

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

**MEETING NO. 24
December 19, 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
Kaitlyn McCulloch – Accounts Payable
Joey Cherpin- Director of Protective Services

Public

C. Kostuick D. Stubenberg

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

AGENDA

MOTION 023-24-199

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Hanchar THAT:

The Agenda be adopted as amended for in camera.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 023-24-200

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The draft minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 5th, 2023, be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 023-24-201

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$116,488.29 be approved and paid.

- CARRIED -

Council asked Administration to provide details on the payments to Dimensions Tech, Watson Lake Secondary School Graduates, and Brandt Tractor.

CORRESPONDENCE
RCMP Policing Report

Council was in receipt of policing reports but were asked to save questions for a future meeting as no RCMP were present. Councillor Hanchar requested that administration confirm with the RCMP the number of EMS assist call outs that they have responded to so as to keep track of the lack of EMS support.

Cliff Kostiuck
Letter of Support for Long-Term Care

Council was in receipt of a letter from Cliff Kostiuck regarding the need of long-term care in the community. Mayor Irvin read the letter aloud and expressed concerns with the long-term care available in Watson Lake. Council had no further comments but agreed to provide a letter in support to Kostiuck.

Shannon Bergeron
Application for Zoning Amendment

Council was in receipt of a letter from Shannon Bergeron regarding an application for a zoning amendment. Mayor Irvin read the letter to the gallery. Council did not have any comments.

REPORTS
CAO Report

Administration provided various department updates including:

- The Recreation Centre has been busy with many holiday events including the Christmas Community dinner that took place on December 7th. The dinner was well attended, and Administration thanked both Council and the 2024 Graduating class for their help with the dinner.
- Snow removal has been going well.
- Administration is preparing for the next council meeting in January.

BYLAWS
Zoning Bylaw Amendment
Bylaw 2023-010

Bylaw 2023-010, being a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 2023-05, was before Council for Third and Final Reading. The zoning amendment would allow for an Institutional zoned property to be changed to Multi-Residential, to allow for the construction of an apartment complex.

MOTION 023-24-202

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Hanchar THAT:

Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023-010 be introduced for Third and Final reading.

- CARRIED -

**Capital Budget Amendment
Bylaw 2023-013**

Capital Budget Amendment Bylaw 2023-013 was before Council for Third and Final Reading. The purpose of this bylaw is to adopt amendments to the 2023 capital budget expenditures.

MOTION 023-24-203

Moved by Councillor Burdes, seconded by Councillor Hanchar THAT:

Bylaw 2023-013, being the Capital Budget Amendment Bylaw, be introduced for Third and Final reading.

- CARRIED -

**Capital Budget Bylaw
2023-014**

Capital Budget Bylaw 2023-014 was before Council for Third and Final Reading. The purpose of this bylaw being to adopt a three year capital budget expenditure program.

Administration brought forward an amendment prior to third and final reading. Administration applied for funding under the Housing Accelerator fund and included it in the bylaw in the case that it be approved to prevent a later amendment.

MOTION 023-24-204

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Bylaw 2023-014, being the Capital Budget Bylaw, be introduced for the Third and Final reading.

- CARRIED -

**O&M Budget
Bylaw 2023-015**

O&M Budget Bylaw 2023-015 was before Council for Third & Final Reading. The purpose of this bylaw being to adopt an operating budget for the 2024 fiscal year.

Administration requested that the Third and Final reading be tabled until the January 16th meeting so that Council may review the Mill Rate Bylaw that was provided. Administration requested that Council make a motion to approve the O&M Budget as provisional to allow the municipality to operate after December 31st, 2023.

Councillor Slager requested clarification on the Recreation budget.

MOTION 023-24-205

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

Bylaw 2023-015, being the O&M Budget, be tabled until January 16, 2024.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 023-24-206

Moved by Councillor Burdes, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The provisional 2024 O&M Budget be adopted.

- CARRIED -

NEW & UNFINISHED

Community Lottery Fund Approval Recommendations

Councillor Slager stated that the Boys and Girls Volleyball teams were approved for \$4000.00 each. The Daycare was approved for \$1820.00 for a music teacher to visit the community. The remaining \$3000.00 was split between the Signpost Seniors and Disc Golf as they had already received funding earlier in the year.

MOTION 023-24-207

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

The Community Lottery Fund Approval Recommendations be passed.

- CARRIED -

COUNCILLOR OPEN FORUM

Councillor Hanchar:

- Councillor Hanchar and Councillor Paquette attended the Lower Post Community Christmas dinner and thanked Deputy Chief Harlan for the invitation.

Councillor Slager:

- Inquired on equipment working on Teslin Crescent. Administration stated that it may be snow removal.

Councillor Paquette:

- Likes seeing the lights going through town for the holiday season.

IN CAMERA

MOTION 023-24-208

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Council to go in camera.

- CARRIED -

OUT OF CAMERA

MOTION 023-24-209

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Burdes THAT:

Council revert back to regular meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 023-24-210

Moved by Councillor Burdes, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED -



Christopher Irvin – Mayor



Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk



