

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

MEETING NO. 12
June 17, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Lauren Hanchar – Mayor *
Thomas Slager – D. Mayor/Councillor
Norma Puckett – Councillor
Denina Paquette – Councillor
William Whimp – Councillor
*Electronic attendance **

Administration
Cam Lockwood – CAO
Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk
Public
J. Carlson * P. Agana K. Martinson
C. Quinn *

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

AGENDA

MOTION 025-012-091

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The agenda be adopted as amended to remove Admin Report – HAF Lending and Mortgage Barriers Initiative, to add Admin Report – Property Tax Seizure for 805 Finlayson Avenue, and Correspondence.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 025-012-092

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The draft minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 3, 2025 be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 025-012-093

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$351,216.96 be approved.

- CARRIED -

Council sought clarification on several payables including those to First Due, Peter Agana, Liard First Nation and 536375 Yukon Inc. Council discussed the reason for multiple Northwestel accounts and the replacement of the boiler system at the Water Treatment plant. Administration noted that there was no payment made to Liard Aboriginal Women's Society therefore the amount was deducted from the total payables amount.

REPORTS
RFP 2025-01
Community Service Standards

Administration provided a verbal report on the RFP that was published for the development of Community Service Standards for Town infrastructure under the Housing Accelerator Fund program. Administration shared that one bid was received and due to the bid being significantly over budget, recommended that the RFP not proceed. Administration recommended that the RFP deliverables be re-evaluated.

MOTION 025-012-094

Moved by Mayor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The Request for Proposal for the development of Community Standards not proceed as published and alternate options be pursued.

- CARRIED -

**Admin Report - Property Tax Seizure
805 Finlayson Avenue, Watson Lake**

Council discussed the recent acquisition of 805 Finlayson Avenue through the tax lien process. Administration recommended the property be sold by public auction with a minimum reserve bid, as per the Town's policy.

MOTION 025-012-095

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

805 Finlayson Avenue, Watson Lake, be put for sale by way of public auction with a minimum reserve bid.

- CARRIED -

TENDERS
**RFT 2025-03 Jordair Compressor
Contract Award Recommendation**

Administration provided a contract award recommendation for RFT 2025-03 for the supply, delivery and testing of one Jordair Compressor. One bid was received from Dimensions Tech Services in the amount of \$57,950.00 plus gst. The bid was compliant

and within budget therefore Administration made the recommendation to accept the bid and award the contract to Dimensions Tech Services.

MOTION 025-012-096

Moved by Mayor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Council accept the bid in the amount of \$57,950.00 plus gst, from Dimensions Tech Services, for the supply, installation and testing of one Jordair Compressor.

- CARRIED -

BYLAWS
Animal Control
Bylaw 2024-011

Draft Animal Control Bylaw 2024-011 was before Council with revisions to allow cats to run at large if they are spayed/neutered and licensed. The draft bylaw will be reviewed by the territorial veterinarian and legal, prior to third and final reading. The bylaw was tabled for further review.

MOTION 025-012-097

Moved by Mayor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Draft Animal Control Bylaw 2024-011 be tabled to the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 2, 2025.

- CARRIED -

Building Commitment Restriction
Bylaw 2025-05

Draft Building Commitment Restriction Bylaw 2025-05 was before Council for Second and Third and Final Readings.

MOTION 025-012-098

Moved by Councillor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Building Commitment Restriction Bylaw 2025-05 be introduced for Second and Third and Final Readings.

- CARRIED -

Business Licence
Bylaw 2025-06

Draft Business Licence Bylaw 2025-06 was before Council for Second Reading. Council further discussed the section on businesses with multiple business categories and requested further research into this section.

MOTION 025-012-099

Moved by Mayor Hanchar, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Business Licence Bylaw 2025-06 be introduced for Second Reading.

- CARRIED -

**Community Services Grant
Bylaw 2025-07**

Draft Community Services Grant Bylaw 2025-07 was before Council for Third and Final Reading. Council discussed eligibility criteria and approved the bylaw.

MOTION 025-012-100

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Community Services Grant Bylaw 2025-07 be introduced for Third and Final Reading.

- CARRIED -

**NEW & UNFINISHED
Flag Protocol Policy 2025-01**

Draft Flag Protocol Policy 2025-01 was before Council for discussion. Council expressed support for the policy as written and was prepared to adopt the policy.

MOTION 025-012-101

Moved by Councillor Puckett, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Council adopt Flag Protocol Policy 2025-01.

- CARRIED -

**Correspondence – Wye
Lake Cabin Vandalization**

Council received correspondence from Dena K'eh Justice regarding a restorative justice process for a person who vandalized Wye Lake Cabin. It was requested that the accused provide a verbal apology to Town officials. Council requested that this be done at the Council Meeting on August 19, 2025.

**Correspondence – Community
Health and Wellness Plan Engagement**

Council received correspondence from the Yukon Hospital Corp requesting an engagement session regarding the new Community Health and Wellness Plan and health authority. Administration will coordinate an engagement session date.

COUNCILLOR OPEN FORUM

Courtney Quinn – Community Advisor, YG:

- Reminded Council members of the upcoming Elected Official training session on asset management.
- Requested potential dates for a meeting with the Minister of Community Services.
- Advised Council of the joint review of the *Municipal Act* being completed and advised that AYC was seeking review committee members.

Councillor Whimp:

- Suggested regular meetings with Liard First Nation to explore partnerships. Council agreed to pursue quarterly meetings, as suggested by Chief Charlie, during the initial meeting between the two government organizations.
- Asked a question regarding labour relations and was advised that labour discussions must take place in-camera.

Councillor Slager:

- Inquired about the new flag poles delivery timeline.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 025-012-102

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

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

- CARRIED -



Lauren Hanchar – Mayor



Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk