

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

MEETING NO. 13
July 7, 2026

ATTENDANCE

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

Administration
Cam Lockwood – CAO *
Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk

Absent

William Whimp – Councillor

Public

P. Agana J. Carlson * C. Craft *
L. Dicknoether *

*Electronic attendance **

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

AGENDA

MOTION 026-013-112

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The draft agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 026-013-113

Moved by Councillor Puckett, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

The draft minutes from the Council Meeting of June 16, 2026, be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 026-013-114

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Slager THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$175,680.41 be approved.

- CARRIED -

Council sought clarification on payables to Yukon University, WSP Canada Inc., Government of Yukon – Property Assessments, and multiple cheques to individuals for the spring community garbage pick-up initiative.

CORRESPONDENCE
**Proclamation Request – Pregnancy &
Infant Loss Awareness Day**

Council received a proclamation and flag raising request from Oak's Tree of Love, in recognition of pregnancy and infant loss awareness month. Council expressed support for proclaiming October 15, 2026, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in Watson Lake, and raising a flag on this day, as requested.

MOTION 026-013-115

Move by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Council proclaim October 15, 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in Watson Lake and direct Administration to contact Oak's Tree of Love for a flag to raise in recognition.

- CARRIED -

**Flag Raising Request
Queer Yukon Society**

Council received a request from the Queer Yukon Society to raise a flag for one week in August in recognition of Pride Month in the Yukon.

MOTION 026-013-116

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The Pride Flag be raised for one week at the Town Office from August 10th – 17th, 2026.

- CARRIED -

**Minister Lang – Yukon Firearms
Legislation Engagement**

The Yukon Government is beginning engagement regarding firearm legislation in the Yukon and are exploring the possibility of implementing a firearms advocate position. Council discussed the matter and agreed that a firearms advocate position would be beneficial and that Council send comments to be considered during the engagement period. Council asked Administration to share the YG engagement link and encourage participation from the public.

MOTION 026-013-117

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Council provide input regarding firearm legislation in the Yukon and express support for a firearms advocate position.

- CARRIED -

REPORTS

Admin Report – Crushed Aggregate Production Contract Award

Administration provided Council with background information and a contract award recommendation for RFT 2026-06 for crushed aggregate production for the Public Works department. Crushed aggregate production was approved in the 2026 capital budget in the amount of \$100,000.00 and will be used for road repairs.

MOTION 026-013-118

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Council accept the bid from Nuway Crushing LP at the rate of \$14.82 per cubic metre, to a maximum contract value of \$100,000.00, for RFT 2026-06 – Crushed Aggregate Production.

- CARRIED -

Admin Report – Semi-Annual Procurement Update

As per the Purchasing and Procurement Policy, Administration provided a mid-year procurement update. The report included a breakdown of all contract awards valued over \$50,000, sole sourced and emergency procurements.

MOTION 026-013-119

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Council accept the semi-annual procurement report.

- CARRIED -

BYLAWS

Third and Final Reading of Community Services Grant Bylaw 2026-03

Community Services Grant Bylaw 2026-03, being a bylaw to provide property tax grants to eligible local non-profit, religious, or charitable organizations, was before Council for Third and Final Reading.

MOTION 026-013-120

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Community Services Grant Bylaw 2026-03 be introduced for Third and Final Reading.

- CARRIED -

NEW & UNFINISHED
September Council
Meeting Schedule

Due to scheduled administrative leave, a request was made to reschedule September Council meetings by one week. The meeting dates proposed were September 8th and September 22nd, 2026.

MOTION 026-013-121

Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

September meeting dates are amended to September 8, 2026 and September 22, 2026.

- CARRIED -

COUNCILLOR OPEN FORUM

Councillor Paquette:

- Asked when developments under the Housing Accelerator Fund grants need to be completed. Administration explained that the deadline is December 31, 2026, however, grant recipients may request an extension.

Councillor Slager:

- Questioned what will happen to the funds not expended under the Housing Accelerator Fund; Administration will be working with CMHC to utilize as much of the approved funding as possible.
- Inquired about the LFN flag for the Town Office; Administration will be meeting with the new LFN leadership and will inquire about a flag.
- Asked who operates the Community Garden at Wye Lake Park.
- Requested information about when BST would be installed on roadways.

Mayor Hanchar:

- Reminded everyone that the next meeting will be held August 18, 2026.

GALLERY OPEN FORUM

C. Craft:

- Asked if BST installation would be completed for the entire Frances Avenue block and expressed displeasure when advised that only the new Frances Avenue subdivision would be completed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 026-013-122

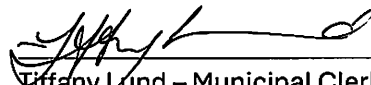
Moved by Councillor Slager, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

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

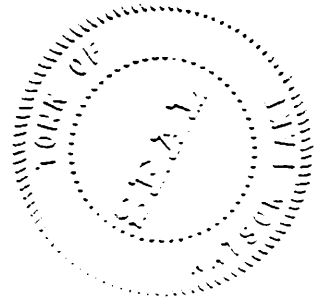
- CARRIED -



Lauren Hanchar – Mayor



Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk



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