

## **Resolution for a Frack-Free Whitehorse**

Whereas the City of Whitehorse plans to become carbon neutral by 2030 and in order to achieve this goal needs to decrease fossil fuel use for all new City infrastructure, diversify its renewable energy sources, and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

And whereas the City of Whitehorse recognizes that its fossil fuel dependency is causing climate change which is a present and increasing challenge for the North and in particular that climate change is an increased risk to the City's infrastructure;

And whereas the Yukon Government recognizes that the Yukon, including the Whitehorse Trough, has natural gas potential which, if exploited, will likely be done using the hydraulic fracturing (fracking) method that has the potential to worsen the impacts of climate change and affect Whitehorse's drinking water and wilderness;

And whereas the City recognizes that the Yukon's main electrical utility, Yukon Energy, plans to transition to using natural gas to meet the growing demand for electricity, and that new natural gas supplies from outside the Yukon are likely to come from hydraulically fractured sources, and that as gas prices increase the Yukon will eventually be forced to exploit it locally to meet local demand;

And whereas municipalities across the Yukon and Canada recognize their responsibility, capacity and leadership role to address climate change but that leadership is also needed by the Yukon and federal governments to facilitate the transition to renewable energy;

Therefore the City of Whitehorse declares that within its municipal jurisdiction over clean water and greenhouse gas emission reductions, there will be no extraction of fossil fuel and in particular, natural gas from hydraulically fractured sources;

And furthermore, the City of Whitehorse declares that it will not accept any new electricity that is generated using hydraulically fractured natural gas.

And furthermore, the City of Whitehorse urges the Yukon Government and Yukon Energy to meet the growing demand for electrical energy through renewable energy only, and to pursue demand side and load management programs to help meet the City's goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

City of Whitehorse

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