

ATTENDANCE

Lauren Hanchar – Mayor
Thomas Slager – Councillor
Denina Paquette – Councillor
Norma Puckett – Councillor
William Whimp – Councillor

Administration

Cam Lockwood – CAO
Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk

Public

P. Agana	J. Skelton	B. Schornick
G. Mulorz	J. Madera	J. Carlson *
C. Ellis	C. Craft *	R. Wilkinson
C. Quinn *	D. Stubenberg	
L. Dicknoether *		

Delegation

Grainger Thompson – Wild Wolves of Canada *

*Electronic attendance **

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

Mayor Hanchar began the meeting by acknowledging May 5th as Red Dress Day, the National Day of Remembrance honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and LGBTQIA2S+ people.

AGENDA

MOTION 026-09-065

Moved by Councillor Puckett, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The draft agenda be adopted as presented with a personnel related item to be discussed In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 026-09-066

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The draft minutes from the Council Meeting of April 21, 2026, be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 026-09-067

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$162,863.82 be approved.

- CARRIED -

Council sought clarification on payables to Canadian Lynden Transport, Dall Contracting Ltd., Bee Jay's Towing, and Finning Canada.

DELEGATION
Grainger Thompson, Wild Wolves
Of Canada Ride for Arctic 2026

Grainger Thompson of Wild Wolves of Canada presented their 2026 project to help tackle food insecurity in the north. The non-profit group asked that Council provide a letter of support for the project and potentially collaborate in 2027 on a community parade to help raise awareness. Council will provide a letter of support to Wild Wolves of Canada for their 2026 mission.

CORRESPONDENCE
Cedric Schilder, Department of Environment
Addition of Watson Lake to Contaminated Site Map

Council discussed the correspondence received advising of DDT concentrations found in fish tested in Watson Lake and advising Council that Watson Lake will be added to the Yukon Contaminated Sites Map as an "unknown" classification until further testing can take place. The Town was given the opportunity to provide information or dispute the classification. Mayor Hanchar opened the discussion to the Gallery for comment:

- Birgit Schornick explained that since the CBC article came out about DDT levels in fish in Watson Lake, they have been in contact with the scientist conducting the study and other authorities and has learned that the DDT findings are significant. Schornick is pushing for further testing of fish, lake water, and ground water and encouraged the Town to do the same until impacts are understood.
- Dalyce Stubenberg asked if there were any results from barrels removed from Watson Lake several years ago. Administration explained that the results were not shared with the municipality but is something that the Town can pursue.

Administration was directed to respond to the correspondence.

REPORTS
CAO Report

CAO Lockwood provided updates on department staffing, seasonal facilities, ongoing and future projects, and events around the community.

Q1 Department Reports

MOTION 026-068

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Q1 Department Reports be brought forward for consideration and discussion.

- CARRIED -

Council discussed the upcoming YG veterinary clinic, and other department focuses and initiatives. Administration provided clarity about the Utilities Department O&M budget and SCADA upgrades.

MOTION 026-09-069

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Council accept the Q1 Department Reports.

- CARRIED -

**Admin Report – Recreation Centre
Backup Boiler Project**

Council was provided with background information and a contract award recommendation for the Recreation Centre Backup Boiler Project. Administration recommended that the project move ahead despite the bids coming in over budget due to ongoing rising costs.

MOTION 026-09-070

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

The contract award for the Recreation Centre Backup Boiler Project be tabled to the Council Meeting of May 19, 2026.

- CARRIED -

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

MOTION 026-09-071

Moved by Councillor Puckett, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Draft Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 2025-04 be brought forward for discussion and consideration.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 026-09-072

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Whimp THAT:

Draft Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 2025-04 be amended to remove increases to water and sewer fees and maintain previous fees.

- DEFEATED -

MOTION 026-09-073

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Draft Fees and Charges Bylaw 2025-04 be tabled to the Council Meeting of May 19, 2026, for Third and Final Reading.

- CARRIED -

**Unoccupied and Vacant
Buildings Bylaw 2026-01**

MOTION 026-09-074

Moved by Councillor Puckett, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Draft Vacant and Unoccupied Buildings Bylaw 2026-01 be brought forward for discussion and consideration.

- CARRIED -

Amendments were made to the draft bylaw per Council's instruction. No public input was received from Administration.

MOTION 026-09-075

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Draft Vacant and Unoccupied Buildings Bylaw 2026-01 be tabled to the Council Meeting of May 19, 2026.

-CARRIED -

**NEW & UNFINISHED
Donation Request – Filipino Canadian
Association of Watson Lake**

A request for donation was received to help cover expenses for a Filipino Fiesta to be held in Watson Lake in June. The request was deemed to be within policy guidelines.

MOTION 026-09-076

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Council donate \$500.00 in cash and an additional in-kind donation of \$500.00 for facility and equipment rental costs to the Filipino Canadian Association of Watson Lake for a Filipino Fiesta.

- CARRIED -

COUNCILLOR OPEN FORUM

Councillor Slager:

- Requested information about burn permits.

Mayor Hanchar:

- Shared information about the AYC Conference and AGM being held in Watson Lake.

- Provided that the first fire and flood briefing meeting took place; meetings will be ongoing throughout summer months and support will be provided to neighboring communities as needed.
- Council partook in procurement training for elected officials.
- FCM is publishing the Future of Northern and Arctic Canada Report, being made available on May 6th.

GALLERY OPEN FORUM

D. Stubenberg:

- Questioned lifetime animal licences for animals that are chemically castrated.
- Brought forward a billing inquiry/issue for hydrovac work done at their property that was performed by the Town. Administration to provide a report to Council on the matter.

J. Skelton:

- Brought forward concerns with potholes and garbage along Auburn Drive.
- Thanked Public Works for snow clearing efforts over the winter.

R. Wilkinson:

- Clarified where BST will be applied this summer.

C. Ellis:

- Asked questions about garbage pickup in along streets and in ditches throughout community and about sticker removal from Town signs.

B. Schornick:

- Asked if the Department of Environment email regarding contaminated sites could be shared.

C. Craft:

- Asked when BST would be applied to Frances Avenue.
- Thanked Council for donating to the Filipino Fiesta and asked that Council be mindful of audio for virtual attendees.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 026-09-077

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

Council move In-Camera to discuss a personnel related matter.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 026-09-078

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Council revert to an Open Meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 026-09-079

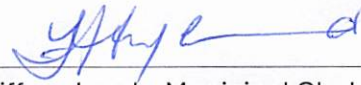
Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

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

- CARRIED -



Lauren Hanchar – Mayor



Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk



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THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

