the Municipal Act, for the purposes of discussing a legal/land related matters. Carried 4-0

CW22-05-10 Moved by Councillor Somerville, seconded by Councillor Pikálek that Committee of the Whole revert to an open session of Committee of the Whole to proceed with the agenda.
Carried 4-0

Agenda Item: Adjournment

CW22-05-11 Moved by Councillor Somerville, seconded by Councillor Pikálek that Committee of the Whole meeting CW22-05 be adjourned at 10:55 p.m. with the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole being April 27, 2022.
Carried 5-0

THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CW22-05 WERE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RESOLUTION #CW22-06-02 AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CW22-06 OF APRIL 27, 2022.

Original signed by:
Mayor Kendrick, Chair

Cory Bellmore, CAO