



**CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE**  
**Adopted Council Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor D. Lovell,  
Councillor C. Best,  
Councillor B. Brooks,  
Councillor B. Lyons,  
Councillor B. McDonald,  
Councillor K. O'Reilly, and  
Councillor A. Woytuik.

**City Staff:** M. Hall,  
T. Burge,  
R. Charpentier,  
M. Christensen,  
S. Dunn,  
G. Kehoe,  
J. Smyth,  
D. Euchner,

1. Councillor Woytuik read the Opening Prayer/Meditation.

**AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS**

2. There were no awards, ceremonies nor presentations for the agenda.

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

- #0073-00      3. Councillor McDonald moved,  
Councillor Woytuik seconded,

**That the Minutes of Council for the  
regular meeting of Monday, February 28,  
2000 be adopted as amended.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.



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**CORRESPONDENCE & 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. Councillor Brooks congratulated the "Snowking" Tony Folliot on the work he has put into the development of the Snow Castle on Great Slave Lake in Old Town which has become a popular tourist attraction.

Councillor Brooks stated that he recently attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Board of Directors Meeting. Topics for discussion included the physician and nursing crisis in remote municipalities; impact on northern and remote communities regarding aviation transportation; economic development; and lack of road infrastructure. While at the meeting, Councillor Brooks was elected Vice-Chair of the Northern Rural & Remote Caucus. Councillor Brooks will submit a full travel report to Committee.

9. Councillor Lyons stated that he recently attended the Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, YT and expressed thanks to all those who were involved with the Games. Councillor Lyons noted that he spoke to a number of business owners who all stressed the importance of tourism to their community.



10. Mayor Lovell stated that he recently attended the Prospectors and Developers Annual Conference. Mayor Lovell noted that the conference theme was continuous investment in mining exploration and that the conference was an extreme success. The Yellowknife booth was very popular and Mayor Lovell thanked the Economic Development Division for their assistance in this regard. Mayor Lovell noted that he will be submitting a complete travel report to Committee.
11. Councillor McDonald noted that Cindy MacDougall will be leaving Northern News Services and will now be working for CBC. Councillor McDonald stated that the coverage received from Ms. MacDougall has been fair and he bid her good wishes.

<b>INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
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Priorities, Policies and Budget Committee Report for February 28, 2000

12. Councillor Woytuik read a report of a meeting held on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall lower boardroom. The attendance was noted.
- #0074-00 13. Councillor Woytuik moved,  
Councillor Brooks seconded,

**That Council agree to accept the donation of computers from the Gates Foundation and adhere to the guidelines of the Foundation.**

Council noted that the only condition placed on the four computers donated is that public access not be mediated on them. Council acknowledged the Gates Foundation for their contribution.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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Public Services Committee Report for March 7, 2000

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14. Councillor Best read a report of a meeting held on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall lower boardroom. The attendance was noted.
- #0075-00 15. Councillor Best moved,  
Councillor Brooks seconded,

**That the parking restrictions on Franklin Avenue from 47<sup>th</sup> Street to 54<sup>th</sup> Street from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. be removed and that parking restrictions from 3:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. be continued.**

Those in favour of the motion noted that they have received several positive responses from the public who are happy that they are able to park on Franklin Avenue during the lunch hour. Members stated that this helps to promote the downtown and has a positive effect on businesses. Council noted that alternatives such as an advanced turning light, a slower speed limit in the downtown and restricted parking on the corners could be reviewed to address safety concerns. Council also suggested that the City review the way in which traffic is moved noting that the majority of current traffic movements are single occupant vehicles.

Those opposed to the motion stated that the problem with traffic congestion on Franklin Avenue was identified and addressed a few years ago and at that time Council decided the best solution would be to go with four lanes of traffic which proved to be a viable solution.



The current study showed that the problem still exists and that permitting parking during the noon hour would be a step backwards and only transport traffic to the side streets.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Councillor Woytuik opposed)**

**ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS**

16. By-law No. 4098 - A by-law to amend Livery Licence By-law No. 3653, as amended, was presented for Third Reading.

#0076-00 17. Councillor Best moved,  
Councillor Lyons seconded,

**Third Reading of By-law No. 4098.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

18. By-law No. 4099 - A by-law to amend Garbage By-law No. 3761, as amended, was presented for Third Reading.

#0077-00 19. Councillor Best moved,  
Councillor Brooks seconded,

**Third Reading of By-law No. 4099.**

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Councillor O'Reilly opposed)**

**DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**



21. There was no old business.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

22. Councillor Best gave notice that she will move reconsideration of Motion #0479-99, which reads as follows:

That the number of hours that the Yellowknife Public Library is open to the public be reduced on Wednesday by four hours, Friday by one hour and on Saturdays by three hours for a total of eight hours.

at the next regular meeting of Council.

