



THE TOWN CRIER



April 2018

Hello everyone,

Well, we are now into spring, as according to the calendar, but there are things that are on the horizon that will be a good opportunity for people to attend and discuss.

The Department of Economic Development will be sponsoring an Economic Development Conference on April 17th to the 19th here in Watson Lake. It will be an opportunity for everyone to engage with presenters and representatives about the potential and future investments that could be made for the betterment of Watson Lake in the future. If we play our cards right, this town could potentially boom within three years. Therefore, this is a huge opportunity for us to get that started with this Conference.

Mayor and Council has passed Third and Final Reading of the Water and Sewer Bylaw, being Bylaw 16-07. The bylaw encourages the installation of water meters on all buildings and devices which connect to the Town water system. As such, it will present the town with a more accurate recovery on usage and also allow for users to see the amount of water usage in each and every household and business accurately.

As well, the 2018 Annual Operating and Maintenance Budget, Capital Budget and the Property Mill Rate Bylaw will go to Third and Final Reading on April 3rd at the regular council meeting. I would like to thank everyone for participating in the Town Hall meeting as well as the Public consultation hearing during the Council Meeting of March 20th. Your input was greatly appreciated and will be taken into account for this budget as well as future budgetary processes in the future.

I would like to thank everyone for participating in the electoral boundary meeting that took place on Saturday, March 10th. We showed the panel how passionate we were about how we, as a community, felt about the changes that were proposed in the Interim Report.

Also, I would like to thank Golden Predator mining company and the Council of Yukon First Nations to bring back the NHL Indigenous Alumni Players on

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March 9th. I would like to thank the cooks for their time and expertise, which was well done, as well as those who participated in the Old-Timers game and the NHL Indigenous Alumni Players for taking the time to talk to the youth as well as the general public in the community. Not to be remiss, I would like to thank the organizers and

the Recreation Staff for all their help to make the event a success.

I would like to thank those who participated in the Tourism forum that took place on March 14th. The presentation, the Indigenous Land Protection forum, has been rescheduled to the end of May with the same presenters as speakers. If you would like more information on the matter, please contact the Liard Aboriginal Women's Society at 867-536-2097 or email at anne@vaxandi.ca.

We, as a community, know that there is a lot of work to be done. You find out what a person or a community is like when faced with adversity. One will either unite in the face of that challenge or one will divide and scurry away from the challenge. I believe this town can and will be united to try and face the challenge head long. We, as Mayor and Council, cannot face the challenges ahead without your help. Please give us your ideas and suggestion. As they say, no idea is a bad idea. A reminder that Council Meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday of every month

Thank you,
Justin Brown
Mayor of Watson Lake

2018 O1M & CAPITAL BUDGETS

The Annual Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Budget Bylaw, the Capital Budget Bylaw and the Property Mill rate Bylaw shall be passed by April 15th. As of March 20th, we have had two Readings of these Bylaws. Over the year the budgets are reviewed on a regular basis and adjustments are made to allow flexibility and keeping costs down. Once passed, the bylaws will be available on the Town of Watson Lake website.

TAX NOTICES

The 2018 tax notices will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks. Ratepayers are reminded that property taxes are due and payable on July 2nd after which a 10% penalty is automatically levied. Daily interest is also charged at 2% on the outstanding balance.

If you choose to pay your taxes through telephone banking, you will need to set up an account through CIBC Electronic

banking using your tax roll number. For further information please contact the Town office at 536-8000.

2018 TAX RATE BY-LAW

By-Law 18-03 is a By-Law to set the property tax rate for the year 2018.

The following are the proposed 2018 tax rates: 1) Residential and lakeshore property, a general tax of 1.549 percentum.

2) Non-Residential property, a general tax of 2.036 percentum.

3) Vacant commercial property, a general tax of 3.845 percentum.

4) The Minimum Tax for the year 2018 shall be \$550.00

SNOW REMOVAL

The Town of Watson Lake Public Works Department has been working diligently to open snow dumps and hauling snow to open up subdivisions in anticipation of the spring melt and to prevent flooding. A very large portion of this snow is snow that has been removed from private driveways and yards and placed on the traveled portion of the road. This is a contravention of the Town of Watson Lake Traffic Bylaw and is an enourmous expense to the taxpayers of the community. Snow banks are been pushed back to expose the ditches to allow for water access to the drainage areas, thus preventing water standing on the Town streets. The Public Works Department is removing snow pack from the streets. This will cause a ridge in driveways and entrances providing that the property owner has not kept their driveways cleared to the level of the street.

Tidbits

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.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Please note: The Solid Waste Bylaw allows two garbage bags of household waste to be collected from your residence at no charge. Any additional garbage bags over the two bag limit are required to have a garbage tag. Only bags that are properly tagged will be collected. Garbage tags can be purchased at the Town office for \$2.00/tag. This rule also applies to those residents that use plastic grocery bags for their household waste. If you have more than two grocery bags of household waste, please place them into a standard size garbage bag to

prevent the extra charge, and to ensure that your garbage will be collected.



EASTER GARBAGE COLLECTION

Garbage usually collected on Friday, March 30th will be collected on Thursday, March 29th. Garbage collected on Easter Monday, April 2nd will be collected on Tuesday, April 3rd^h.

TOWN OFFICE CLOSURE

The Town office will be closed on Good Friday, March 30th and Monday, April 2nd for Easter. We will reopen Tuesday, April 3rd at 8:30 am.



TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the first & third Tuesday of every month. The next scheduled Council meeting is Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm. Please approach members of Council on any agenda item that you wish to bring forward.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mavor: Justin Brown

Councillor:

Brenda Leach

Brian Lund

Chris Irvin

Stacy Bauer

MOSQUITO CONTROL

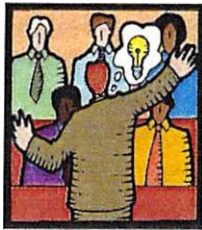
Although it seems as though winter may never end, summer will soon be upon us, and with warmer temperatures and melting snow, it marks the beginning of the dreaded mosquito season, therefore the Town would like to inform residents that the mosquito control program has commenced and initial Vectobac 200G applications is scheduled to begin as early as the third week of April. Hand applications will continue at infested water bodies as required

during May throughout August. The goal of the program is to reduce adult mosquito annoyance for residents and visitors. Experience has proven that the best way to do this is by effective control of larval mosquito populations.

With the larval mosquito control program will reduce overall mosquito populations, residents and visitors should still be prepared to protect themselves from adult mosquitoes by using repellents and wearing loose, light coloured clothing. Regularly drain wading pools, ponds and empty water filled boats, canoes or other containers.



Golden Predator Mining Company in conjunction with the Council of Yukon First Nations hosted an open house and dinner for members of the NHL Indigenous Alumni who came to visit our town Friday, March 9th. I would like to thank the NHL players who came out to meet our local residents and sign autographed posters. While visiting, they also enjoyed a game of hockey with our local Watson Lake Silvertips. Thank you to Golden Predator, the Council of Yukon First Nations, and to the staff and volunteers for their time in organizing and hosting this event.



Mayor & Council would like to thank the members of the public who attended the Town Hall meeting that took place on Wednesday, March 14th. The focus of the meeting was to present the proposed 2018 O/M & Capital Budgets as well as an overview of the Town's financial position. There was an opportunity to discuss the budgetary process and decisions that will be both sustainable and beneficial to the long-term future of Watson Lake. The meeting was well attended and there were many suggestions that will assist us going forward. The O/M and Capital Budgets are required to be passed by April 15th.



What is Earth Day?

Earth Day has become one of the most widely celebrated environmental events across the globe. On this day, events are held worldwide to increase

awareness and appreciation of the Earth's natural environment. Currently it is celebrated in more than 192 countries each year. It was originally celebrated at Spring Equinox around 21 March every day but now the United Nations has designated 22 April as the International Mother Earth Day. Earth Day Network coordinates this annual day across the globe.

Earth Day is all about appreciating the uniqueness of our planet Earth with its incredible biodiversity. On this day various national and international activities are conducted to understand how we should protect our nature, plants, animals and environment.

Protect and save our beloved Mother Earth before it's too late. With her innumerable treasure she provides us a comfortable life. Now it's our turn, respect her and save her.

Greetings from Recreation!

Spring has finally sprung! Hahahahaha! March is always such a wild card you never know what you are going to get. It has been lovely getting some fresh snow on the ski hill for the last little while that it is open. We were worried we were going to have to close early and then BAM! Tonnes of fresh snow. The lakes are covered in overflow so please be careful when you are out and about. I know most of you are growing impatient with all of this fresh snow, lets just hope it is Mother Nature's way of getting all the precipitation out of the way and leaving us with a hot summer! Cross your fingers for hot and smoke free! Wouldn't it be perfect if it rained all night and was hot all day, in the summer months? Ok Stacey, once the snow is off the hill I will start my sun dance, as promised.

As you all know the municipality is experiencing a major shift in how we operate, and recreation is going to be experiencing a lot of change along with it. I am looking forward to the challenge of seeing what we can do as a community in light of all of these changes. Being a Watson Lake "kid" I have seen the strength of this community when we come together to make things happen and I am looking forward to seeing what comes out of the wood work. If there is programming that you want to happen, please come and see me and we can discuss how to make it successful. We are going to be depending heavily on user groups, non-profits and volunteers. There is an amazing core group of volunteers in this community, and they are tired. Burnt out. They need help, fresh blood and new ideas. Things are so much more successful when the community steps in to run them.

How many of you remember Bill Lily? He would come to the old community hall and decorate the ceiling with incredible designs out of crepe paper that would be left there for months. He did this because he had

the skill to do so, and the want to do something for his community. Our community centre was the community's, we took ownership. How many of you remember when Kiki Karnival was run by a committee and there were bed races and Kiki Queens? Correct me if I am wrong, but I think one year the reigning Queen won a car! There were cancan dancers and all sorts of fun! Sharon Miller was always dressed as the Kiki Bird, and I faithfully followed her where ever she went! I can't tell you how excited I was as an adult woman coming home to my first Kiki in many years, only to see my beloved Kiki Bird! Sharon has retired the costume, it is time for someone new to pick it up and don the spirit of the Kiki Bird. The sense of community pride

was incredible; I have always said that you could've made a mini series on this community. We can't make the old Watson Lake happen again, but we can do a lot with the amazing little community that we have. If we take these changes as a challenge and step up as a community I honestly think this could turn out to be a positive thing, but we must work together.

For my part personally, as the rec programmer, I am going to shift my focus onto the youth. Yes, I agree; something I should have done a long time ago! With crime prevention funding we have secured some youth staff to help. Keep your eyes open for posters as we have some good things coming down the pipe! I have a

vision for where I would like to see the programming for youth go, and the new staff are also excited to make things happen and have some wonderful ideas of their own. With all of this change there is going to be some growing pains, but if we stay positive and steady there is potential for great things! Your support and ideas will be greatly appreciated as these shifts happen. When it comes to our youth, they truly are the future of our community. Time for me to focus on them, and I would love your support.

We have one more performer coming for the Southern

Presenter's Network. This final concert will be Claire Ness- she is wonderful! She has performed here with Yukon Women in Music, Arts in the Park as well as being the lovely lady that put on the clown camp for Canada Day. She will be performing at Wye Lake Cabin on Tuesday, April 17th @ 7:00pm. Please come on down and support this wonderful artist, welcome her back to our community!

Mr. Ukulele is travelling south from Alaska and is making a stop in our wonderful community. I am really looking forward to what he has to offer. He will also be performing at Wye Lake Cabin; sounds like it will be a great show! He will be here on the evening of Wednesday, April 25th @ 8:00pm.

We hope this newsletter finds you all well, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas, our office door is always open! Also, I would like to let you know that unfortunately Facebook has shut down the Recreation Programmer profile, as I was unable to prove it was my real name.

Yours in health and recreation,
Meaghen Kimmitt
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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.

Watson Lake Recycling

Depot

Watson Lake Solid Waste Facility
(Landfill & Recycling Depot)
536-7104
Email: recycling@watsonlake.ca

REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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

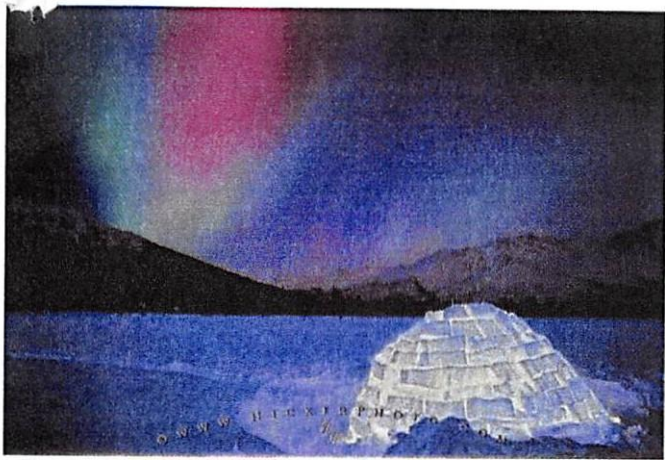
we will be CLOSED March 30th & 31st April 1st & 2nd for the Easter long weekend.

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 cleanersoven 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. 536-7104



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

We will reopen for regular hours Tuesday, April
3rd at 10am

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

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;

- 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.

Movies are still playing on Friday's and Saturday's. Watch for the posters or look on facebook for what is playing

For more information please call Chad

536-7827 or 536-8028



Yukon

Yukon Community Economic Development
Conference, April 17-19, 2018, in Watson Lake. For more
information and to register visit www.gov.vk.ca/YCEDC2018 or call
(867) 4563925.





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It is well known that volunteers drive our community. One such example is the Watson Lake Ski Club a very busy place during the winter months. It could not be so successful with

Administration	400 hrs	\$6,400
Finance bookkeeping	450 hrs	\$7,200
Fall brush cutting	65 hrs	\$1,040
Grooming of runs (dependent on snow fall)	260 hrs	\$4,160
Equipment repairs and maintenance	105 hrs	\$1,680
Patroller training	100 hrs	\$1,600
Patrolling on hill	320 hrs	\$5,120
Fundraising:		
Auction	400 hrs	\$6,400
Yukon Cup, Discovery Days, Food Fair	200 hrs	\$3,200
School Ski Program	36 hrs	\$576
Total	2,316 hrs	\$37,376

out a very active executive, patroller and other volunteers. Out of interest we have

compiled the donated volunteer hours and tried to put a dollar value of \$16.00 per hour for their contributions.

The above table is an estimate of volunteer hours as there are many more. All equipment repairs have been done by a qualified mechanic, who would normally charge much more than \$16 per hour.

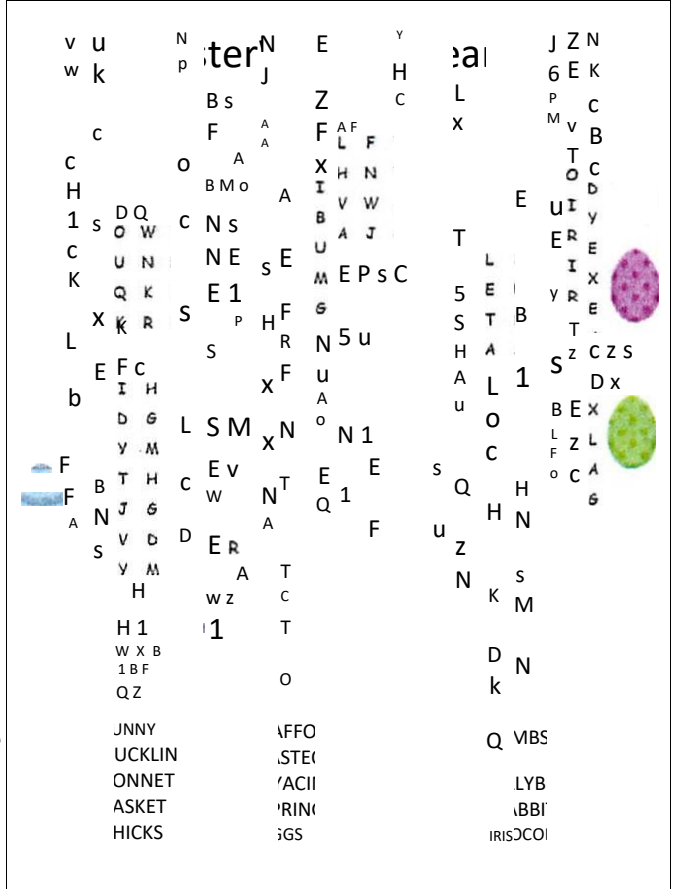
With the recent snow fall the hill will be open over Easter and depending on snow conditions will continue to be open on weekends 11:00 am —4:00 pm. For further information please check with the chalet's phone 867-536-8031.

In conclusion, we had an excellent year with lots of participation and great skiing and snowboarding conditions. On behalf of the Watson Lake Ski Club executive, I thank the many volunteers, the public and the Town of Watson Lake for supporting our wonderful facility.

The after school program will be starting on April 9th. We have secured 3 youth workers; they will be bringing a great deal of ideas for activities to do with the children. Please let us know if your child will be participating. 536-8020

Town of Watson Lake Water/Sewer By-

Law 16-07 j.



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Find these words.

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- March
- April
- May
- butterfly
- growing
- Easter
- flower
- bees
- bird
- rain
- tree



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Monthl rates	Water	Sewer	Total
RESIDENTIAL			
Rate for each non-metered service	\$35.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
Minimum rate for each metered service based on 20 cubic metres	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00
-consumption above the minimum metered rate (per cubic metre)	\$1.00	\$.50	\$1.50

COMMERCIAL metered			
Minimum rate for each metered service based on 20 cubic metres	\$45.00	\$22.50	\$67.50
-consumption above the minimum metered rate (per cubic metre)	\$2.25	\$1.13	\$3.38
BUSINESSES, RV PARKS non metered (not Otherwise listed in this schedule)	\$78.75	\$39.38	\$118.13
-apartment buildings (per unit)	\$35.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
Busihesses with sewer only	\$0.00	\$39.38	\$39.38
HOTELS & MOTELS non metered			
-each rentable room or dwelling unit	\$19.69	\$9.85	\$29.54
-without sewer facilities (per room)	\$19.69	\$0.00	\$19.69
LOUNGES, CAFES, TAVERNS AND DINING ROOMS (each) non metered	\$98.44	\$49.22	\$147.66
SERVICE STATIONS non metered			
-without car wash facilities	\$78.75	\$39.38	\$118.13
-with car wash facilities	\$196.88	\$98.44	\$295.32
-additional for each RV sanitation dump	\$0.00	\$43.75	\$43.75
LAUNDROMATS/LAUNDRIES non metered			
-per Washer	\$17.50	\$8.75	\$26.75
RECREATIONAL RV PARK non metéred			
-each rentable stall without sewer facilities/stall	\$8.75	\$0.00	\$8.75
-each rentable stall with sewer facilities/stall	\$8.75	\$4.38	\$13.13
INSTITUTIONAL			
Rate for each non-metered service (not otherwise listed in this schedule)	\$78.75	\$39.38	\$118.14
SCHOOLS non metered per room	\$47.25	\$23.63	\$70.88
Minimum rate for each metered service based on 20 cubic metres	\$45.00	\$22.50	\$67.50
-consgmption above the minimum metered rate (er cubic metre)	\$2.25	\$1.13	\$3.38
Service termination fee/reinstatement of servi& fee	\$30.00		
SEWAGE LAGOON DUMP RATE	\$20.00/LOAD		

Mayor & Council have recently passed the Water & Sewer bylaw for the Town of Watson Lake. The bylaw is available on the Town website. Attached are the new rates that were passed as part of the Bylaw.

Please be advised that these new rates will be coming in to effect in June, 2018

Town of Watson Lake
By-Law
16-07 Rate
Schedule
"A"

All account holders who are

65 years of age or older shall pay 50% of the fees set out in this schedule on their primary residence.