

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 17  
November 2, 2021

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

CHRISTOPHER IRVIN –MAYOR  
LAUREN HANCHAR – COUNCILOR  
THOMAS SLAGER – COUNCILOR  
DENINA PAQUETTE – COUNCILOR  
DALE BURDES – COUNCILOR

PUBLIC  
C.Craft – Zoom  
J.Carson – Zoom  
Z.Morrison – Zoom  
J.Stackhouse – Zoom  
R.Wilkinson

ADMINISTRATION

CAMERON LOCKWOOD – CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Irvin.

Mayor Irvin welcomed the newly elected and returning members of Council.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION 021-17-146**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar  
that:

The agenda be amended to include item #11. – Recreation Advisory Committee  
Representative.

-CARRIED –

**MINUTES**

**MOTION 021-17-147**

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2021 be adopted as presented.

-CARRIED –

**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE**

**MOTION 021-17-148**

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Burdes  
that:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$297,651.62 be paid.

-CARRIED-

**DELEGATION**

ZOE MORRISON  
ZONING BY-LAW

Zoe Morrison from Stantec introduced the draft Zoning Bylaw to Council and gave a brief explanation to the newly elected members of Council on the purpose of the bylaw which provides for orderly, efficient, economic, and environmentally sensitive development in the Town, by:

a)

b) establishing land use zones and associated regulations to control the use, location, type, and level of development allowed to occur on a parcel of land within the Town of Watson Lake; and

- c) setting out rules and procedures including the forms, costs, information requirements and processes to be followed to regulate land use and development in the Community.

Zoe identified specific changes that have been made to the Zoning Bylaw and provided an updated version of the Zoning maps. Changes to the Commercial Highway and Commercial Local zones were made.

Mayor Irvin addressed the changes to the Commercial Highway and Commercial Local zones and suggested more discussion is needed on this topic.

Councilor Slager enquired as to why Windid Lake is outside the municipal boundaries and what process is involved in extending the boundaries to include this area. The Municipal boundaries are created by Order in Council as per the Municipal Act.

Councilor Paquette appreciated the concept of landscaping for the downtown Commercial properties.

Administration advised there is still a Public Hearing and community engagement going forward on the draft Zoning bylaw.

Mayor Irvin thanked Zoe and expressed appreciation for her efforts and hard work over the past two years and the work that has been done to date.

## **REPORTS** CAO REPORT

Administration welcomed the newly elected and returning members of Council. He also thanked all the candidates that put their names forward with their interest in serving on behalf of the community.

Administration provided Council with an update on various infrastructure projects. The concrete work that was done at the Municipal Services Building did not pass quality control and was removed, causing a delay. An inspection was carried out with Johnston Builders, YG, and contractors for substantial completion. Some deficiencies remain that need to be completed prior to the goal of November 17th. A community Open house is scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup>.

The levelling of the former Campbell Block is complete and requires the engineers to sign off on the project. This will provide excess parking.

The roofing project at the Northern Lights Centre is complete.

Administration was presented with the draft design for the Recreation centre changeroom upgrades and provided Council with an update on the changes that will take place.

The energy upgrades for the lighting and energy efficiencies at the recplex was addressed. Design & engineering plans and specs are being prepared with a cost estimate. The weatherstripping has been completed. Although funding is available through Energy Solutions, the cost was higher than expected and will be re-evaluated and budgeted in the 2022 budget.

The landfill public waste drop-off area is in the design stage with full construction planned for the spring. This will provide the Town tighter control over the landfill and will streamline where items are being placed. This will also provide the option to open the landfill 7 days/week.

The Admin Building landscape project funded by YG Community Services has been extended and the contractor is slated to commence work in the spring.

The funding application for the inground Infrastructure projects is in Ottawa awaiting approval. The design contract closes on Friday.

The tender documents for the Frances Avenue subdivision expansion are at YG Lands Branch. Unfortunately, the project is on hold until such time that YG has further consultation with Liard First Nation.

The Ski Chalet renovations are complete. The letter of Understanding with the Ski Club has been drafted and is to be followed up with their executive to come into effect November 1, 2021.

The Operations Manager is making remarkable progress on Infrastructure and Safety issues.

Departments are working on the 2022 Operational budget which is to be passed by resolution of Council no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The installation of the holding tank at Wye Lake was cancelled due to problems experienced with high water. This will be included with the infrastructure projects when the water/sewer lines are being upgraded on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilor Slager enquired on the status of the Electric vehicle charging station. The project is complete and YG will be back to install the charging station and appropriate signage.

The installation of the street lights on Ravenhill Drive is complete. Yukon Hospital Corporation has agreed to pay 1/3 of the cost. Mayor Irvin suggested a letter be sent to Liard First Nation requesting they also pay a portion of the cost.

#### **NEW & UNFINISHED**

#### **ASSISTED GARBAGE COLLECTION POLICY**

Council was provided with a draft statement of policy to establish guidelines with respect to assisted garbage collection for residents who have temporary or chronic mobility challenges that limit their ability to have their garbage container placed at the curbside on collection day. Councilor Paquette requested consideration be given to residents that are homebound and have more than the two garbage bag limit. It was suggested that they be allowed to have more than the bylaw allows without purchasing the extra garbage tags. Administration suggested any residents ultimately requiring more than two garbage bags contact the Town office to make arrangements for the extra bags. Council agreed to review the policy and reintroduce at the next meeting.

#### **COUNCILOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

Council was in receipt of the Councilor Code of Conduct for their information.

#### **AYC REPRESENTATIVE**

#### **MOTION 021-17-149**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Paquette  
that:

Councilor Hanchar be appointed as the Town of Watson Lake AYC Representative.

**-CARRIED-**

DEPUTY MAYOR  
APPOINTMENT

MOTION 021-17-150

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Burdes  
that:

Councilor Hanchar be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the Town of Watson  
Lake.

-CARRIED-

WL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
APPOINTMENT

MOTION 021-17-151

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

Mayor Irvin be appointed as the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce  
representative for the Town of Watson Lake.

-CARRIED-

RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

MOTION 021-17-152

Moved by Councilor Paquette, seconded by Councilor Burdes  
that:

Councilor Slager be appointed as the Recreation Advisory Committee  
representative for the Town of Watson Lake.

-CARRIED-

COUNCILOR  
OPEN FORUM

Councilor Hanchar suggested that any Hallowe'en fireworks debris left in Wye  
Lake Park or on the Wye Lake trail be removed as soon as possible.

Councilor Paquette suggested that the annual spring clean-up program be expanded.  
This subject will be addressed in the new year prior to the commencement of the  
spring clean-up.

GALLERY  
OPEN FORUM

YG Community Services Advisory Jordan Stackhouse congratulated the newly  
elected and returning members of Council and informed them that Michael Krauss  
will be the new Community Advisor for Watson Lake. Mayor Irvin thanked Jordan  
and appreciated all his work with YG and wished him well in his future endeavours.

Ruth Wilkinson appreciated that the fire siren has returned to its original 5:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 021-17-153

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Burdes  
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

-CARRIED –

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Chris Irvin – Mayor

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Terri Close – Municipal Clerk

