



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, July 8, 2013 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, July 8, 2012 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chairman: Mayor M. Heyck,
Councillor R. Alty,
Councillor A. Bell,
Councillor B. Brooks,
Councillor L. Bussey,
Councillor N. Konge,
Councillor C. Vanthuyne, and
Councillor D. Wong.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

D. Kefalas,
J. Humble,
P. Houweling,
C. Greencorn,
D. Marchiori,
N. Naidoo,
K. Penney,
G. White,
S. Woodward, and
S. Jovic.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	(For Information Only) There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.
2.	Committee discussed a resolution regarding the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's report on the Giant Mine Remediation Project Environmental Assessment.

Committee recommends that the following resolution be presented for adoption:



DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS Yellowknife City Council voted unanimously on March 18, 2008 to make a mandatory referral of the Giant Mine Remediation Project water licence application for an environmental assessment pursuant to s. 126(2)(d) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*;

WHEREAS the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board issued its Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Giant Mine Remediation Project (EA0809-001) on June 20, 2013;

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife participated in good faith in the environmental assessment of the Giant Mine Remediation Project in an attempt to resolve concerns directly related to the Project, including:

- Possible water quality changes;
- Potential ice thinning in Back Bay and related public safety;
- Future land use at the site given the City's lease of the townsite and marina areas;
- Community-based and independent oversight; and
- Ongoing investment into research and development of a more permanent solution for the management of the underground arsenic.

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife continues to believe that there is significant public concern with the Giant Mine Remediation Project and the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts from the Project;

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife has carefully reviewed the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Giant Mine Remediation Project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Yellowknife considers the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Giant Mine Remediation Project to provide a reasonable path forward provided that all the recommended binding measures are implemented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Yellowknife calls upon the Responsible Ministers for the Giant Mine Remediation Project (federal Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Environment Canada, and Fisheries and Oceans, and territorial Environment and Natural Resources) to fully accept the measures recommended by the Review Board pursuant to s. 130(1)(b)(i) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor of Yellowknife write the Responsible Ministers to convey this motion as soon as possible and work with other interested parties to ensure that the Report of Environmental Assessment and its recommendations are fully implemented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Yellowknife City Council direct its Administration to continue efforts to resolve other outstanding issues on the Giant Mine that were outside the scope of the environmental assessment including, but not limited to:

- **Replacement of the water pipeline from the Yellowknife River to the City pumphouse;**
- **Payments in lieu of taxes;**
- **Soil remediation criteria for the Giant Mine townsite;**
- **Coordinated emergency services planning for the Giant Mine;**
- **Bonding; and**
- **Projects Related to Harbour Plan.**

MOVE APPROVAL

3. **Committee read a memorandum regarding whether to proceed with Public Engagement on Tin Can Hill Trail Development.** Committee noted that Tin Can Hill was rezoned from “Growth Management” (GM) to “Parks and Recreation” (PR) through By-law No. 4528 (adopted January 9, 2012). As detailed on Figure 1 below, the first phase of Tin Can Hill trail development is Lot 10, Block 203, Plan 4460 (area shaded in green) and extends from the shores of Yellowknife Bay on Great Slave Lake eastward toward the School Draw and Rat Lake areas as far south as the Con Mine Lease area. The area is well utilized as an informal recreation site for dog walkers, hikers, ATV’s/snowmobiles, and explorers (as shown by existing trails on Figure 1). The site also contains a number of unregulated camp sites and the area is a well-known location for impromptu celebrations. Future phases of park and trail development would be the area immediately adjacent Rat Lake as well as the Con Mine lease lands extending to the shore of Yellowknife Bay (see Figure 1 below). The development of a trail network within Tin Can Hill will provide a linkage to the eventual trail system referred to generally as the mine-to-mine trail connecting the historic Giant Mine area to the historic Con Mine area. Essential will be additional connectivity for multi-users to access the area from a number of access points that lead to and from Great Slave Lake as well as maintaining the heavily used historic trails.