

**TOWN OF WATSON LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM**

**MEETING NO. 20  
November 15, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE**

Christopher Irvin – Mayor  
Denina Paquette – Councillor  
Lauren Hanchar – Councillor  
Dale Burdes – Councillor  
Thomas Slager - Councillor

**Administration**

Cam Lockwood – CAO  
Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk  
Colin O’Hara – Fire Chief

**Public**

J. Carlson*	R. Wilkinson
M. Prowse*	P. McLeod*

**Delegation**

Mary Vanderkop – Department of Environment\*  
Sam Cotterell – Department of Environment\*

*Electronic Attendance\**

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

**AGENDA**

**MOTION 022-20-172**

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to change the order of agenda items.

- CARRIED -

**MINUTES**

**MOTION 022-20-173**

Moved by Councillor Burdes, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2022 be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

**ACCOUNTS**  
**PAYABLE**

**Open Payables**

**MOTION 022-20-174**

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$406,230.52 be approved and paid.

- CARRIED -

Councillor Hanchar asked that the large purchase amounts be stated for the record, which included Whitehorse Motors for the purchase of two fleet pickup trucks, Superior Roofing for repairs done at the Recreation Centre, and HVAC Services for heating upgrades at the Recreation Centre and Northern Lights Centre.

**NEW AND UNFINISHED**

**Oath of Appointment**

New Fire Chief, Colin O'Hara was officially sworn in as a Designated Municipal Officer for the Town of Watson Lake.

**DELEGATION**

**Department of Environment  
Animal Protection Act**

Mary Vanderkop, Chief Veterinary Officer for the Department of Environment presented on the Animal Protection Act. The Act is to replace the outdated Dog Act, and address issues around animal welfare and protection, feral livestock, loose dogs, and exotic animals as pets, among other things. The Act will be enforced at a territorial level, with the potential to appoint Officers at a municipal level. The Department will now move into a more extensive engagement process on the specific details, which will help form the Regulations.

Council and Administration had several questions and concerns about how the Act will affect the municipality, administrative duties and costs being downloaded from government, how current bylaws may be impacted, and what partnerships might look like. Administration will bring forward additional questions at the upcoming presentation to Chief Administrative Officers.

**REPORTS**

**CAO Report**

Administration shared that a Community Christmas Dinner is planned on December 14<sup>th</sup> and asked that Council attend and serve dinner. Council was also invited to the Town Staff Christmas party on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Administration announced that CanNor funding in the amount of \$742,000.00 has been approved, for the replacement of the Northern Lights Centre projection, sound, and lighting systems, and to complete other needed facility upgrades. Funding must be administered by March 31, 2023. Administration explained that this funding is on top of what has been committed by Economic Development. Mayor Irvin commented on the importance of marketing the new state of the art system and facility.

An update was provided on current work in progress including, the fuel tank installation at the Northern Lights Centre, Recreation Centre lighting project being close to completion, the progress of the Recreation Centre changeroom renovations, and the servicing of boiler systems.

An extension was made to the closing of the Public Waste Drop-Off Tender, which now closes November 25<sup>th</sup>. Upon closing Administration will meet with Colliers and will come back to Council with a recommendation.

#### **Policing Report**

Council was in receipt of the October Policing Report from the Watson Lake Detachment. Council directed Administration to invite Corp. O'Connell to the December Committee of the Whole Meeting to introduce new members and to discuss 2023 policing priorities.

#### **BYLAWS**

##### **Bylaw #2021-11 Zoning Bylaw**

##### **MOTION 022-20-175**

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

Zoning Bylaw #2021-11, being a bylaw to provide for orderly, efficient, economic, and environmentally sensitive development in the Town of Watson Lake, be introduced for Third Reading.

- CARRIED -

Administration confirmed that the errors brought forward from the public, regarding the zoning maps, had been corrected.

##### **Bylaw #2022-08 Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw**

##### **MOTION 022-20-176**

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw #2022-08, being a bylaw to amend the Fees and Chares Bylaw, be introduced for First Reading.

- CARRIED -

**MOTION 022-20-177**

Moved by Councillor Burdes, seconded by Councillor Hanchar THAT:

Capital Budget Amendment Bylaw #2022-09, being a bylaw to amend the 2022 Capital Budget, be introduced for First and Second Reading.

- CARRIED -

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

**CAMA Conference**

Administration had proposed that travel and accommodations be covered to attend the annual CAMA conference in May, with all other expenses being covered by a scholarship.

**MOTION 022-20-178**

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Council approve the travel and accommodation expenses for Administration's attendance to the 2023 CAMA Conference.

- CARRIED -

**COUNCILLOR**  
**OPEN FORUM**

Councillor Hanchar commented that the FCM Conference is scheduled around the same time as the CAMA conference and expressed interest in attending. Councillor Hanchar felt that it would also be beneficial for CAO Lockwood to attend, as well as other interested Council members. Administration explained that Town representatives have attended in the past and that the conference is a worth while event. Council to discuss further at December 6<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor Slager inquired about the barrels at the Water Treatment Plant, and if they could be used for the Lucky Lake dock replacement. Administration explained that materials for the new dock need to meet certain environmental standards and that the barrels may be put for auction.

Mayor Irvin shared that Deputy Chief Schilling proposed a partnership between the Town and Daylu Dena Council, to hire a local artist to create a mural in the Recreation Hall. Council expressed interest in a possible joint venture and asked that Administration bring forward ideas for consideration at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

Councillor Paquette brought forward the state of the fabric on the walls of the Recreation Hall. Administration explained that the fabric needs replacement, which is being explored.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 022-20-179

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

There be no further business the meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED -



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Christopher Irvin – Mayor



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Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk



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The following information is being furnished to you:

It is requested that you advise the Bureau of the results of your investigation.

Very truly yours,  
Special Agent in Charge

