

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

MEETING NO. 06
March 24, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Lauren Hanchar – Mayor
Thomas Slager – Councillor
Denina Paquette – Councillor
Norma Puckett – Councillor *

Administration
Cam Lockwood – CAO
Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk

Absent

William Whimp – Councillor

Public

R. Wilkinson P. Agana
C. Ellis C. Craft *

Delegation

Sgt. Cropper & Cst. Poulin – RCMP
Jordan Stackhouse – Elevator Yukon *

*Electronic attendance **

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

AGENDA

MOTION 026-06-041

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The draft agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 026-06-042

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The draft minutes from the Council Meeting of March 3, 2026 be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 026-06-043

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$302,210.58 be approved.

- CARRIED -

Council sought clarification on payables to Finning Canada, Shannon Bergeron, YG Community Services, Snowboard Yukon, and Watson Lake Foods.

DELEGATION
RCMP – Policing Priorities

Sgt. Jordan Cropper was joined by new Member, Cst. Kevin Poulin, for an introduction and to discuss policing priorities for the fiscal year. Based on community feedback, the detachment priorities will include drug related crime reduction, a focus on youth, community partnerships and reconciliation. Council expressed support for the priorities identified and thanked the Members for their dedication to the community and to youth sports.

**Elevator Yukon – HAF Initiatives and
Development Grant Policy Adoptions**

Jordan Stackhouse of Elevator Yukon presented Council with amended policies for the HAF Development and Conversion grants, and a new grant for renovating existing suites. Stackhouse also provided clarity around development completion deadlines. Stipulations added to the HAF grant programs include a requirement for occupancy within one year of development completion and a declaration that the dwelling will not be used for short-term accommodations. Council brought forward minor grammar edits needed. Next steps include a communications strategy and in-person meetings with interested community members.

MOTION 026-06-044

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The three Housing Accelerator Fund grant policies be adopted with minor amendments.

- CARRIED -

CORRESPONDENCE
Klondike MLA, Brent McDonald
Invitation to Meet

Council received correspondence from Klondike MLA and the Official Opposition Critic for Community Services, Brent McDonald, extending an invitation to Council to meet to discuss community priorities and to hear perspectives on matters that impact rural municipalities. Council discussed the importance of such meetings and asked that Administration respond with a few meeting date options.

BYLAWS
Third and Final Reading of
Business Licence Bylaw 2025-06

Business Licence Bylaw 2025-06 was before Council for Third and Final Reading. Mayor Hanchar noted that the monetary values would be added to the Fees and Charges Bylaw, which will be before Council for consideration at the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 7, 2026. Administration is satisfied with the bylaw as presented, stating that there may be accompanying policies developed for specific business types, such as bed and breakfasts for example.

MOTION 026-06-045

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Business Licence Bylaw 2025-06 be introduced for Third and Final Reading.

- CARRIED -

Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw 2025-08

Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw 2025-08 was before Council for Second Reading. Administration explained the intention of the bylaw, which is to amalgamate the powers of authority of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer and their Delegates into one bylaw.

MOTION 026-06-046

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw 2025-08 be introduced for Second Reading.

- CARRIED -

NEW & UNFINISHED
Donation Policy 2026-01

The draft Donation Policy 2026-01 was before Council for further discussion and adoption. The new application form, although detailed, will gather all information needed to aid in Council's donation request reviews and decision-making, ensures accountability, and keeps the process standard for all.

MOTION 026-06-047

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

Donation Policy 2026-01 be adopted.

- CARRIED -

COUNCILLOR OPEN FORUM

Councillor Slager:

- Spoke with Councillor Whimp, who sent regrets for not being able to attend the Council Meeting.

Mayor Hanchar:

- Attended the quarterly AYC Meeting and will provide a report for Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 7, 2026.
- Asked for an update on job posting recruitment. Administration shared that the Firefighter position had been filled and that there are several other job posting

currently open, including a Water Treatment Operator I and several summer positions.

Councillor Paquette:

- Asked if the sani-dump station would be moved to its new location this year. Administration confirmed that the project would soon be going out to tender for completion this fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 026-06-048

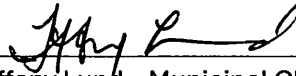
Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

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

- CARRIED -



Lauren Hanchar – Mayor



Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk