

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 2  
January 18, 2022

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

CHRIS IRVIN - MAYOR  
DENINA PAQUETTE- COUNCILOR  
LAUREN HANCHAR – COUNCILOR  
DALE BURDES – COUNCILOR  
THOMAS SLAGER - COUNCILOR

PUBLIC  
J.Carlson  
P.McLeod

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Mayor Irvin.

**AGENDA**

MOTION 022-02-07

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

The agenda be amended to include:

#7. Correspondence – N.W. Tel letter

#8. In-Camera – Legal letter

-CARRIED –

**MINUTES**

MOTION 022-02-08

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Burdes  
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 4<sup>th</sup>,  
2022 as presented.

-CARRIED –

Councilor Slager requested a copy of the letter from Minister Mostyn in response  
to Mayor Irvin's letter of November 17, 2021.

**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE**

MOTION 022-02-09

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$130,308.86 be paid.

-CARRIED –

**BY-LAWS**

MOTION 022-02-10

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Paquette  
that:

By-law 22-01, being the 2022 O/M Budget be introduced for First Reading.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 022-02-11

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Paquette that:

By-law 22-02, being the 2022 Capital Budget be introduced for First Reading.

-CARRIED-

There were questions and discussion on various line items;

- Councilor Hanchar voiced her opposition to the purchase of the steamer truck and crushed gravel as it will conflict with local businesses that provide these services.
- Councilor Slager disagreed with Councilor Hanchar as there were situations where the local businesses were not available to provide the service when needed. Councilor Slager believes that by purchasing the equipment it will save the Town money.
- Council Hanchar disagreed that the purchase of the equipment will save the Town money.

Mayor Irvin thanked Council for their comments. The Capital budget will be introduced for public comment at the January 20<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting.

**REPORTS**

CAO REPORT

Administration informed Council that the elevator lift has been installed at the Recreation Complex. The contractor that supplied and installed the lift will return to Watson Lake February 8<sup>th</sup> to complete the final details prior to an inspection and certification being issued on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

The tender for the Recplex changerooms/shower upgrades has gone out and is being advertised at various outlets and the Yukon Contractors Association.

The Energy lighting upgrade contract is with the contractor and waiting for final signature.

There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to address the Municipal Services building. The Electrical engineer has corrected the problems experienced with the heating system. With these deficiencies being corrected, the Town can move forward on taking possession of the building.

Administration is scheduling a meeting with Atco to discuss finalizing the District Heat agreement.

Administration is attempting a meeting with YG Lands Branch to provide an update on the status of lot development in the community.

A consultant will be in Watson Lake January 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the dry hydrant project. Administration has requested that YG prepare letters that can be forwarded to residents in the areas that are being affected informing them of the project being carried out.

With the updated COVID regulations and limitations that are now in place, it has had a direct impact as to what can take place in the Recreation Centre. All activities have been limited, making recreation impossible.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was in receipt of a letter from Northwestel requesting support for an application they have before the CRTC to reduce pricing and increase internet speeds for northern customers.

MOTION 022-02-12

Moved by Councilor Paquette, seconded by Councilor Burdes that:

The Town of Watson Lake supports the letter from Northwestel.

-CARRIED-

**COUNCILOR  
OPEN FORUM**

Councilor Slager discussed the updated COVID regulations that are in place and considering the effect they have on recreation, he asked whether the user groups want to continue use of the recplex or whether the Town consider shutting down the ice plant due to the cost to continue operating the plant.

Councilor Hanchar suggested the Town present the question to the user groups as there is no end date to the new measures that are in place. Administration agreed to reach out to the user groups to address the situation and request feedback.

Council Hanchar enquired whether the Town had received a response from YG regarding COVID funding support. Administration informed Council that YG Community Advisor, Michael Prowse advised that a letter is forthcoming.

Councilor Paquette requested an update on the Better Build Program and the progress of the Oversight Committee. Mayor Irvin informed Council of a meeting that was held to address administrative concerns and how the money will filter to compensate the communities so that municipal and rural property owners can access the program planned for introduction across the Yukon in 2022. Administration provided an update as there are many discrepancies and problems getting the documentation together. Mayor Irvin advised the Town will do its best to support the initiatives brought forward.

**IN-CAMERA**

MOTION 022-02-13

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

Council go In-Camera.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 022-02-14

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Burdes that:

Council revert to an Open meeting.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 022-02-15

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Paquette that:

The Town of Watson Lake supports the letter from YG Department of Environment in it's issuance of an environmental protection order.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 022-02-16

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Burdes that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED -

