

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 23
November 17, 2015

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT W/NOTICE

JUSTIN BROWN - MAYOR
STACY BAUER – COUNCILOR
BRIAN LUND – COUNCILOR
BRENDA LEACH - COUNCILOR
CHRISTOPHER IRVIN - COUNCILOR

PUBLIC

G.Sundby
R.Wilkinson
S.Maclean
S.Drury
R.Harder
Lily Brunet
Hannah Brunet
Kirsti Muller
Zoe Morrison

ADMINISTRATION

DAVID STEELE - CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

Council acknowledged Kirsti Muller and Zoe Morrison from YG Community Services.

AGENDA

MOTION 015-23-185

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 015-23-186

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of November 3, 2015.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

LESLEY CABOTT
ZONING BYLAW REVIEW

Lesley Cabott provided Council with an overview of the Zoning Bylaw and the process that has taken place to date. A Zoning Bylaw establishes districts, areas or zones within the municipality and may prohibit, regulate and control the use and development of land and buildings. There has been several meetings held and many suggestions offered by Council, Administration and members of the public which have been incorporated into the Zoning Bylaw. YG have discussed the lakeshore properties and agreed to commit funding to assist with a planning exercise that will assist with ensuring compliance. A Public Hearing is required prior to Second Reading of the Bylaw and Lesley agreed to attend the Public Hearing which will take place December 15th. Council thanked Ms. Cabott for her overview of the Bylaw.

Councilor Bauer addressed concerns with the Security Deposit that is required and suggested this be reviewed so as not to deter future development in WL.

Councilor Irvin suggested that diagrams be provided in the Zoning Bylaw similar to the City of Dawson that illustrates setbacks, etc that may make it easier for the public when completing a development permit.

REPORTS

CAO UPDATE

David Steele, CAO provided Council with an update on various matters that he has been working on since his arrival.

- Tour Town facilities and infrastructure.
- Discussed the 2015 budget with Management and the acquisition of a new garbage truck. The 2016 Provisional O&M budget is underway and has to be passed by resolution no later than December 31st. Council and Management will meet to review the budget prior to finalizing the document. The Capital Budget will be prepared in the New Year. The water treatment plant will be operational in the spring of 2016. There will be operating costs associated with the new facility including staffing.
- Networking and establishing partnerships with various levels of government including LFN, AYC, Yukon Lotteries and MP Larry Bagnell.
- Environmental issues such as the Solid Waste Management, Sewage waste implications, water licences & permits.
- By-Law Enforcement Officer position – The position description has been confirmed. The process has to be done as per the Collective Agreement with an Internal & External job posting. Council requested input into the job description.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION 015-23-187

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer that:

The Payroll cheques #56589 through 566218 in the amount of \$50,364.78 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$144,521.48 for a total of \$194,886.26 be paid.

- CARRIED –

NEW AND UNFINISHED

WL HISTORIC SOCIETY
BRIEFING PAPER

Council reviewed a briefing paper from the WL Historical Society. The paper introduced the members of the Board, their mission statement, and provided highlights of the Society's work and challenges. The Society will focus their attention on the multi-year project at the airport terminal plus developing interpretive panels at the Alaska Highway pullout located close to the 60th parallel border with BC.

WL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Council discussed a letter from the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce inviting Mayor & Council to attend their monthly general meetings to provide a report about what is being discussed and worked on in the community. They are also inviting a member of Council to hold a seat at the Chamber executive meetings. This would be a positive approach in working towards common goals and objective.

MOTION 015-23-188

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

Councilor Irvin be nominated as the Chamber of Commerce representative.

• CARRIED –

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AYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AYC is requesting a member of Council sit on the AYC Board of Directors.

MOTION 015-23-189

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

The Town of Watson Lake nominate Stacy Bauer as their representative on the AYC Board of Directors.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 015-23-190

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

Councilor Leach be nominated as an alternate.

- CARRIED –

CORRESPONDENCE

Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Village of Haines Junction - Letter congratulating Council on their success in the municipal election.

COUNCIL QUESTION PERIOD

Councilor Leach questioned the status of the District heat System. Administration discussed the YG agreement with the Department of Education for the provision of District Heat to the WL Secondary School. Although the Town of Watson Lake is responsible for the infrastructure located in the Secondary School, the district heat system was turned off by YG Property Management and the Town has not received any monies for provision of this service. Discussion is ongoing with YG to rectify this situation.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 015-23-191

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 015-23-192

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

Council revert to an open meeting.

- CARRIED –

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 015-23-193

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund that:

There being no further business Council adjourn at 9:00 pm.

- CARRIED –

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk