

THE TOWN CRIER



February, 2018

Hello everyone,

With February right around the corner, that usually means big events to look forward to such as Kiki Karnival and the Annual Outdoor bonspiel. We will get into that, but first things first: here is what to expect in the coming month.

Yukon Government officials held an Open House on January 24th to inform the public about Yukon's draft cannabis legislation and what to expect. I would like to thank everyone who attended and took part in the conversation. It is anticipated that the feedback gathered from that meeting will be taken into account by those who were on hand to present the information to the public.

Yukoners are encouraged to share their thoughts, ideas and suggestions on how to sustainably grow tourism in the territory through a new public engagement process launched on January 26th by Minister of Tourism and Culture Jeanie Dendys.

Minister Dendys was joined by Rich Thompson, cochair of the Yukon Tourism Development Strategy Steering Committee, at an event to unveil the engagement sessions. The sessions will be held in communities throughout the territory with First Nations governments, municipalities, tourism businesses, partner organizations and the public. In addition, [feedback can be provided online](#).

Tourism is a key component of Yukon's economy, providing employment for Yukoners and supporting vibrant communities across the territory while balancing economic development with environmental, community and cultural values.

The results of the online survey and community meetings will inform the Yukon Tourism Development Strategy, which will help form plans to achieve growth opportunities and priorities.

There will be a meeting with the Ministers taking place in February when they make their annual visit to the Yukon communities. At this time, I do not know who will be in attendance from the Yukon Government, but I anticipate that it will be a gathering of information on the part of the Yukon Government to better govern the entire Yukon.

The Government of Yukon and the Town of Watson Lake recently signed an agreement for the Watson Lake sewage lagoon upgrades that will take place this year.

Yukon Government anticipates to award the contract in April with work to commence in May. The Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,950,000.00 and is expected to be completed by March, 2019.

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In January, the Town through the Community Development fund signed an agreement to develop and implement a business facade improvement pilot project. The funding is intended to beautify the Town of Watson, enhance community pride, increase tourism and local spending by encouraging private investment in property facade improvements. The Town will offer a 50% reimbursement to a maximum of \$5,000 per organization or business that invest in improvements to their facade which face public spaces. Eligible organizations include businesses, not for profits and other organizations, but excludes residential properties. Applications will be available from the Town Office at the end of March. For more information, please contact the Town office at 5368000.

Mayor & Council have been in discussion with representative from Yukon Government Land Planning Branch to discuss the potential of land availability in Watson Lake.

The purpose is to acknowledge the intent of the parties to work together in the identification of development lands and in the provision of land development services within the Town of Watson Lake.

Representatives from YG Energy, Mines & Resources explained their mandate. The Rural Land Development unit has the responsibility for the development, planning, design, construction and delivery of Yukon government land development projects throughout Yukon.

Responsibilities include:

- Supporting and coordinating land development initiatives in rural Yukon, including unincorporated communities and with rural municipal governments and First Nations;
- Finalizing land development agreements with Yukon municipalities.
- Preparing prices for selling government developed land in rural Yukon;
- Completing conceptual development plans and working closely with the Yukon government's Land Planning branch and Advisory Councils for areas where Local Area

Plans and zoning have identified sites for future development; • Coordinating public and First Nation consultation process with respect to design concepts, and working closely with the Yukon government's Land Planning branch on planning and zoning amendments for subdivision development; and, • Supporting other government units and the public to make land available for development.



HERITAGE DAY IN THE YUKON

The Town of Watson Lake Water & Sewer By-law #01607 is going before Council for Second Reading at the February 6th Council meeting. The bylaw is available on the Town Website at www.watsonlake.ca

The Town office will be closed on Friday, February 23rd for Heritage Day, and will reopen on Monday, February 26th at 8:30am.

The annual Novice Hockey Tournament Yukon Cup is being held in Watson Lake and will take place the weekend of February 2nd to the 4th. I would like to welcome all the hockey players and families taking part and wish everyone good luck and hope that the tournament is a fantastic experience for everyone to participate in.

National Heritage Day, also known as Heritage Day, is celebrated in the Yukon on the last Friday of February.

Tidbits

As well, Kiki Karnival will take place the weekend of February 9th to 11th. I look forward to seeing the community participating in the festivities. For more details on all the events taking place, please refer to the Recreation report of this Newsletter or contact the Recreation Department at 536-8023.

Please make sure your heat traces are still on. This is the time of year when frost in the ground is at its worst and may cause frozen water/sewer lines.

Finally, the Annual Outdoor Bonspiel will take place on the weekend of February 16th to 18th. This year's theme is "My button is bigger than your button". To register for this event or for more information, please contact Scott MacLean or Jason Kearns.



Recreation Advisory Committee News

Council Meetings are held the first & third Tuesday of every month unless these dates fall on a Statutory holiday. The next scheduled Council meeting is Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 pm. Please approach members of Council on any agenda item that you wish to bring forward.

Are you an enthusiastic and involved individual who has ideas as to different recreational activities for Watson Lake residents? Our committee is looking for such individuals. All you have to do is submit to the town office a brief resume and a letter of intent.

As always my door is open for ideas to improve the town.

Our community is blessed with wonderful volunteers and many non-profit groups. There are many programs for funding that can be accessed. One such is the Community Lottery Program that allots \$24,000 annually with some guidelines. This information is available on the Yukon Government site www.lotteriesvukon.com with the next intake deadline being 15 March 2018.

Thank you,
Justin Brown
Mayor of Watson Lake



POLICY ON OUTSTANDING CHARGES

The Town has recently transferred \$10,904.00 of unpaid utility accounts to the individual tax accounts. We have previously informed ratepayers that failure to pay will result in a transfer of the outstanding amount to taxes. Once this is done, residents could lose their ability to obtain the Home Ownership Grant. The Municipal Act and two Town bylaws instruct us to initiate this transfer, a practice we have been doing for several years, so please do not place yourself in jeopardy.

The other funding is Community Development Fund www.cdf.gov.yk.ca/programs.html.

CDF Funding Tiers	Tier1	Tier2	Tier3
Funding Level	\$20,000 or less	\$20,000 to \$75,000	\$75,001 or more
Deadlines	January 15 May 15 July 15 October 15	May 15 September 15	January 15

It is important that the various organizations that are requiring funding for projects to prepare a plan for

the next and following years. This will allow you to have short and long-term goals to realize and achieve.

COMMUNITY LOTTERY FUNDING The Community Lottery applications have been updated. The Watson Lake Recreation Advisory Committee will be reviewing Community Lottery funding applications twice annually. The maximum for a single application is \$4,000.00. Special projects and capital purchases of more than \$4,000.00 will be considered based on available funds.

Deadlines are: March 15th and August 15th. Electronic and paper copies of the application and guidelines are available on the Town of Watson Lake website or can be picked up at the Town Office or Recreation Department.

OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES

Council reviewed the list of outstanding taxpayers who do not already have liens imposed upon their property. There is a requirement under the Property & Assessment Act that a list of delinquent properties be published in a Yukon Newspaper. The next step is for the Town to apply for title should the account remain delinquent. The lien protects the municipality and has precedent over all other parties with the exception of the Crown.

Residents will notice that this list is published on the last page of the Town Crier. A similar ad will appear in the Yukon News prior to February 15th.



Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is an annual holiday celebrated on February 14. It originated as a Western Christian liturgical feast day honoring one or more early saints named Valentinus, and is recognized as a significant cultural and commercial celebration in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country.

Support Safe Snowmobiling!

- Be a Safe Rider... Learn proper safety habits, and use them!
- Leave Tracks not Trash... If you had room to bring it in, you have room to bring it out. • Maintain your sled... A well tuned snowmobile will be more reliable, environmentally friendlier, and offer better performance.

- Respect Wildlife.. Animals are more vulnerable during winter, please keep some distance and respect their habitat. • Respect the Land... Please reduce your environmental impact by using pre-existing trails when available, and avoid areas designated as environmentally sensitive. • Leave it stock... Refrain from using aftermarket products that increase noise, they scare animals and annoy people. • Embrace new technologies... Mother nature appreciates sleds that run more efficiently and effectively than ever. • Spread the word... Snowmobiles have improved immensely over the last several years thanks to direct injection engines, on board computer systems, and new steering and suspension systems. • Have fun & ride safe

SAFE RIDERS'

You Make Snowmobiling Safe



Trans Canada Trail
Sentier Transca'fidien



Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations



This is just a reminder that no person shall operate a vehicle (motorcycle, quad or all-terrain vehicle) within a Town park, on a

sidewalk or in any other area listed as being a "Prohibited Area".

The Town of Watson Lake has authority to designate parks and walking trails within town limits as being "Prohibited Areas" and all persons shall respect those areas. This includes Wye Lake Park and the walking trail around Wye Lake.

Prohibited areas are designated by the posting of signs.

Every person who violates or fails to comply are guilty of an offence and may have their vehicle seized and are liable to a fine of \$500.00.

OFF ROAD VEHICLE USE IN WATSON LAKE

If you are operating an off-road vehicle in Watson Lake please ensure that you are in compliance with the Yukon Motor Vehicle Act. As with any vehicle, a valid driver's licence, proof of ownership, and valid insurance is required to operate an off-road vehicle within a maintained roadway.



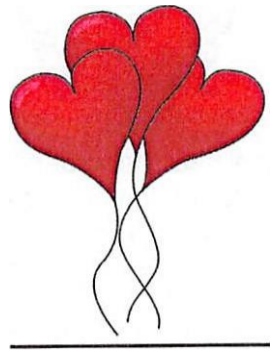
On February 15, 1965 our national flag was raised for the first time on Parliament Hill. Then, in 1996, February 15th was declared National Flag of Canada Day. Every year since, we celebrate our beautiful flag.

In 2018, the National Flag of Canada is celebrating its 53rd anniversary during the 2018 Winter Olympics. Canadians are invited to celebrate this important symbol of our identity by organizing their own events, showing their pride on social media and cheering on Canadian Olympic and Paralympic athletes.

2018 BUSINESS LICENCES

No business shall carry on or operate any business within or partly within the Town of Watson Lake without first having obtained a business licence from the Town.

Every person who fails to acquire a business licence as of February 15, shall when such licence is finally issued pay a penalty of ten percent of the applicable licence for every thirty days or portion thereof during which the business has operated without a valid business licence



Greetings from Recreation!



I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I believe this has been one of our coldest winters we have had in a while! I was out of town for the first cold snap but definitely caught the second! I am sure it comes as no surprise to any of you that I am enjoying the amount of snow we have had. Mt. Maichen is open, we are beyond blessed to have a ski hill in our lovely little town. Huge thank you to the incredible volunteers and community members that have always invested their time and energy keeping it open for the rest of us. It is truly a lot of work, and very appreciated.



We are kicking off February by hosting the Novice Yukon Cup, so make sure to come on down to the recplex to cheer on our littlest local hockey players, and all the other ones too! Minor Hockey has been working hard, putting the tournament together.

Coaches have been dedicated to our littlest hockey players getting them ready for the big tournament!



The very next weekend, February 9-11 is our annual Kiki Karnival! This is an action packed weekend with the usual events: Friday kicks off with the hockey tournament, food fair, and family party! Saturday there will be the usual carnival games for families, drag races at Wye Lake, a craft fair (call me to enter a table), hockey, and an adult dance on the Saturday night. Sunday will be a wrap up of the hockey tournament. There will be a concession all weekend. If you would like to sign up for the food fair, or craft fair please contact me at 536-8023. This is a great weekend, lets stay safe and have fun! This is a family friendly weekend, please be considerate of others.



The annual Out Door Bonspiel is the weekend after that, wuhoooo! I have been told that it is the longest running open air bonspiel in Canada! That is definitely something to be proud of. This is not a town run event, there is a whole team of amazing volunteers that make this event happen every year. It is very appreciated, they put in a huge amount of time putting the ice in and making sure that this event happens every year. I can't wait!

We will be closing February with the Sweti Yeti- winter run! This will take place the last Saturday of the month, February 24th.

healthy for life

I have a few more winter activities that I am hoping to make happen in March! You will have to wait and see what they are though. If you have any ideas, thoughts or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me with the information provided below.

hope you are all enjoying the new year and finding time to get out there in the glorious Yukon fresh air! If you need any help with motivation and inspiration for becoming more active and eating well please contact me.

Yours in health and recreation,
Meaghen Kimmitt
Recreation Programmer
Town of Watson Lake
recreation@watsonlake.ca
867.536.8023

Let it Snow!

Recreation's purpose is not to kill time, but to make life; not to keep a person occupied, but to keep them refreshed; not to offer an escape from life, but to provide a discovery of life.

By-Law stats for January 2018

Traffic By-Law complaints 9, warnings issued 9

As we are into winter, it is a busy time of year for snow removal. In order to keep our streets clean and safe, please ensure that vehicles are not parked or stored on the Town's right-of-way as this hinders the snow removal.

Animal control By-Law complaints 6, warnings issued 6 Any pet running at large may be picked up by animal control and brought to the animal shelter. There are fees involved to have your animal released to you. Also, all pets are required to have a licence attached to their collar. This helps us greatly in locating the owner, should your animal be picked up.

Garbage collection By-Law complaints 3, warning issued 2

Please ensure that your garbage bins are placed at the end of your driveway on pickup day. Our collectors will not go into your yard to look for your bin. It must also be easily accessible. Many cans have been left out and are being buried in the snow bank.



Watson Lake Recycling Centre

REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Landfill IOAM -5 PM
Recycling 10 AM -5:30 PM

We will be CLOSED on Friday February 23 for Heritage Day but will be open on Saturday February 24 for our regular hours.

An adjustment/change to paper sorting rules.....until now we haven't worried about small amounts of box board, cardboard or brown paper in with mixed paper. This has recently changed and we now ask you to be sure these items are NOT included with regular paper. Ah joy, right? (We see very little of this kind of mixing so hopefully the change won't be too big of a deal.)

Most of you know what we take at the Depot, but once a year I like to list it all out in case someone missed any recent changes.

Our Annual "STUFF WE TAKE" list:

IN ADDITION TO ALL BEVERAGE CONTAINERS, WE ALSO TAKE, BUT DO NOT PAY A REFUND ON:

FOOD TIN CANS (please rinse)

MOST HOUSEHOLD PLASTICS (WE CANNOT ACCEPT MOTOR OIL CONTAINERS). At this time they are classified as Residual Waste and go in your household garbage' or save them for HHWDD)

SOFT PLASTICS (Clean, used plastic wrap, grocery and produce bags etc. They cannot be put into the sorting bag loose. Please stuff them inside one of the bags, tie it and then put in the plastics bag.)

PLASTIC LIDS (They cannot be put into the sorting bag loose. Please put them in a plastic container or plastic bag and seal it or tie it so the lids won't fall out.)

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOX BOARD (ie: cereal and cracker type boxes, please remove any liner bags) AND BROWN PAPER. These items go in one bag together. Please flatten and lay flat in the appropriate bag. If you have large amounts or large pieces, please contact us for proper drop-off,

WAXED CONE TOP CONTAINERS AND TETRA PACKS (includes SOUPS AND SOUP CONCENTRATES in this type of container)

ALL PAPERS — we suggest keeping a small box for paper only. We do not need to have paper sorted into categories. Shredded paper is to be brought to the Depot either in a closed box or a plastic bag.

INKJET, BUBBLEJET AND TONER CARTRIDGES

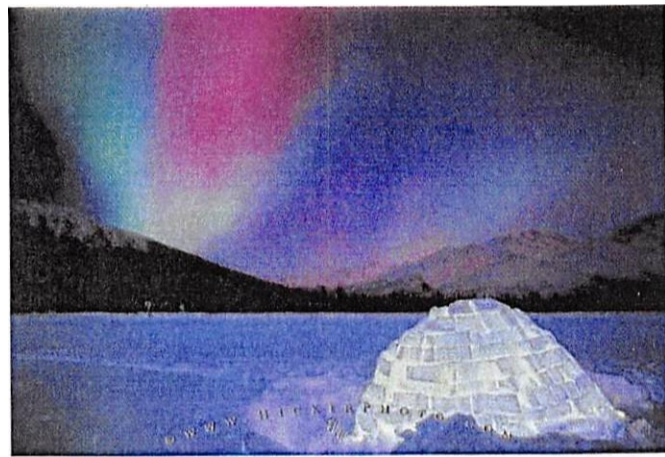
ALL HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES & OLD CELL PHONES We are now a collection point for Ca112Recycle. Ca112Recycle recycles all rechargeable and single use household batteries. They also accept old cell phones. Please bring these items into the Depot and we will show you where they go.

BRITA WATER FILTERS: There is a pail for them, just inside the Depot door.

STYROFOAM - ANY SIZE SHAPE OR COLOUR. Please place loose in the collection bag. Please break up larger pieces to fit the bag better and ensure that items are pushed down into the bag, not just resting on the top.

Remember....Milk, milk substitutes (ie: rice and almond milk) and cream containers now carry a deposit and therefore have a refund available. We will only accept these containers if they are properly rinsed out.

FLUORESCENT TUBES AND COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS: These tubes get crushed and the mercury vapour captured and properly disposed of. These are the only types of bulbs that need to be brought out here. Incandescent (regular) bulbs and LEDs just go in your garbage.



The Northern Lights Centre

The Regular hours of operation are

- Wednesday 11am to 6:30pm
- Thursday 11am to 6:30pm
- Friday 2:30pm to 10pm

We have the following to offer you;

- Birthday parties w/gaming, 3D movies etc...
- Public computers w/Internet
- We have a Friday and Saturday night movie and gaming on Sundays
- Rental space, hourly or daily
- Live space viewing.

Coming Soon

- Thor: Ragnarok
- Coco
- Three billboards outside ebbing, Missouri
- Murder on Orient express
- Daddy's home 2
- Wonder

- Saturday 2pm to 10pm
- Sunday 11am to 5:30pm
- CLOSED Monday and Tuesday



MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor: Justin Brown

- Councillor:
Brenda Leach
Brian Lund
Chris Irvin
Stacy Bauer



TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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For more information please call Chad

536-7827 or 536-8028

SCHEDULE II

YUKON TERRITORY AND TAXATION ACT
Section 82 (1)
Form TL 1

Tax Lien Summary to Jan. 10, 2018

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE TAXING AUTHORITY



Arrears of Property Tax

Roll#	Title Holder	Location	Legal Description	Certificate of title	Tax	Penalty	Interest	Balance
L680015006010	Johnsen, Edward	246 wye Drive	Lot 6; Block 15; Plan 23074	2009Y0030	838.56	83.86	3.76	926
L680016023080	Miller, Daniel Garry & Miller Sharon	249 wye Drive	Lot 23; Block 16; Plan 64946 Lot	92Y803	866.18		0.14	866.32 a-
L680020010050	Shank, Tamra	700 Hyland Ave.	10; Block 20; Plan 25447	2008Y1249	-4,402.57	131.45	5.85	.53@.87
L680021			Lot 30; Block 21; Plan 92-70	2007Y0740	365.65			366.65
L680022001020			Lot 1; Block 22; Plan 25447	96Y902	367.61			36i.61
L680022014070			Lot 14 (PT); Block 22; Plan 25447	2006Y0991	168.28			168.28
L680024002070	Robitaille, Steve	'714 Liard Avenue	Lot 2; Block 24; Plan 26467 Lot	2016Y0281	3,745.15	335.04	128.80	4,208.99
L680024015020	Camilla Haye_s	610 Hyland Avenue	15; Block 24; Plan 26467	2016Y0607	371.80!			371.80
L680025005010	Ellis, Steven Bruce	615 Liard Avenue	Lot 5; Block 25; Plan 26467	74Y746	182.19			182.19
L680025007090	Thomson, Robert; Meers, Tammy	824 Ravenhill Drive Semple,	Lot 7 & a; Block 25; Plan 26467	2015Y0645	2,240.71	187.77	8.40	2,436.88
L680025013010	Chris 107 Teslin Cres.		Lot 13 ; Block 25;	2012Y0202	396.25 i			396.25
L680025016080	Miller, Daniel Garry & Miller Sharon	138 Teslin Cres.	Lot 16; plan 26467 Block	2008Y0635	83.32			183.32
L68002502A080	Heaney, Connie	132 Teslin Cres.	25; Plan 26467 Lot	20f1Y1393	397.87			±97.87
L680025026060	Cha ut, Kevin; Lamha, Patricia	i 122 Teslin Cres.	24; Block 25; Plan 26467	2045Y0594	269.61			269.68
L680025028040	Dick, Hammond; Hurlbert, Naomi	116 Teslin Cres.	Lot 26; Block 25; Plan 26467	2004Yh188	371.80			366.52
L680031002020	Suffesick, Rob	100 Teslin Cres.	Lot 28; Block 25; Plan 26467	2006Y0297	509.61	74	2.20	371.80
	Labonte, Brent; Carmichael, Dolly	'603 8th st. North	Lot 2; Block 31; Plan 40427	2016Y0812	176.98			176.98
	Nolan, Brian	607 8th St. North	Lot 4; Block 3	2011Y0705	1,184.87	100.69	4.8h	1,290.37
L680031004000	Anderson, Leatha Eileen 122 Morley Cres. Chaput, Kevin	118 Morley Cres.	1; Plan 40427	2014Y1072	398.46			398.46
L6800310100>0			ck 31; Plan 40427	2013Y999	281.36		0.02	281.32
L680033001090	Paish, Alfred & Doreen 106 Morley Cres. McMillam, Sherry; Stewart, Da		Lot 9 & 10; 33; Plan 40427	2007Yi356	121.02			121.62
L680036028010	'126 Morley Cres.		Lot 1; Block 36; Plan 40427	2006Y0741	139.76			139.76
L680038021040	Combs, Tim	126 Nisutlin Way	Lot 28; Block	95Y258	308.58			308.58
	Ufitingabire, Beatrice	111 Campbell Way	Lot 3; Block 46; Plan	2011Y099i	404.92			404.92
	Szabo, Terry	'212 Simpson Drive Blake, Vanessa Ann	949 Nahanni Drive	50229	294.61	49.46	1.94	6.01 idi.oo
	Thompson, Dale	93B Nahanni Drive	•Lot Block 50; Plan 92-75	2009YD7B8	649.19	64.92		357.09 day of
	Eiklandi Annette; Sparvier, Christopher	960 Nahanni Drive	Lot 7; Block 52; Plan 52685	2016Y1263	362.50	486.25	8.34	n. 2018
L680050014080	Marshal, Carey	213 10th Street South	Lot 1; Block 53; Plan 52685 Lot					
L680052007030	Allen, Scott; Allen, Kelly	1125 Campbell Hwy	12; Block 53; Plan 52685					
L680053001070	Toole, Gordon James	1119 Campbell Hwy	Lot 4; Block 32; Plan 98-114					

Dated the 11th

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Lot 1-54-1; Plan 37024
Lot 1-56-1,1-57-1 & 1-58-1; Plan 37024

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Rick Rotondi - Collector of Taxes

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