

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM

MEETING NO. 8
April 4, 2023

ATTENDANCE

*Electronic attendance **

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

Administration

Cam Lockwood – Chief Administrative Officer
Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk

Public

P. McLeod *
R. Wilkinson

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

AGENDA

MOTION 023-08-058

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 023-08-059

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

The draft minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2023, be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

OPEN PAYABLES

MOTION 023-08-060

Moved by Councillor Burdes, seconded by Councillor Hanchar THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$134,661.87 be approved and paid.

- CARRIED -

REPORTS

CAO Report

Administration shared that there were recent changes implemented in the Parks and Recreation department to streamline operations. Interviews are commencing for the Recreation Programmer position that was advertised.

The Northern Lights Centre's new projection and sound systems were installed. The new flooring was also installed, and seating will be re-installed next week. A total of six staff members were trained on the new projection and sound systems, including three students who will be staffed at the NLC this season.

Job postings will be advertised for several seasonal positions. The Town participated in the LFN Job Fair and advertised open positions at the Town booth. Interest has been expressed for the pool manager position and due to the Town's proactive approach in sending youth out for training last year, there are currently three prospective lifeguards lined up for the season. If the pool successfully opens this season the Town would like to hold certification training in the community. Administration explained that staff recruitment has been a challenge over the past few years so different approaches are being considered, such as part time solutions for some of the summer positions.

Administration shared facility updates, including the ice surfaces being removed and HVAC Tech installing piping and roof drains at the Recreation Centre, as well as a leak in the roof at the Administration Office that is being fixed.

Administration will be working on capital purchase tender documents in coming weeks as well as pricing estimates for the remainder if the Recreation Centre roof repairs and Ski Chalet roof repairs.

The City of Whitehorse approached the communities about a joint resolution for the upcoming AYC AGM. Administration explained that the resolution is to urge Yukon government to improve consultation practices when making decisions that impact municipalities.

MOTION 023-08-061

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Council support the joint AYC resolution proposed by the City of Whitehorse regarding Yukon government's consultation practices.

- CARRIED -

BYLAWS

Bylaw 2023-04 Tax Levy Bylaw

MOTION 023-08-062

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Bylaw #2023-04, being a bylaw to levy taxes for the year 2023, be introduced for First and Second reading.

- CARRIED -

Bylaw 2023-05 Zoning Bylaw

A new Zoning Bylaw was presented to Council for consideration due to an enforcement section being inadvertently omitted from Zoning Bylaw #2021-11. Councillor Slager spoke, expressing opposition for passing a new Zoning Bylaw because Zoning Bylaw #2021-11 was recently reviewed and adopted, and prior precedent had been set by Council to defer the review of recently adopted bylaws.

MOTION 023-08-063

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Bylaw #2023-05, being the Zoning Bylaw be introduced for First and Second reading.

- CARRIED -

Opposed: Councillor Slager

NEW & UNFINISHED

Trail Enhancement Project Report Lees and Associates

Council was in receipt of the Wye Lake Trail and Sign Post Forest Trail Enhancement Report, prepared by Lees and Associates. The report provided cost estimates and recommendations for the enhancement and development of both trail systems to improve accessibility and increase usage, based on feedback obtained during community consultation. With Council's approval of the report, Administration will share it with the public and use the information for funding applications for this potential future capital project.

MOTION 023-08-064

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Council accept the Wye Lake Trail and Sign Post Forest Trail Enhancement Project Report.

- CARRIED -

**Letter of Support
Mae Bachur Animal Shelter**

A draft letter of support for the Mae Bachur Animal Shelter was provided to Council for consideration. Council will continue discussions around a financial contribution to the organization.

MOTION 023-08-065

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

The letter of support be sent to Mae Bachur Animal Shelter.

- CARRIED -

**COUNCILLOR
OPEN FORUM**

Councillor Slager inquired about financial compensation for the students who participated in the Northern Lights Centre training, as well as an update on the Northern Lights Centre gift shop swag and stock.

Mayor Irvin asked if Administration could approach the Sign Post Seniors Association to see if there would be any interest from their membership for NLC meet and greet attendants.

GALLERY OPEN FORUM

Ruth Wilkinson advised Council that there will be an Easter Sunrise Service held at the Wye Lake Cabin on April 9th.

Patti McLeod asked why staff recruitment has been a challenge and what kind of turnout there was at the LFN Job Fair. Administration could not provide reasons for staffing challenges but explained that a lot of municipalities and members of the private sector have expressed that staffing has been a challenge for them as well. McLeod shared that Yukon government is anticipated to accept up to 430 nominees under the Yukon Nominee Program and suggested that the municipality explore this option.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 023-08-066

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Hanchar THAT:

Council go in-camera to discuss a personnel related item.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 023-08-067

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Hanchar THAT:

Council revert back to an Open Meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 023-08-068

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