

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

MEETING NO. 12
May 23, 2023

ATTENDANCE

*Electronic attendance **

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

Administration

Cam Lockwood – Chief Administrative Officer
Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk

Delegation

Sgt. Cropper – RCMP
Cst. Mueller – RCMP
Cst. Leclare – RCMP

Public

R. Wilkinson
P. McLeod*
J. Carlson

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

AGENDA

MOTION 023-12-090

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to add Rapid Housing Initiative to New & Unfinished Business.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 023-12-091

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The draft minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 2, 2023, be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 023-12-092

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$190,727.88 be approved and paid.

- CARRIED -

DELEGATION

Sgt. Cropper - RCMP

Council was in receipt of the March and April Policing Reports. Sgt. Cropper introduced the newest detachment member, Cst. Leclare, joined by Cst. Mueller. Sgt. Cropper provided a staffing update and shared that the Watson Lake Detachment should be fully staffed with nine members by the fall despite losing Cst. Mueller due to a promotional transfer. Members continue to focus on traffic control and recently started foot patrol. Cropper will continue to attend Council meetings to keep communication open and get feedback on priorities.

REPORTS

CAO Report

Phase one funding for the Inground Infrastructure Project was approved in the amount of approximately \$17,000,000.00. Administration explained that the Tender will close at the end of May and an update will be provided to Council as soon as possible.

Administration provided Council with a summer staffing update. The Northern Lights Centre opened over the May long weekend. It is fully staffed with a new supervisor hired for a term. The supervisor is working on contacting artists for the gift shop and on customer service scripting for the staff. Administration continues to work with RPAY to coordinate the necessary training for pool staff. An Equipment Operator I was hired for the Landfill and garbage collection.

Administration has received positive feedback from the AYC AGM and commended the Town staff and Council for their contributions. Administration has since been approached about hosting the Yukon Fire Chief convention in August and is in discussions with Chief O'Hara about it.

The Landfill and Recycling Centre stayed open on the Saturday of the long weekend with the Recycling Centre getting a lot of traffic. Administration would like to continue to open on Saturdays of long weekends.

Public Works conducting a dig on Teslin Crescent due to a waterline leak and another leak was identified on 9th St. N that will be addressed. Street sweeping will halt until leaks have been fixed. Council questioned if the leak detector equipment was used to find the leaks and what could be done to improve roadway clean-up after digs. Administration answered

that the recent leaks have been identified due to issues arising as the leak detector cannot be used until recirculation pumps are turned off for the season and that Administration will explore solutions to improve dust and rocks on roadways after digs.

**Admin Report #23-03
Rec Centre Roof Repair Tender**

Council was in receipt of an Admin Report and recommendation for the tendering of the Rec Centre roof repair contract. Administration was in receipt of one bid from Superior Roofing, which came in at \$252,975.00 and recommended that Council accept the bid as it is within budget and work can commence by June 1st. Administration clarified which sections of the roof needed repair and answered questions about the project budget.

MOTION 023-12-093

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Council approve the recommendation of Administration to award the contract to Superior Roofing for the total of \$252,975.00 for Recreation Centre roof repairs.

- CARRIED -

**Admin Report #23-04
Ski Chalet Roof Repair Tender**

Council was in receipt of an Admin Report and recommendation for the tendering of the Ski Chalet roof repair contract. Administration was in receipt of one bid from Superior Roofing, which came in at \$100,000.00 and recommended that Council accept the bid.

MOTION 023-12-094

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Council approve the recommendation of Administration to award the contract to Superior Roofing for the total of \$100,000.00 for Ski Chalet roof repairs.

- CARRIED -

**Admin Report #23-05
Heating Fuel Tender**

Council was in receipt of an Admin Report and recommendation for the tendering of the Town's Heating Fuel contract. Administration received two bids at the time of closing from North 60 Petro and Daylu Fuels. Administration recommended the contract award go to North 60 Petro due to their lower variable rate, for a one-year term.

MOTION 023-12-095

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Hanchar THAT:

Council approve the recommendation of Administration to award the contract to North 60 Petro for the contract to supply and deliver heating fuel for a one year term.

- CARRIED -

BYLAWS

**Volunteer Fire Department
Bylaw #99-17**

Council to review the Volunteer Fire Department Bylaw #99-17 to ensure that it is working effectively as it has not been updated since 1999.

MOTION 023-12-096

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Bylaw #99-17, being the Volunteer Fire Department Bylaw, be introduced for First Reading.

- CARRIED -

Council will discuss further at the June 6th Committee of the Whole Meeting and set a date for Second Reading. Council and Administration to engage with the Fire Department membership and community for feedback.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Minister Mostyn
Inground Infrastructure**

Council was in receipt of a correspondence from Minister Mostyn, in response to a letter sent regarding the Inground Infrastructure project and securing funding. Council did not feel that the response provided any peace of mind that ICIP funding will be ongoing and guaranteed for the multi-phase project. Council also discussed concerns with the dollar figure earmarked for the project thus far, as prices continue to rise. Council also expressed concerns about how rising costs may affect the timeline for the project. Administration encouraged Council to continue to pressure YG and Canada to secure ICIP funding.

**Yukon Historical & Museums Assoc.
Yukon 125 Fund**

Council was in receipt of a correspondence from the Yukon Historical & Museums Association regarding the Yukon 125 Fund, which will provide funding to municipalities to mark the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the signing of the Yukon Act. Council discussed various potential projects. Administration to provide Council with recommendations for consideration.

NEW & UNFINISHED

Canada Day Celebration

Due to a lower number of Canada Day celebration attendees, Council would like to consider doing things differently than in past years, including changing the location to improve accessibility. Administration explained that Canada Day will be the first event coordinated by the new Recreation Programmer and Administration will provide an update once planning is underway.

**Council Meetings
Summer Schedule**

Council discussed amending the Council meeting schedule for the months of July and August.

MOTION 023-12-097

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Council hold a Committee of the Whole Meeting on July 4, 2023, and a Regular Meeting on August 22, 2023.

- CARRIED -

Graduation Ceremony & Bursary

Council was in receipt of an invitation to speak at the WLSS graduation ceremony and present the Zach Bell Award to the 2023 Valedictorian.

MOTION 023-12-098

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Paquette THAT:

Council present the Zach Bell Award in the amount of \$500.00 to Caley Burdes, the 2023 Class Valedictorian.

- CARRIED -

Rapid Housing Initiative

The federal government announced funding for a Rapid Housing Initiative, to aid in housing development in communities. Administration met with Jordan Stackhouse of Elevator Yukon, who can work with the Town to brainstorm ways to utilize the funds and help develop an application. Council expressed interest in meeting with Stackhouse to discuss further; Administration will coordinate.

COUNCILLOR OPEN FORUM

Councillor Hanchar asked Administration if customer service training has ever been considered for Town employees. YG Tourism has offered training in this area in the past and it is something that has been considered. Administration is also inquiring about training through TIA Yukon.

Councillor Hanchar spoke to the lack of EMS coverage the week of the AYC AGM and asked if there has been any resolution since the issue was brought to the Premier's attention. After hearing from Administration that no follow up communication was done, Council asked that a letter be drafted to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

Councillor Slager acknowledged the KitKat wrapper featuring the Signpost Forest and asked Administration for an update on the street lighting to Two Mile. The streetlights are still scheduled to be installed this year. No other updates provided by YG or Yukon Electric.

Councillor Paquette inquired about staffing and if all summer positions had been filled; Administration shared that all but one summer position had been filled.

Councillor Burdes asked if the work on Auburn Drive had been completed. The work had been completed and Administration explained that calcium may help compact the roadway.

Mayor Irvin thanked Administration, Town staff and Council members for the work put into hosting the successful AYC AGM event.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 023-12-099

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Council move to an In-Camera Meeting.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 023-12-100

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

Council revert back to an Open Meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

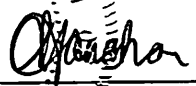
MOTION 023-12-101

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED -





Lauren Hanchar – Deputy Mayor



Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk

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