

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 11  
June 1, 2021

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT  
C.Irvin

LAUREN HANCHAR – ACTING MAYOR  
JOHN DEVRIES – COUNCILOR  
THOMAS SLAGER – COUNCILOR  
ERIN LABONTE – COUNCILOR

PUBLIC  
J.Stackhouse  
C.Craft  
J.Carlson

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

**AGENDA**

**MOTION 021-11-85**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte  
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include Community Services Grant.

-CARRIED –

**MINUTES**

**MOTION 021-11-86**

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of May 18th, 2021 as presented.

-CARRIED –

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**MOTION 021-11-86**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte  
that:

The Open payables in the amount of \$537,649.12 be paid.

-CARRIED-

**REPORTS**

Administration informed Council that the new plow truck has arrived and is already being used hauling cover material to the landfill. Environment carried out an inspection at the landfill. The amount of plastic bags is an ongoing issue. There were other inspections carried out at the lagoon, waterplant, etc. A report will be sent of any deficiencies.

The pool had waterline problems which delayed the opening, but it is now scheduled to open June 9<sup>th</sup>. The pool will not be able to offer lessons as there was no training available for the staff.

The Northern Lights Centre is scheduled to open Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The hours will be adjusted once the end of school when the students are available to start work at the Centre.

There was flooding at the Ski Chalet which occurred as a result of the high ground water. The Town is working with the Insurance Company on this matter. The older wells had large volumes of water, causing pressure on the basement, but the Town was able to secure the services of Murphy Built Construction to assist with opening the walls.

There is a site meeting at the Municipal Services building on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The tie in of the new water and sewer lines will take place this week. Significant progress is being made moving forward.

The Admin building siding deficiencies have been completed. The landscaping project will proceed with \$200,000 in funding from YG.

The cemetery bylaw is being drafted in addition to scheduling for public consultation.

There are two Admin office positions which have been advertised with closing dates of June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**BY-LAWS**

**MOTION 021-11-87**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

By-Law 21-05, being a By-Law to transfer ownership of land be introduced for First & Second Reading.

-CARRIED-

**MOTION 021-11-88**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

By-law 21-04, Being a By-law to consolidate the Fees & Charges be introduced for Second Reading.

-CARRIED-

Council discussed the information that was provided regarding the rental of items at the Recplex. The fee for rental of the tablecloths was debated and whether there be a laundering fee charged.

**MOTION 021-11-89**

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Devries that:

By-Law 21-04 be amended to include a laundering fee of \$30.00 for tablecloths and remove the separate tablecloth fees.

-CARRIED-

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

**BY-LAW 09-08,  
COUNCILOR INDEMNITIES**

Council discussed By-Law 09-08, being a By-Law to provide for the indemnities and expenses to be paid to Mayor & Council for the Town of Watson Lake. Council reviewed and compared what is paid in other communities.

Discussion continued regarding the difference between being paid an annual indemnity rate as opposed to being paid \$125.00/ meeting. Administration suggested that proposed changes to the bylaw be implemented before the next Council election.

MOTION 021-11-90

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

Administration research further, and provide feedback to Council.

-CARRIED-

FRANCES AVENUE  
LOT EXTENSION

Council discussed the draft letter to Liard First Nation regarding the proposed development of 43 lots on Frances Avenue. Council is seeking support for the Frances Avenue extension to proceed this summer as this area has been identified as a high potential for residential development and work has advanced significantly over the past couple of years.

MOTION 021-11-91

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

Council approve the letter as presented and agree to have the letter sent to Liard First Nation.

-CARRIED-

YUKON ENERGY  
BRANCH

Administration provided Council with information from Yukon Energy branch regarding a potential location for an electric vehicle fast charger in the community. The Town Administration building was chosen as the best location for this installation. There will be no costs incurred to the Town, as it is energy efficient and will not consume much power or have an impact on the Town of Watson Lake. Council expressed concerns with the location as the new landscape design for the Administration Building was recently approved and suggested alternative options be explored in the community for a more suitable location.

MOTION 021-11-92

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

Council requested more information and tabled this discussion to the July 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

-CARRIED-

COMMUNITY SERVICES  
GRANT

Council reviewed applications from various Non-profit organizations for the Community Services Grants to be applied to their 2021 property.

MOTION 021-11-93

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte  
that:

Council approve the grants as presented.

-CARRIED-

**COUNCILOR  
OPEN FORUM**

Councilor Devries discussed future land use and would like clarification on this subject. YG Community Services Advisor, Jordan Stackhouse provided an update. There are currently 6 land initiatives in Watson Lake that are being perused. The Thompson Drive development is on hold until further discussion between LFN & YG. More focus is on the Frances Avenue expansion and YG is going forward with funding initiatives and tenders are being prepared.

Councilor Devries addressed the Ace Asphalt property and requested a letter be sent to Minister of Environment to have an environmental assessment done of the property. Administration advised that YG Department of Environmental met to address this matter.

Councilor Labonte thanked the staff at the Recreation Department for the LGBTQ2 flags that have been put up and placed along the highway.

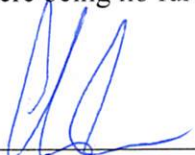
Councilor Labonte discussed concerns that were presented from a resident regarding firework debris that was left on the Wye Lake beach after the Towns' annual Hallowe'en event. There was also concern with the number of ATV's that are on the Wye Lake Trail. Council agreed this is an ongoing concern and a creative solution is needed going forward. Council requested that these concerns be addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 021-11-94

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 pm.

  
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Chris Irvin – Mayor

- CARRIED -

  
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Terri Close – Municipal Clerk