

THE TOWN CRIER



March 2018

Hello everyone,

As we are fast approaching spring, there is a lot of activity that is going to take place in the coming month.

An electoral boundary meeting will take place on Saturday, March 10th at 5pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss potential changes to the Yukon Electoral Boundary from the district of Watson Lake to the district of Watson Lake-Ross River. If you require any information on the subject, the interim report will be available at the Town Office.

Also, there is an event being sponsored by Golden Predator mining company, in conjunction with the Council of Yukon First Nations to bring the NHL Indigenous Alumni Players back to Watson Lake on March 9th. As part of this event, there will be a Minor hockey clinic along with a community dinner and a hockey game with our own Old-timer hockey players and the Alumni players that evening.

In Municipal news, the 2018 Annual Operating and Maintenance (O&M) and Capital Budget and the Property Mill rate Bylaw are required to be passed by April 15th. Council has reviewed many of our operational requirements and as costs have been escalating with no tax increases over the years, have decided that a minimal increase is warranted. A Town Hall meeting will take place on the 14th of March at 7pm at the Curling Lounge, whereby Mayor & Council will be discussing these matters. I hope to see everyone there for that event.

Mayor and Council passed Second reading of the Water and Sewer Bylaw, Bylaw 16-07. It is expected that Third and Final reading will take place at the next scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, March 6th. There have been significant changes to the bylaw including rate increases. Council has taken the approach that these services have to be cost recoverable. This means therefore that the user base pays their fair share of the services that are provided. The Bylaw encourages the installation of water meters on all buildings and devices which are connected to the Town water system. This will allow the Town to obtain a more accurate recovery on usage and also allow for users to see the amount of water their households and businesses actually use. A copy of the Water & Sewer Bylaw is available on the Town website or at the Town Office.

Finally, I would to thank those of you who came out and braved the cold weather to participate in the Kiki

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Karnival events. I hope everyone had fun and anticipate more of the same next year. I want to extend my appreciation to the Watson Lake Recreation Hockey who came forward and organized the Hockey Tournament, the Watson Lake Riding Association and volunteers for organizing the dance, staff, participants, and the town for their contribution to this event.

Also the 36th Outdoor Bonspiel was held the weekend of February 17th to the 19th. This is the longest running open-air bonspiel in North America. I would like to thank the Outdoor Bonspiel Association and all those that were involved for their contribution to making this a great annual event.

As always, my door is always open for ideas to improve the town. There is a lot of work to be done. We know and appreciate that it cannot be done without your help. Please give us your ideas and suggestions. A reminder that Council Meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday of every month.

On that note, I would like to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Thank you,
Justin Brown
Mayor of Watson Lake



2018 TAX NOTICES

The 2018 property tax notices will be mailed to property owners on or before May 15th. Ratepayers are reminded that property taxes are due and payable on July 2nd after which a

Development Permit (conditional use) 300.00

Development Permit amendment \$100.00

Development Permit extension \$100.00

Certificate of Zoning compliance \$100.00

Board of Variance Application \$300.00

Appeal to Council \$300.00

Authorization to extract natural resources \$300.00

Zoning bylaw map amendment \$300.00

Zoning bylaw text amendment \$300.00

Copy of Zoning Bylaw \$25.00

A Development Permit is separate from a Building permit and must be obtained prior to a building permit being issued. Building permits are obtained from the YTG Building Inspector.

If you have any questions please call the Town Office at 536-8000



In the Northern Hemisphere, spring begins with the equinox on the 20th March at 12:15 pm EDT. Astronomically speaking, the equinox occurs when the Sun crosses the celestial equator on its way north along the ecliptic. This March equinox is also known as the vernal, or spring, equinox, and marks the start of the spring season

The Town Office will be closed
Friday,
March 30th and Monday, April 2nd,
We will reopen at 8:30 am, Tuesday,
April 3rd.
Happy Easter from Mayor,
Council & Staff

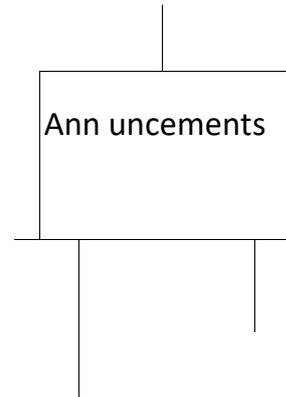


Please be advised an open Town Hall meeting will be held in the Curling Lounge at the Watson Lake Recreation Complex on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. All members of the public are invited to attend.

The main topic for discussion is the Provisional 2018 O+M & Capital Budget overview. There has been discussion about the budgetary process and how we spend your tax dollars. The budget is a forecasting document, and is a requirement under the Yukon Municipal Act that an annual operating budget is passed on or before April 15th. It is important that we assess our numbers throughout the year keeping in mind the best ways to provide quality services to determine how the budget is laid out with the funding that is available. We do not want to spend more than we have and it is our mandate to be fiscally responsible and to operate within those numbers. This comes with challenges. It has to be a community-based approach so that we offer what the community wants. Council has been working towards developing a strategic plan that will be a guideline to make decisions that will be both sustainable and beneficial to the long-term future of Watson Lake.

Sustainability is always key.

This is your opportunity to share ideas, concerns and questions with Mayor & Council.



Director of Protective Services

The Town of Watson Lake would like to take this opportunity to welcome Charlie Crane as the Director of Protective Services. Charlie assumes his position March 1st and will be responsible for the management and supervision of the Bylaw Enforcement Department as well as the management and overall direction of the Watson Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

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BUSINESS FAOADE PROGRAM

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.

Greetings from Recreation!



Look at all that snow baby! YEAH! It has been a fantastic year for snow, the ski hill has been incredible lately. This is the best winter we have seen in a few years, and I for one am loving it! I know the cold snaps were a bit brutal, but I will take cold weather over plus temps and rain in mid winter any day. If you are needing an extra push embracing the season please come and see me, I will do my best to persuade you into an activity that will make you enjoy the season a little bit more!

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you!

The Outdoor Bonspiel has come and gone, huge thank you to the amazing volunteers that make this event happen year after year. It is a lot of work, and I just wanted to let you all know how much the rest of us appreciate it! We still wear the crown of the longest running open air bonspiel in Canada!



Music Yukon has funded a Southern Presenters tour of some local Yukon Artists. We hosted Kim Beggs last Wednesday evening, she is a wonderful performer who has been to Watson Lake on previous occasions performing at Arts in the Park. We will be hosting Patrick Keenan next, on Tuesday, March 13th at Wye Lake Cabin at 7:00pm. It is wonderful having these artists made available to us, please come down and check out the show. Cover is \$5 at the door. The final show will take place on Tuesday, April 17th. This show will also be at Wye Lake Cabin at 7:00pm and the cover is \$5. Claire Ness will be performing, many of you will have seen her as a clown at our Canada Day celebration last summer. She is a gem! Please come on down and support the arts, so that we can offer more shows in the future.

Teslin and Faro are both bringing youth (ages 11+) to

Watson Lake this weekend to enjoy our incredible Mt. Maichen, NLC and Recplex. If you see this crew out and about, please give them a big Watson Lake hello and make them feel welcome. I am hoping that they decide to come down here and use our beautiful facilities more often.



Mt. Maichen will be hosting the Yukon Cup the weekend of March 9th -11th, and this event is open to anyone. If you aren't interested in competing come up for a burger and watch the races! There will be a racing work shop on the night of Friday, March 9th. The following two days will be the Yukon Cup races. This event isn't only for children; adults can attend as well. The following weekend, March 17th -18th there will be a freestyle clinic coming to Mt. Maichen. This is all about jumps and fun! Two back to back weekends at our amazing local ski hill, if you are interested in either one of these events please come on up and check them out. If you haven't had one of Ang's burgers you're missing out!



Baby & Me snowshoeing group is Wednesdays @ 1:00pm. All you need is a good carrier for the wee one and appropriate clothing for you both, if you do not have snow shoes, we have rentals here at the Rec Department. If you are interested, please contact me with the information provided below.



I have been asked to start a parent/baby cross country ski group on the weekends, which I would love to do if there is enough interest. We were thinking about starting next weekend, please keep your eyes open for more details, as we just had the conversation an hour ago and I need to get planning! You would need your own carriers for the wee ones.

If you have any thoughts or concerns, please feel free to contact me or just drop by my office! I love constructive feedback from the community. The hours of daylight have really started to lengthen, making the outdoors more enjoyable for many. Get out there and enjoy this beautiful weather.

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

Cet 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.

Mt.Maichen is open

Wednesday's and Friday's for night skiing
7pm-10pm

Saturday and Sunday 11am to 3:30ish

If the weather is -25 or colder the hill will not open.

Concession and rentals available each day For more information call 536-8031

By-Law stats for January 2018

Traffic By-Law complaints 3, warnings issued 6

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 5, warnings issued 7

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 2, warning issued 2

Please ensure that your garbage bins are placed at the end of your driveway on pickup day. Two bags a week will be picked up per home. If you have more bags you can purchase tags at the town office



Watson Lake Recycling Centre REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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

We will be CLOSED April 2, 3, 4 & 5 for the Easter long weekend.

I (ahem), may have mentioned this a time or two before, but once a year in September, we host a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day in conjunction with Community Services. It's pretty important to start talking about this early, as the

items for disposal on this day need to be saved during the year. Please keep an eye out for these products between now and September and set aside a box or pail to toss them in.

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) are the waste products that are found in our kitchens, bathrooms, yards, basements and garages — formerly useful, but hazardous products, used in and around the house. These items should not go into the dump, but often do. Some examples of HHW are aerosol containers (full or empty), single use propane cylinders, used oil, acetone, oil-based paint, insect repellent, weed killer and unfinished containers of laundry products- stain removers- toilet cleaners- wax strippers- drain cleaners- oven cleaners, and empty oil jugs. This is a very short list of some common examples.

If you have any of these items, please bring them to the depot for proper disposal on the collection day. We are unable to accept these items except on this special collection day. Household Hazardous Waste is not allowed in the landfill as it is included in By Law 14-04 on Schedule F, Banned Landfill Waste.

We keep a list of people to remind about HHWDD, and call them the week before the event. If you want on the list, contact us. 536-



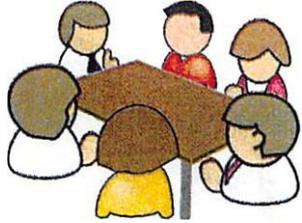
Ingredients for Hot Cross Buns:

1/2 cup raisins, currants, or craisins + 1 cup boiling hot water
3/4 cup very warm milk, divided into 1/2 cup and 1/4 cup (I used whole milk, 2% is fine)
1/2 cup white sugar + 1/2 tsp sugar 1/4 cup (4 Tbsp) unsalted butter, softened 15 seconds in microwave 1/2 tsp salt
1 envelope active dry yeast (about 3/4 Tbsp or 2 1/4 tsp) — I used Red Star Yeast
2 large eggs, well beaten

- 3 1/2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp (a large pinch) ground nutmeg

For the Egg Wash:

- 1/2 cup Powdered sugar mixed with 2 1/2 tsp Milk



- 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.

For more information please call Chad

536-7827 or 536-8028



The Recreation Centre will be CLOSED on March 30th for Good Friday, Sunday, April 1st Monday, April 2 for Easter

We will be OPEN on Saturday, March 31st, Regular hours



We will reopen for regular hours Tuesday, April 3rd at 8am

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor: Justin Brown

Councillor:

- Brenda Leach
- Brian Lund
- Chris Irvin
- Stacy Bauer

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

We have the following to offer you;

*Kaska Stories
told in English*

YUKON HERITAGE AWARDS

The Yukon Historical & Museums Association (YHMA) will honour the six winners of the 34th annual Yukon Heritage Awards this evening at the Yukon Archives. "These annual awards honour those who have made exceptional contributions to the conservation and celebration of Yukon's heritage, enriching our community through preservation, interpretation, and volunteerism," said Lianne Maitland, the YHMA's executive director. "YHMA is both thrilled and honoured to recognize their accomplishments." The Annual Heritage Award will be presented to respected Kaska elder Leda Jules. "For over the last five decades, Leda has worked tirelessly to promote and protect the Kaska language, culture, and heritage," the YHMA said. "She has spent her life both sharing and passing on her ancestors' ways to generations of Kaska and non-Kaska alike." This includes keeping Kaska stories and the Kaska language alive, and sharing the knowledge Jules has accumulated by listening to and living on the land. A fluent speaker of the Pelly dialect, Jules has worked with numerous organizations, institutions,

linguists, and academics to document and develop resources for the Kaska language.

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First Nations

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Golden Predator and the CYFN are proud to announce the

2018 NHL Indigenous Alumni Tour Watson Lake Events

March 9, 2018

Location

Time	Event	Location
12 noon	School lunch	WL Schools
1-2 PM	NHL School Visits	WL Schools
2-4 PM	Open House	Golden Predator Office
4-450 PM 5 -550 PM	Ice Time — Youth and Alumni	Watson Lake Hockey Arena
6PM-8PM	Opening Prayer • Kaska Drumners followed by the Old Timers Game	Watson take Hockey Arena
8PM	Community Dinner	Watson take Rec Centre

NHL Alumni Include:

Reggie Leach Jason Simon
Arron Asham Eric Nattress
Vernon Fiddler John Chabot
Jean Sebastien Aubin

We hope you can join us! For more information please see Susan Magun in the Golden Predator office