

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

**MEETING NO. 07
April 01, 2025**

ATTENDANCE

Lauren Hanchar – Mayor
Denina Paquette – Councillor
William Whimp – Councillor
Thomas Slager - Councillor

Administration

Cam Lockwood – CAO
Kaitlyn McCulloch – A/Municipal Clerk

Delegation

Crp. Curtis Harbor -RCMP
Cst. Jean Daigle - RCMP
John Emery – Coeur Silvertip
Rick Loughery – Coeur Silvertip

Public

J. Carlson * P. Agana C. Ellis
R. Wilkinson * B. Millen B. Walters

*Electronic attendance **

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

AGENDA

MOTION 025-07-046

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 025-07-047

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

The draft minutes from the Regular Council meeting of March 11, 2025, be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 025-07-048

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$269,851.66 be approved and paid.

- CARRIED -

Council sought clarification several payables including those to Munisight Ltd., ECL Fiberglass Manufacturing INC., Criterion Pictures, Yukon Government Community Services, ATCO Electric Yukon, and Brandt Tractor.

DELEGATION
Crp. Harbor - RCMP

Crp. Harbor attended the meeting to provide an update to Council, and to introduce their new member. With the weather warming up the RCMP have been experiencing a higher number of calls. Priorities are set for community safety, involving traffic safety enforcement and alcohol and drug use. New member Cst. Jean Daigle has moved here from Nunavut. Cst. Daigle has been involved in coaching hockey and is looking forward to being involved with the community in other ways. Councillor Whimp inquired on a search warrant that had been executed to which Crp. Harbor confirmed is still in process and information will be released soon. Council acknowledged the presence in the community and thanked the RCMP for being involved with sports and other activities.

**John Emery & Rick Loughery
Coeur Silvertip**

John Emery and Rick Loughery from Coeur Silvertip attended the meeting to provide a presentation to Council with project updates. Coeur Silvertip's main priorities are providing opportunities to the local communities, fostering a sustainable work force, and building community capacity. Their current goal is to continue to build the foundation of Coeur Silvertip again so that it can be fully functional. They are currently expanding their underground structures and building additional infrastructure. Silvertip is also increasing the number of staked claims to invest more into the property.

PUBLIC HEARING
**Conditional Use Application to Allow a Duplex Dwelling
Lot 18, Block 47, Plan 08-003 (207 Stubenberg Blvd)**

**Conditional Use Application to Allow a Duplex Dwelling
Lot 41, Plan 73850 (205 Pine Way)**

A Public Hearing was held to hear and consider all comments related to the Conditional Use Applications to allow a duplex dwelling at Lot 18, Block 47, Plan 08-003 Watson Lake and Lot 41, Plan 73850 Watson Lake.

MOTION 025-07-049

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Whimp THAT:

The Public Hearing be called to order.

- CARRIED -

Administration confirmed that there were multiple written submissions received in objection to the Conditional Use Applications. Comments from the Gallery were made concerning the developments of duplex dwellings due to the zoning of Country Residential being used in a different manner than intended and having multi dwelling units. Mayor Hanchar thanked the Gallery for their comments and advised that the Conditional Use Applications would be before Council at the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2025, for further discussion.

MOTION 025-07-050

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Whimp THAT:

Being there no further comments to consider, the Public Hearing be closed.

- CARRIED -

REPORTS
CAO Report

CAO Lockwood provided the following updates to Council:

- Administration is waiting for responses for multiple funding applications.
- HVAC work at the Recreation Centre, admin building and Northern Lights Centre are set to start this spring.
- Francis Avenue's lift station is expected to be completed this spring.
- Cemetery has 9 new plots.
- Playground and Dog Park work to start this summer.
- YESAB has approved that the Wye Lake Trail/Signpost Forest project move forward.
- The accident involving a Public Work's vehicle is currently being processed with the Town's insurance company.
- The Visitor Information Centre is currently moving into the Northern Lights Centre building and is aiming to be open May 1st.
- The pool is aiming to be opened at the beginning of May with swimming lessons being offered this year.

TENDERS
Contract Award – Purchase of SCBA Units

Council was provided with an Admin Report which provided a recommendation on the purchase of SCBA Units. Two bids were received, both under budget. The recommendation for the Watson Lake Fire Chief be that Council proceed with the purchase of SCBA's from Associated Fire Safety Group as it offers a cost savings compared to the alternative bid from Brogan Fire and Safety. Both tender bids were for identical equipment ensuring that the quality and specifications remain consistent.

MOTION 025-07-051

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Council accept the bid received from Associated Fire for the supply of the Scott Pro SCBA units, masks, cylinders and a Rit-Pak in the amount of \$170,385.57 not including taxes.

- CARRIED -

BYLAWS

Animal Control Bylaw 2024-011

Animal Control Bylaw 2024-011 was before council for discussion prior to Second Reading. Council suggested multiple amendments noting confusing language and spelling. Administration also expressed concerns regarding livestock to be considered. Administration will bring the amended bylaw before Council for the next Regular Meeting on April 15th, for Second Reading.

**Fees and Charges Bylaw
Amendment 2025-04**

Councillor Slager asked that the discussion for the Fees and Charges Bylaw 2025-04 be tabled until the next Regular Meeting on April 15th 2025.

MOTION 025-07-052

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Whimp THAT:

The Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 2025-04 be tabled for discussion until the April 15th Regular Meeting.

- CARRIED -

GALLERY OPEN FORUM

C. Ellis

- Would like to be able to have Gallery Open Forum at every Council Meeting.
- Asked if there has been notice given to businesses regarding the pricing of the signage along the highway.

COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Mayor Hanchar:

- Attended a meeting with the Minister of Community Services and the Director of Emergency Measures Office for a seasonal kick off meeting. Will be in contact regularly every two weeks for any updates.
- Housing First was able to provide an update. The MLA also wrote a letter and has received a response.
- Attended The Federation of Canadian Municipalities quarterly board meeting in Quebec. While there, Mayor Hanchar Chaired the Spring Northern and Remote

- Forum on March 18th. This Forum provides updates on Canada and United States relations.
- Would like to remind everyone that April 7th is Green Shirt Day.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 025-07-053

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

There being no further business to discuss that the meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED -



Lauren Hanchar – Mayor



Kaitlyn McCulloch – A/Municipal Clerk



