

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

MEETING NO. 5

February 21, 2023

ATTENDANCE

*Electronic attendance **

Christopher Irvin – Mayor *
Lauren Hanchar – Deputy Mayor
Dale Burdes – Councillor
Thomas Slager – Councillor

Administration
Cam Lockwood – Chief Administrative Officer
Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk
Kaitlyn McCulloch – Accounts Payable

Delegation

Jordan Stackhouse – Elevator Yukon *
Mary Ellen Read – Northern Front Studios *
Karen Furlong – Kismet Consulting *
Gord Sundby – Gord Sundby Consulting & Management *

Public

J. Carlson * P. McLeod *

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

AGENDA

MOTION 023-05-029

Moved by Councillor Burdes, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to add CAO Report.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 023-05-030

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

The draft minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 7, 2023, be adopted as amended to change Councillor Paquette's meeting attendance to electronic.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 023-05-031

Moved by Councillor Burdes, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

The draft minutes from the Special Meeting of February 13, 2023 be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 023-05-032

Moved by Councillor Burdes, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$199,306.30 be approved and paid.

- CARRIED -

DELEGATION

Jordan Stackhouse, Mary Ellen Read, and Karen Furlong were joined by Gord Sundby to present the Northern Lights Centre Final Draft Report. The report found the building to be in good condition, with minor repairs identified. Ideas were presented to improve the footprint and flow of the building, based on community feedback received at the Visions and Needs Workshop. Stackhouse spoke to the revenues, expenses, and sustainability of the NLC as well as additional feedback heard from the community, including the desire for Kaska art, heritage and culture to be added to programming and building. The report will be made available on the Town website.

MOTION 023-05-033

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Council accept the Northern Lights Centre Final Draft Report.

- CARRIED -

REPORTS

CAO Report

CAO Lockwood asked that Council consider rescheduling the Town Hall meeting of March 9, 2023, to allow CAO Lockwood and Mayor Irvin to attend a YG funding workshop. Council was in support of moving the Town Hall meeting to March 15, 2023, at 6:00pm.

The Trail Improvement Project report will be shared at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration.

BYLAWS

**Bylaw #2023-01
2023 O&M Budget**

MOTION 023-05-034

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Bylaw #2023-01, being the 2023 O&M Budget, be introduced for First and Second Reading.

- CARRIED -

Administration explained that the 2023 O&M and Capital Budgets will be reviewed at the March 7, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, prior to being made public for the Town Hall meeting.

Bylaw #2023-02
2023 Capital Budget

MOTION 023-05-035

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Bylaw #2023-02, being the 2023 Capital Budget, be introduced for First and Second Reading.

- CARRIED -

NEW & UNFINISHED

Town Hall Meeting

The Town Hall Meeting was set for March 15, 2023 as stated in the CAO Report.

**Regional Solid Waste
Agreement**

Council was in receipt of the Regional Solid Waste Agreement for consideration. Administration explained that this agreement was brought forward by AYC and municipalities to ensure that all agreements were equal. The fee will be based on average population of each municipality. YG has agreed to 50% of the closure and post closure costs. Administration expressed support for the agreement as presented.

MOTION 023-05-036

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Council approve the Regional Solid Waste Agreement and allow Administration to move forward.

- CARRIED -

**COUNCILLOR
OPEN FORUM**

Councillor Burdes inquired on the status of the Landfill fence repairs. Administration explained that the repairs will go through the Town's insurance as the responsible party has not responded to Town communications.

Deputy Mayor Hanchar had previously expressed interest in attending the FCM Conference but is no longer able to attend.

Council discussed a potential special resolution to be brought forward at the AYC AGM, being EMS services in the community and issues that the municipality and Fire Department have experienced. Administration has discussed the challenges the municipality with other communities and Watson Lake is not the only community affected.

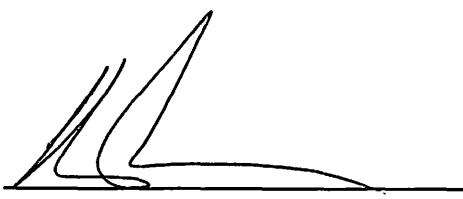
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 023-05-037

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED -



Christopher Irvin – Mayor



Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk

