

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 16  
October 5, 2021

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

C.Irvin

PUBLIC  
R.Wilkinson  
RCMP Srgt. Bailey

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Deputy Mayor Hanchar.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION 021-16-136**

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include.

Correspondence – Yukon News, Letter of Support.

-CARRIED –

**MINUTES**

**MOTION 021-16-137**

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager

The minutes be adopted from the last Committee of the Whole meeting of  
September 7,2021 as amended to remove the duplication of Motion 21-15-134.

-CARRIED –

**DELEGATION**

RCMP Sergeant Aaron Bailey discussed the RCMP Policing reports and the new format of the reports which are being done on a weekly basis. He provided a summary on responses that have occurred since June 15<sup>th</sup>. The RCMP detachment has been running 2 members short, however new members will be arriving in the community shortly. Srgt Bailey discussed the 2022 Policemen's Ball and tentative dates for the event. He also addressed complaints that the detachment is receiving via social media and advised that RCMP Officers are unable to act on complaints or reports that are made on social media platforms such as Facebook or Instagram. If the public need to lodge a complaint or report a crime, they are required to call the RCMP Detachment.

Councilor Devries expressed concerns with the ATV traffic and with the onset of winter, this will increase snowmobile traffic. There is the potential of an accident occurring with the speed which these vehicles are travelling within the community, and suggested this be enforced by the RCMP.

Council thanked Sergeant Bailey for attending the meeting and appreciated the new format of the RCMP Policing reports.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**MOTION 021-16-138**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte  
that:

The Open payables in the amount of \$272,173.73 be paid.

-CARRIED-

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION 021-16-139**

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Devries that:

The Public Hearing for By-Law 21-10, being a By-law to adopt a revised Official Community Plan be opened.

-CARRIED –

There were no written or verbal submissions presented.

**MOTION 021-16-140**

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Devries that:

The Public Hearing for By-Law 21-10, being a By-law to adopt a revised Official Community Plan be closed.

-CARRIED –

**TENDERS**

**FUEL CARDLOCK  
TENDER**

Three tenders were received for the Town of Watson Lake Fuel Cardlock Contract.

AFD Petroleum	\$1.2950/litre
North 60 Petro	\$1.3980/litre
The Yukon Way	\$1.499 /litre

Administration provided Council with an update on the current expenses and a cost comparison between the three quotes that were provided.

Although the bid from North 60 Petro was higher than AFD Petroleum, Council agreed to award the tender to North 60 Petroleum being as they are taxpayers of the community and employ two full-time positions in Watson Lake.

**MOTION 021-16-141**

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Devries that:

The Town accept the tender from North 60 Petro for \$1.3980/litre.

-CARRIED-

**REPORTS**  
**CAO REPORT**

Administration provided Council with an update on various infrastructure projects. The aprons at the Municipal Services Building have been removed and will be repoured this week. Johnston Builders have committed to having all the work completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>. The substantial completion date is October 28<sup>th</sup>.

The levelling of the former Campbell Block has started and is slated to be complete shortly. Once complete, this will provide excess parking.

The roofing company that was hired to do the NLC roof will be in Watson Lake next week to complete this project.

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 tender for the lighting upgrades at the recplex is being prepared and will go out over the winter. The cost estimate was higher than budgeted but will be allocated in the 2022 budget.

The landfill public waste drop off area is in the design stage with full construction planned for the spring.

YG Community Services is experiencing problems in obtaining a response from the landscaping company that was awarded the contract for the Admin building landscaping project. The work was to start by the end of October. If YG cannot contact the company, the contract may be extended to the spring.

The quotes for the security camera installation are being finalized. The Town was hoping to go with a local contractor but unfortunately this did not happen, therefore the work has been awarded to an outside company.

The Operations Manager is working on rekeying all the facilities. This is a big project and is expected to be complete by January,2022.

The Inground Infrastructure design contract is out for tender and will be awarded in November. Councilor Labonte questioned whether the public will be invited to comment on the design. Administration advised this will not be available to the public for comment.

Both the Northern Lights Centre and the swimming pool are closed for the season.

The curling and Hockey season are to start the beginning of November.

**BY-LAWS**

**MOTION 021-16-142**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

By-Law 21-10, being a By-Law to adopt a revised Official Community Plan be introduced for Second Reading.

-CARRIED-

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

**YUKON LOTTERIES  
GRANT POLICY**

Council was provided with an updated draft statement of policy to establish guidelines with respect for funding through the Yukon Lotteries fund. The policy was amended with suggestions from the Recreation Advisory Committee.

**MOTION 021-16-143**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

Council accept the recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Committee as presented.

-CARRIED –

Council received a request from Yukon News for a letter of support which will be sent to the Government of Yukon in addition to Canadian Heritage stating the importance of community newspapers such as Yukon News being provided to communities.

MOTION 021-16-144

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

The Town of Watson Lake send a letter of support to Yukon News.

-CARRIED-

**COUNCILOR  
OPEN FORUM**

Councilor Labonte suggested that when rekeying the Recplex, that a FOB system be implemented for access to the gym. She also expressed her pleasure with working with Mayor & Council for the last 3 years during the time that she served on Council.

Councilor Devries enquired if there was any further correspondence from YG Environment on the Ace Asphalt property. Administration advised that the Town is still waiting for a response from YG Environment. More discussion is needed before the Town acquires title to the property due to the environmental issues that will be costly to the Town.

Councilor Slager asked about the disposal of assets that are being auctioned and specifically the hearse. The hearse is still available on the Town website.

Deputy Mayor Hanchar stated what an absolute pleasure it has been working with Council and thanked them for all their hard work over the last three years.

**GALLERY  
OPENFORUM**

Deputy Mayor Hanchar invited comments from the Public.

Ruth Wilkinson thanked Council for all that has been accomplished during their 3-year term.

Ruth enquired that when the paving company comes to Watson Lake whether there will be the opportunity for the Town to allow private or businesses to take advantage of this service to help subsidize the cost. Administration advised that when the time comes this will be an option to explore, however there will no paving done in the community for at least three years.

Administration thanked Council and appreciated their hard work that was done during their term and all that was accomplished.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 021-16-145

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte  
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED -

  
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Lauren Hanchar – Deputy Mayor

  
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Terri Close – Municipal Clerk