

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM

MEETING NO. 1
January 5, 2021

ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC

CHRIS IRVIN – MAYOR
ERIN LABONTE – COUNCILOR
LAUREN HANCHAR – COUNCILOR
JOHN DEVRIES – COUNCILOR
THOMAS SLAGER – COUNCILOR

Ruth Wilkinson – via Zoom
Sarah Russo – via Zoom
Jordan Stackhouse – via Zoom

ADMINISTRATION

CAMERON LOCKWOOD – Chief Administrative Officer
GRO BRODERSEN – A/Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 021-01-01

Moved by Councilor Devries, seconded by Councilor Hanchar
that:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 021-01-02

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte
that:

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2020 be adopted.

- CARRIED -

REPORTS

CAO Report

CAO Cam Lockwood gave a verbal presentation of his report.

- The new Loader is on the way to Watson Lake. The new Plow Truck is being worked on to add extras.
- Work on the Budget is continuing
- Several people have been re-assigned in the Government of Yukon departments. Jordan Stackhouse, our Community Advisor, will be taking time off. Sarah Russo will fill that position in his absence.
- The Town will receive COVID relief funds. A Restart Plan is being worked on. Any funds not spent will have to be returned.
- The Public Works crew was commended for coming in on a holiday to plow snow after a large snowfall.

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 021-01-03

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte
that:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$180,067.76 be paid.

-CARRIED -

BY-LAWS

BY-LAW 20-19

MOTION 021-01-04

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

By-Law 20-19, being a By-Law to collect fees and charges be introduced for Second Reading.

-CARRIED -

BY-LAW 20-20

MOTION 021-01-05

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

By-Law 20-20, being a By-Law to provide for the collection, storage, transportation and disposal of solid waste in the Town of Watson Lake be introduced for Second Reading.

Council discussed composting around Town and would like more wording added to the By-Law to cover this aspect. Administration will look into it and seek help from YTG.

-CARRIED-

**COUNCILOR
OPEN FORUM**

Councilor Devries inquired about contaminated soil protocols. Administration explained that certification is needed before it will be accepted at the Landfill. This ensures that the soil has been remediated.

Councilor Slager spoke about the user groups needing help due to COVID restrictions and not being able to fundraise as usual. Administration explained that the fees are being waived until March 31, 2021 in the Recreation Department.

Jordan Stackhouse spoke about the Strategic Planning session slated for January 6, 2021. A COVID Restart Plan will be worked on and he requested Council come up with their top two ideas.

Councilor Devries inquired about the Ace Asphalt property and the need for an assessment. The owner is deceased. There is a hole in the fence which needs to be addressed because of the potential liability issue. Administration will send a letter to the owner regarding the fence.

**GALLERY
OPEN FORUM**

Jordan Stackhouse introduced Sarah Russo, who will be filling in for four months while Jordan is on leave. Jordan commended Council on their work to date on the Strategic Plan. Mayor Irvin welcomed Sarah and thanked Jordan.

Ruth Wilkinson addressed the issue that the garbage cans need to be out at 7:00 am for collection. This may pose a problem in the summer since it may attract bears. Ruth had a concern about their property at 206 Wye Drive being designated as a vacant lot.

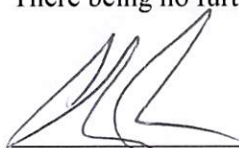
Mayor Irvin suggested Ruth send a letter to Council with her concerns.

MOTION 021-01-6

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

-CARRIED -



Christopher Irvin – Mayor



Terri Close – Municipal Clerk