

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 19
September 20, 2016

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

JUSTIN BROWN - MAYOR
BRIAN LUND - COUNCILOR
STACY BAUER - COUNCILOR

Councilor Irvin
Councilor Leach

ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC

DAVID STEELE – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

Ben Power - Solvest
Drew Cameron-Solvest
Sylvio Lin – Triniti

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

AGENDA

MOTION 016-19-203

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- WL Ski Club – Letter of support
- RCMP Policing Report – August

- CARRIED –

**DECLARATION OF
INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest expressed.

MINUTES

MOTION 016-19-204

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of September 6, 2016 as
presented.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

Mr. Ben Power & Mr. Drew Cameron representing Solvest and Mr. Sylvio Lin representing Triniti Technology presented Council with information regarding the potential of building a utility scale solar farm in Watson Lake. Solvest & Triniti are interested in partnering with the Town or non-profit group to lease a 3-4 acre section of land to design and construct a 300 kw array that if approved would allow for direct local investment in Watson Lake. Council suggested various locations that may be suitable for the project and thanked the delegates for their presentation.

**TENDERS
CONTRACTS**

Administration discussed the prospect of leasing the curling lounge for the expansion of food and/or beverage service. Council expressed concerns over the serving of alcohol as the Recreation Centre is family oriented and introducing alcohol could potentially create a negative environment. Council discussed liability issues related to the serving of alcohol, and suggested this be researched further. Council agreed to invite proposals from the Public however this does not signify a commitment.

REPORTS

Administration provided Council with an update on various meetings and discussions for the month of August. Topics of discussion were as follows:

- Met with YG Community Services Advisor Jim Brown on various Town operational matters of mutual interest.
- Contract awarded & signed for Pool renovations and repairs.
- Contract for Norcope to conduct replacement of various water main valves.
- Continue work with YG on specifications of new water reservoir project.
- Continue recruitment for qualified staff to operate new water treatment plant.
- Preparation for third round of union negotiations anticipated for the week of October 17-21st.
- Attended AYC Board meeting in Dawson City.

MOTION 016-19-205

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The CAO report and update for August and the update for September be approved.

- CARRIED -

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 016-19-206

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The payroll cheques #57405 through #57440 in the amount of \$52,747.32 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$149,964.85 be paid.

- CARRIED -

BY-LAWS

Mayor Brown suggested that By-Law 16-04 being a Bylaw to amend the OCP and By-Law 16-05, being a Bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw be deferred until Councilors Irvin and Leach are in attendance.

MOTION 016-19-207

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Third & Final Reading of By-law 16-04 and 16-05 be tabled.

- CARRIED -

NEW & UNFINISHED

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Councilor Leach will be absent from September 12th – October 8th. Council Irvin was excused for the September 20th meeting.

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE
POLICY

Administration provided Council with a draft Development Incentive Policy for the Town of Watson Lake which establishes incentives to encourage strategic development within the community. The policy will be reviewed by the Town Finance Officer for practical purposes, and has been forwarded to Yukon Housing for feedback prior to reintroducing to Council.

WL SKI CLUB - LETTER
OF SUPPORT

Council received a request from the WL Ski Club for a letter of support to accompany their funding application to Lotteries Yukon for the purchase of ski & snowboard equipment.

MOTION 016-19-208

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Town of Watson Lake provide a letter of support as requested.

- CARRIED -

CORRESPONDENCE

RCMP POLICING REPORT
AUGUST

Council reviewed the RCMP Policing Report for August.

ADMINISTRATIVE
ENQUIRIES

Council acknowledged that Alcan Air has begun providing regular scheduled air service to Watson Lake. Council suggested that MLA Patti McLeod be thanked along with all those involved for their endeavours in working with Alcan Air to make this occur.

Council addressed the Alaska Highway/Canada 150 celebrations scheduled for 2017 and various ideas to commemorate this occasion. It was suggested that the Town collaborate with other interest groups to share their ideas with Council.

Administration discussed the upcoming union negotiations planned for the week of October 17th and suggested the Council meeting scheduled for October 18th be moved to October 25th.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 016-19-209

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 pm.

- CARRIED -

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk

