

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

MEETING NO. 16
September 22, 2026

ATTENDANCE

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

Administration

Shannon Bergeron – A/CAO
Tiffany Lund – Municipal Clerk

Absent

Thomas Slager – Councillor

Public

P. McLeod *	J. Skelton *	R. Wilkinson
J. Hartte	P. Agana	D. Stubenberg
L. Dicknoether *		

*Electronic attendance **

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

AGENDA

MOTION 026-016-143

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The draft agenda be amended to remove AYC Quarterly Meeting Update and Table it to the October 6, 2026 meeting.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 026-016-144

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The draft minutes from the Council Meeting of September 22, 2026, be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED -

PROCLAMATIONS
**National Day of
Truth and Reconciliation**

Mayor Hanchar proclaimed September 30th as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Watson Lake, and announced that the Every Child Matters flag would be flown for the remainder of the month in honour of the observance.

MOTION 026-016-145

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

September 30th be proclaimed the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Watson Lake.

- CARRIED -

PAYABLES

MOTION 026-016-146

Moved by Councillor Puckett, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$162,852.51 be approved.

- CARRIED -

Council sought clarification for payables to Liard Engineering & Management and Norwood Waterworks.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Angela Miller re
Property Tax Grants**

Council received correspondence from Angela Miller regarding the Yukon Property Tax Grant program. Miller expressed concern that the grant amount has not increased in more than 30 years and requested Council's support in advocating to the Yukon Government for an increase to the grant. Council agreed to bring the matter forward during the Minister Community Tour meeting.

REPORTS

**Admin Report – Approval of Property Tax
Grants Under Business Grant Bylaw 18-10**

Council was provided with an Admin Report containing grant approval recommendations for qualifying non-residential properties. The total grant amount being awarded is \$21,135.95.

MOTION 026-016-147

Moved by Councillor Puckett, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Council approve the 2026 Business Grant Recipient List as presented and provide business grants in the total amount of \$21,135.95.

- CARRIED -

**Admin Report – Recommended
Amendments to Traffic Control Bylaw**

Council was provided with an Admin Report which highlighted sections of the Traffic Control Bylaw that require revision. The bylaw contains outdated legislation references, lacks clarity and enforceability, and requires additions such as the use of recreational vehicles and roadway and parking restrictions.

MOTION 026-016-148

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

Council direct Administration to prepare amendments to Traffic Control Bylaw 01-08 consistent with the recommendations outlined and bring forward a revised bylaw for Council's consideration.

- CARRIED -

NEW & UNFINISHED
Repeal of Property Tax Grant
For Disabled Homeowners Policy

Council considered the repeal of the Property Tax Grant for Disabled Homeowners Policy, which was originally adopted in 2000. As the policy was not enacted by bylaw, it does not comply with the requirements of the *Municipal Act* and therefore was brought forward for repeal. Council also discussed the intent of the grant and will further explore whether a similar program is needed.

MOTION 026-016-149

Moved by Councillor Puckett, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

Property Tax Grant for Disabled Homeowners Policy be repealed.

- CARRIED -

December Meeting Schedule
Proposed Amendment

To accommodate travel dates of Mayor Hanchar, it was proposed that December Council Meeting dates be changed as follows:

- December 1, 2026, meeting moved to December 8, 2026
- December 15, 2026 meeting be moved to December 22, 2026.

MOTION 026-016-150

Moved by Councillor Puckett, seconded by Councillor Paquette THAT:

December 2026 Council Meetings be moved to December 8th and 22nd.

- CARRIED -

COUNCILLOR OPEN FORUM

Councillor Puckett:

- Brought forward a complaint about the sound quality for those attending Council meetings virtually and suggested a pre-meeting sound check be completed before each meeting.

Mayor Hanchar:

- Attended the quarterly AYC meeting in Whitehorse, along with Councillor Paquette and CAO Lockwood. An update will be provided at the Council Meeting of October 6, 2026.
- Advised the public that Council would meet with Premier Dixon, Minister Lang, and MLA McLeod as a part of the Minister Community Tour and reminded everyone of the public session being held September 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 026-016-151

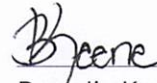
Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Puckett THAT:

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

- CARRIED -



Lauren Hanchar – Mayor



Brandie Keene – A/Municipal Clerk