

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

MEETING NO. 10
May 19, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Lauren Hanchar – Mayor
Denina Paquette – Councillor
Norma Puckett – Councillor

Administration
Cam Lockwood – CAO
Brandie Keene – A/ Municipal Clerk

Absent

Thomas Slager – Councillor
William Whimp – Councillor

Public

P. Agana P. McLeod R. Wilkinson
J. Carlson* B. Walters * D. Stubenberg
C. Craft * J. Skelton *

*Electronic attendance **

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

AGENDA

MOTION 026-010-080

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The draft agenda be amended to strike Community Lottery Fund Grant Recommendations and be adopted.

- CARRIED -

Mayor Hanchar noted that there was an In-Camera legal matter to discuss.

MINUTES

MOTION 026-010-081

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The draft minutes from the Council Meeting of May 5, 2026, be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 026-010-082

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$330,202.63 be approved.

- CARRIED -

Council sought clarification on payables to Multi-Build Solutions Group, KPI Northern LTD., Elizabeth Berry, and First Due.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Allison Kaiser, Telsa
Supercharging Station in Watson Lake**

Council discussed the correspondence received from Tesla who would like to instal a Supercharging Station in Watson Lake as a part of their northern Canada expansion. Council asked that Administration request more information including whether the private sector had been engaged, installation location, and vehicle compatibility.

MOTION 026-010-083

Moved by Councillor Puckett, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Council table the discussion to the Council Meeting of June 2, 2026, and direct Administration to seek more information from Tesla.

- CARRIED -

**Minister Lang re Watson Lake
Court Registry Office**

Council received a letter from Minister Lang in response to inquiries from MLA McLeod and the Town regarding the Watson Lake Court Registry Office closure. Mayor Hanchar will prepare another letter to the Minister Lang and Premier Dixon to express displeasure with the decision to keep the local office closed and centralize services to the Whitehorse office.

REPORTS

**Admin Report – Contract Award for RFT 2026-03
For the Supply and Delivery of Propane Fuel and Equipment**

Administration provided Council with background information and a tender award recommendation for the 3-year contract to supply and deliver propane fuel and equipment. Administration recommended that the contract be awarded to Superior Propane who provided the lowest compliant bid.

MOTION 026-010-084

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Council award the three-year contract for RFT 2026-03 for the supply and delivery of propane fuel and equipment to Superior Propane for a fixed rate of \$0.6510/L.

- CARRIED -

**Admin Report – Contract Award for RFT 2026-02
Watson Lake Recreation Centre Boiler Project**

Administration provided Council with a tender award recommendation for the Watson Lake Recreation Centre Boiler Project and sought approval of a Capital Budget increase to Gas Tax income to fund the project.

MOTION 026-010-085

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Council approve an increase to the 2026 Capital Budget in the amount of \$240,000.00 for the Recreation Centre Boiler Project.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 026-010-086

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Council award the contract for RFT 2026-02 for the Recreation Centre Backup Boiler Project to Budget Plumbing and Heating for \$740,000.00 plus GST.

- CARRIED -

COUNCILLOR OPEN FORUM

Mayor Hanchar:

- Acknowledged opening day at the Dennis Ball Memorial Pool and inquired about staff training.
- Thanked Town staff and Watson Lake Ski Club for their contributions and organizing of the AYC AGM. Next year's conference will be held in Dawson City.
- Highlighted two recent community events; the historical designation of the WL Airport Terminal and the grand opening of the Visitor Information Centre, which were both well attended by residents and Cabinet Members.
- Mayor Hanchar, Councillor Paquette, and CAO Lockwood attended the unveiling of the Elders Parking sign at the Watson Lake Hospital.
- Asked that the Council summer meeting schedule be added to the June 2nd Council Meeting agenda for discussion.
- Asked for updates on Vet Clinic uptake, Wildland Fire Management meetings, Fire Smarting funding and the Housing Accelerator Fund.
- Inquired on BST installation. Administration confirmed that discussions have been ongoing about Frances Avenue repairs and confirmation has been obtained that the work will take place this summer.

Councillor Puckett:

- Asked if there was an update on the DDT contamination in Watson Lake; Administration has started corresponding with relevant authorities for updates and shared what information has been obtained so far.

Councillor Paquette:

- Asked if playgrounds had been completed. Parks and Rec continue to deal with the supplier for completion.
- Asked if there was an update on the sani-dump station installation at a new site; Administration is working on obtaining prices and quotes.
- Would like to know if fireguards are adequate for community needs.
- Noted that the Vacant and Unoccupied Buildings Bylaw was supposed to have been brought forward to the meeting for third and final reading.
- Commented that the new flags along the highway corridor look great.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 026-010-087

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

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

- CARRIED -

MOTION 026-010-088

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Council revert to an Open Meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 026-010-089

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



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