

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 1
January 6, 2015

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

R.DUROCHER - MAYOR
THOMAS SLAGER - Councilor
BRENDA LEACH - Councilor
TIM O'BRIEN – Councilor
CYNTHIA KEARNS - Councilor

PUBLIC

S. Maclean
G. Sundby
D.Stubenberg

ADMINISTRATION

STEPHEN CONWAY - CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Durocher.

AGENDA

MOTION 015-01-01

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Kearns
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include:

Proposed Employee health benefit package
Waste Management

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 015-01-02

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last special meeting of December 23, 2014.

- CARRIED –

CAO REPORT

Administration provided Council with information on the current and proposed health benefit package for the Town of Watson Lake. Council reviewed the pros and cons of switching from the current provider to the recommended plan and the costs associated with the new plan.

MOTION 015-01-03

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor O'Brien
that:

The Town of Watson Lake change to the Great West Life Health Benefit package.

- CARRIED –

Administration provided Council with a draft letter to Dwayne Muckowsky, director of community programs and operations concerning the Town's position on a regional landfill located in Watson Lake. Council addressed concerns that no increased monies will be allocated for waste management. It was suggested to contact the City of Dawson that operates a regional landfill to determine the costs associated with the operation.

Administration discussed the proposed Zoning By-Law and provided information regarding the various types of Zoning and permitted uses. The topic of seacons was addressed and whether they will be permitted in prescribed areas under the zoning bylaw. Council was in agreement that this needs further discussion, however did not see a problem with allowing seacons. Mayor Durocher suggested this topic be discussed at a Town Hall meeting prior to second Reading of the Zoning Bylaw. Council discussed potential dates for the Town Hall meeting and agreed to January 27th at 6:30pm.

Administration informed Council that outstanding utilities were transferred to taxes at the end of December. This authority is provided in the Municipal Act and By-Law 06-10, being a By-Law to impose & collect fees & charges.

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

MOTION 015-01-04

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The payroll cheques #53647 through #53771 in the amount of \$128,984.37 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$99,454.67 be paid.

- CARRIED –

FINANCIAL
INFO

MOTION 015-01-05

Moved by Councilor O'Brien, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Budget Variance Report of December 31st be accepted.

- CARRIED –

NEW AND
UNFINISHED

SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT

Council reviewed a letter from Brad Cathers, Minister of Community Services regarding solid waste management in Southeast Yukon. YG is working with select municipalities to explore opportunities to regionalize services and are open to discussion with the Town of Watson Lake to achieve this goal.

AON LIABILITY
INSURANCE

Administration provided Council with information pertaining to AYC Municipal Insurance renewal premiums as provided by AON Reed Stenhouse.

MOTION 015-01-06

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Town renew its liability, vehicle and crime insurance policies from Travellers to Avia, Aon London, Northbridge, BI&I and GCNA.

- CARRIED –

WL SKI CLUB
LETTER OF SUPPORT

Council received a letter from the WL Ski Club who are submitting an application to CDF for funding assistance to upgrade their existing equipment and are requesting a letter of support to accompany their application.

MOTION 015-01-07

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Kearns
that:

The Town of Watson Lake provide a Letter of support for the WL Ski CDF
Funding application.

- CARRIED –

CORRESPONDENCE

YG – LANDFILL
LIABILITY CONCERNS

Council received a letter from YG addressing liability for potential past contamination at municipal solid waste facilities. If contamination is found, the government will work with the municipality towards appropriate measures for remediation.

**COUNCIL QUESTION
PERIOD**

Councilor Slager suggested the online video conference equipment be reinstated for future Council meetings.

Mayor Durocher suggested a meeting be scheduled with the marketing committee for the following week.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 015-01-08

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor O'Brien
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.

- CARRIED –

R. Durocher – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk