

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 10  
May 18, 2021

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

PUBLIC  
J. Carlson  
P. McLeod  
J. Stackhouse  
R. Wilkinson

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 021-10-76

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

-CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 021-10-77

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Committee of the Whole meeting of May 4th, 2021 as presented.

-CARRIED –

BY-LAWS

MOTION 021-10-78

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

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

-CARRIED-

Councilor Labonte suggested that the fee for rental of items at the Recplex be amended to include a fee for items that can be rented inclusively as a package as opposed to individual cost of renting items separately. This will simplify the process. Mayor Irvin suggested that Council submit any changes to Administration prior to the Bylaw being finalized.

REPORTS

Administration discussed the engineering report that was done on the Recplex roof repairs and discussion with YG Engineers and consultants. The price has increased from an original cost estimate of \$3.7 million to the last cost of \$10 million. There is no funding available through YG, however the Town can access Gas tax funding to repair the damage.

The Visitor Information Centre is now open as well as the concession in the Recplex. Foot traffic has increased in the facility.

Administration and Councilor Devries met with Consultants who are working with Liard First Nation to design a new community building on the LFN property, Lot 1013 adjacent to the Signpost Forest. The building is to include a new LFN Administrative office, Cultural Centre, and lease space for the YG Visitor Centre. A questionnaire has been sent to LFN Community members for suggestions regarding the proposed facility. Administration encouraged a joint meeting be held with Liard First Nation to work together on the concept to avoid duplication of services.

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

LAKEVIEW AVENUE  
TRANSFER OF LAND

Council was in receipt of a letter of offer from Yukon Housing to purchase 807 Lakeview Avenue from the Town of Watson Lake. A redevelopment of the property will be to support the ongoing housing needs in the community for social housing. Yukon Housing has offered to purchase the property for \$1.00 and takes into consideration the associated costs that will be incurred to remove the existing structure from the property and to mitigate the environmental contamination that has been recognized on the property. Administration informed Council that it is the intention of Yukon Housing to construct a 16-unit housing complex on the property and to move forward on the demolition and removal of the existing structure in the coming months with plans to redevelop the property next year.

**MOTION 021-10-79**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

The Town of Watson Lake proceed with the transfer of 807 Lakeview Avenue to Yukon Housing Corporation.

-CARRIED -

PUBLIC AUCTION  
233 CANYON BLVD.

There were two submissions for the Public auction advertised for the sale of 233 Canyon Boulevard.

- 1) Bergeron General Contracting - \$6,100.00
- 2) Richard Zebruck - \$7,777.00

Council discussed the proposed development expressed by both submissions to ensure it complies with the current zoning regulations. Administration advised that prior to any development taking place, it must comply with the Zoning Bylaw.

**MOTION 021-10-80**

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

Council approve the bid from Richard Zebruck for the price of \$7,777.00.

-CARRIED-

RCMP POLICING  
REPORT

Council reviewed the RCMP Policing Report for April,2021.

**COUNCILOR  
OPEN FORUM**

Councilor Slager expressed concern with a tree located on Ravenhill Drive that has rotted and has the potential of toppling over. Administration will confirm the address prior to addressing the issue.

Councilor Hanchar requested an update on the Annual Spring cleanup program. Administration advised that the landfill has been busy with clients. Household Hazardous Waste day took place on Saturday. There are various sections of the community that have been cleaned of garbage. Administration informed Council that registered letters have been sent to property owners that are in violation of the general maintenance bylaw. Councilor Labonte asked who determines what properties are sent letters as several Yukon Housing properties need to be addressed.

Councilor Devries questioned whether the pool would be opening this year. Administration advised that the pool is scheduled to open in June and staff are taking training. Councilor Devries suggested that the parking lot at the rear of the recreation centre have the signage replaced advising traffic to reduce speed as it is a high traffic area.

Councilor Labonte addressed the Town flags that have been put up for the summer and suggested that there be flags for the LGBTQ2 community placed along the highway.

MOTION 021-10-81

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

The LGBTQ flags be placed for the summer.

-CARRIED-

Mayor Irvin suggested a Council hiatus due to busy schedules and suggested one meeting per month for the summer. Council agreed to meet June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> unless there is an issue that requires a special meeting be held.

Council discussed the new Municipal Services Building and suggest an Open house and BBQ take place prior to moving into the facility. It was suggested a survey be sent to gather names for dedicating the facility.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 021-10-82

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

Council go In-Camera with Community Services Advisor Jordan Stackhouse.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 021-10-83

Moved by Councilor Slager. seconded by Councilor Hanchar  
that:

Council revert to an Open Meeting.

-CARRIED-

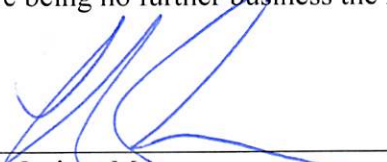
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 021-10-84

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar  
that:

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

- CARRIED -

  
Chris Irvin – Mayor

  
Terri Close – Municipal Clerk