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

23. Council noted that Mr. Vaughan del Valle has requested to make a presentation regarding the new Zoning By-law. Mayor Lovell advised Mr. del Valle that Council is unable to hear his presentation on this matter until after the by-law has received Third Reading. Council noted that there have been several opportunities for the public to provide input on the by-law and that there are other remedies, such as spot zoning, that Mr. del Valle may wish to pursue. Council noted that when the by-law is presented for Third Reading, any Member may put forward a motion to refer the issue back for a second public hearing.
24. Council heard a presentation from Mr. Jim Wiley, a resident who had worked at the Giant Mine for over 20 years. Mr. Wiley told Council that he has been advised that his pension from the Government will be reduced by 25% as his former employer, Royal Oak Giant Mine, underfunded the pension plan. Mr. Wiley stated that during contract negotiations dating as far back as 1978, the company assured the miners that the Government of Canada ensures that the company contributes the proper amounts to the pension fund. As a result of the pension cut, Mr.



Wiley and other pensioners are circulating a petition calling for the Government of Canada to reinstate their pensions and amend its legislation to ensure that this does not happen again in the future. As of this date there are over 1500 signatures on the petition.

25. Council heard a presentation from Mr. Don McNenley who retired from the Giant Mine last March after 32 years of service and whose pension has also been reduced. Mr. McNenley stated that he hopes that the pensions are reinstated, however, if they aren't successful, he would like to see the legislation changed. Mr. McNenley thanked the citizens who have helped with this petition.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- #0078-00 26. Councillor Brooks moved,  
Councillor O'Reilly seconded,

**That:**

1. By-law No. 4100, being a by-law authorizing the City to acquire a freehold interest in Lot 30, Block 23 (provisional) from the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, be presented for adoption;
2. By-law No. 4101, being a by-law authorizing the City to enter into lease agreement with the Side Door Ministries for Lot 30, Block 23 (provisional), be presented for adoption; and
3. The lease agreement between the Side Door Ministries and the City of Yellowknife be subject to:
  - a) A term of Ten (10) years, with an option to renew for



a further Ten (10) years;

b) An nominal annual lease fee of \$1.00, subject to amendment upon future revisions to municipal lease policies;

c) The Lessees accepting responsibility for all costs associated with renovations and repairs to, and the maintenance and operation of, the building and land.

Council noted that the lease will restrict the use of the building to that of a youth centre.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

27. By-law No. 4100 - A By-law to authorize the City to acquire a freehold interest in Lot 30, Block 23 (provisional), formerly the Mine Rescue Building (#4903 - 50<sup>th</sup> Street), from the Commissioner of Northwest Territories, was presented for First and Second Reading.

- #0079-00 28. Councillor Brooks moved,  
Councillor Best seconded,

**First Reading of By-law No. 4100.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0080-00 29. Councillor Brooks moved,  
Councillor McDonald seconded,

**Second Reading of By-law No. 4100.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**





30. By-law No. 4101 - A by-law authorizing the City to enter into a lease agreement with the Side Door Ministries for Lot 30, Block 23 (provisional), formerly the Mine Rescue Building (#4903 - 50<sup>th</sup> Street), was presented for First and Second Reading.

- #0081-00 31. Councillor Brooks moved,  
Councillor Best seconded,

**First Reading of By-law No. 4101.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0082-00 32. Councillor Brooks moved,  
Councillor O'Reilly seconded,

**Second Reading of By-law No. 4101.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0083-00 33. Councillor Brooks moved,  
Councillor Woytuik seconded,

**That March 21, 2000 be proclaimed as "International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination" in the City of Yellowknife.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- #0084-00 34. Councillor Brooks moved,  
Councillor Best seconded,

**That, pursuant to the Council Procedures By-law No. 4025, the notice requirement for bringing forward New Business be waived and that Councillor O'Reilly be permitted to introduce a motion in support of the Giant Mine Pensioners.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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#0085-00      35.      Councillor O'Reilly moved,  
                 Councillor McDonald seconded,

That Council adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS corporate underfunding (as allowed by the *Federal Pension Benefits Act*) of the pension plan for workers at Royal Oak Giant Mine in Yellowknife has resulted in a 25% cut to individual retirees' pensions; and

WHEREAS deficiencies in the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* has meant that these same workers have received none of the severance pay to which they were entitled; and

WHEREAS a negotiated arrangement to which a Federal Government Department is party allowed these egregious wrongs to continue; and

WHEREAS the cuts to the pensions and severance payments for former Giant mine workers will adversely affect these individuals, their families and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS Resolution #0311-99 of the Council of the City of Yellowknife, which was passed unanimously on September 9, 1999, called for the fair treatment of Giant Yellowknife workers as part of any agreement on the future of the property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Yellowknife call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Ensure that all workers at Royal Oak Giant Yellowknife mine receive their full earned pension entitlement;



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- Ensure that these workers receive all severance entitlements to which they were entitled;
  - Amend the Pension Benefit Act and Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act to enshrine and give precedence to the protection of the rights and interests of Canadian workers.

Councillor O'Reilly provided Council with background information, noting that the 25% cutback is in addition to the 12% cut imposed by the Courts at the request of the company liquidator. In addition to the pension cutbacks, the workers of the Royal Oak Giant Yellowknife Mine have not received their severance pay for which they are entitled. Council noted that the pension cutbacks not only affect current retirees but that all retirees will lose 25%. It was suggested that this resolution be forwarded to the NWT Association of Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for their endorsement.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES</b>
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36. There were no administrative enquiries.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

#0086-00      37.      Councillor Best moved,  
                         Councillor McDonald seconded,

**That the Meeting be adjourned at 8:20  
p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mayor

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City Administrator