

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 18
September 6, 2016

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

J.BROWN - MAYOR
B. LEACH – COUNCILOR
CHRIS IRVIN – COUNCILOR
BRIAN LUND – COUNCILOR
STACY BAUER - COUNCILOR

PUBLIC
Kayla McMillan
Laurel Cole
Gerry Amann
Ruth Wilkinson
John Coyne - YG
Jim Brown - YG

ADMINISTRATION

DAVID STEELE – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 016-18-192

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED –

**DECLARATION OF
INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest expressed.

MINUTES

MOTION 016-18-193

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of August 16, 2016 as
presented.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

Mr. John Coyne, Manager, Community Operations of Yukon Emergency Medical Services informed Council of a program being offered in Watson Lake to employ an EMS Regional Supervisor to support the EMS staff and volunteers, recruit and train new volunteers, and augment existing relationships with allied stakeholders and the community. EMS is seeking the support of Council for the launch of this program by assisting in promoting and encouraging volunteers in the community. Council were in support of the EMS program.

TENDERS

In response to an invitational tender process, one tender was received for the Propane fuel contract for the Town of Watson Lake.

MOTION 016-18-194

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

Council accept the tender from Superior Propane for the fixed price of \$0.610/litre
for the one year period commencing September 1st.

- CARRIED -

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

MOTION 016-18-195

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The payroll cheques #57363 through #57401 in the amount of \$61,474.90 and the
Open Payables in the amount of \$115,315.90 be paid.

- CARRIED –

NEW & UNFINISHED

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Councilor Leach will be absent from September 12th – October 8th.

**MUNICIPAL MATCHING
PROGRAM**

Administration provided Council with development incentive policies from both
Village of Teslin and Dawson City establishing incentives to encourage strategic
development in their communities. Council reviewed the policies and instructed
Administration to draft a policy similar to Dawson City.

MOTION 016-18-196

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Council accept the Dawson City model and direct Administration to prepare a
policy for the September 20th Council meeting.

- CARRIED –

**SHORING
MATERIAL**

Council discussed two quotes that were obtained for the purchase of shoring
material that is required for cemetery preparation and trenching.

MOTION 016-18-197

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Town proceed with the purchase as quoted from the lowest bidder of the
invitational tender for the shoring material, that being Direct Equipment West Ltd
of Langley, BC.

- CARRIED -

**PROSTATE CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH**

MOTION 016-18-198

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Town of Watson Lake proclaim September, 2016 as Prostate Awareness
month in Watson Lake.

- CARRIED –

WATER/SEWER
BYLAW

Council was presented with By-Law 16-07, being a draft Water & Sewer bylaw for the Town of Watson Lake. Council discussed the bylaw and suggested there be a section regarding Commercial releases to the sanitary sewer system. Council agreed to review the bylaw and offer comments/changes/suggestions to be incorporated into the bylaw before First Reading.

LOT ENLARGEMENT
PROPOSAL

Council discussed a proposal from Mr. Sidhu requesting a lot enlargement involving the acquisition of 4.2 ha of crown land in order to expand his business at #18 Adela Trail. Council supports the efforts addressed in the proposal and the associated economic development that could potentially benefit the community, however expressed concern that the lot enlargement encompasses a significant portion of the land set aside for Parks & Recreation, and the property that currently accommodates his business is underutilized.

MOTION 016-18-199

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Lund that:

Council do not support the application for a lot enlargement as outlined above.

- CARRIED -

Councilor Irvin abstained.

WL SKI CLUB
USE OF SKIDSTEER

Ms. Kayla McMillan representing the WL Ski Club requested use of the Town Skid steer for the brushing of the ski hill, and received approval from the Public Works Manager as instructed by Council. Council instructed Administration to prepare a contract between the Town and the Ski Club for the use of the skid steer.

TOWN HALL
AGENDA ITEMS

Council discussed potential agenda items for the Town Hall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th. Council suggested the following items:

- Draft water/sewer bylaw
- Municipal matching program – development incentive policy
- Status of 2016 Capital Budget projects
- Canada 150 celebrations

CANADA 150

Council addressed the Alaska Highway/Canada 150 celebrations scheduled for 2017 and various ideas to commemorate this occasion. It was suggested this be a topic for the Town Hall meeting where residents and interest groups can share their ideas with Council.

COUNCIL MEETING
SCHEDULE

Mayor Brown addressed the Council meeting schedule for next summer and suggested that only one meeting be held per month over the summer. Council expressed concerns that with the number of ongoing issues in the community, more work is required so agreed to stay consistent with the regular schedule.

CORRESPONDENCE

AYC Committees – Council reviewed information from AYC regarding various committees that are available to the municipalities. The committees will respond to issues that arise within the mandate of AYC and make recommendations to the AYC Executive and Board of Directors.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ENQUIRIES**

Council acknowledged that Alcan Air is providing regular scheduled air service to Watson Lake. Council agreed that the Town should support Alcan Air in its endeavours and encourage the community to utilize this service.

Administration provided Council with an update on the sewage lagoon and the hydrocarbon contamination that has occurred over recent months. The Town is working towards putting a system in place that focuses on allowing residential use only and placing the onus on the Contractor to provide details as to where the sewage is coming from.

Administration informed Council that commencing Monday, Norcope will be working on replacing and repairing Town water valves. This will take place over the next 4 weeks, and will be dealt with in a manner that minimizes various aspects of risk to Town infrastructure and residents. Notices will be delivered to those residences affected as water is turned off in the areas where the work is being conducted.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 016-18-200

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 016-18-201

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Council revert to an Open meeting.

- CARRIED –

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 016-18-202

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 pm.

- CARRIED –

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk

