

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 12
June 7, 2016

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

S. Bauer

PUBLIC
K/J Peters
Lorena Funnell
Daman Werrun
Janice Carlson

ADMINISTRATION

DAVID STEELE - CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 016-12-122

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to move item #10 to In-Camera.

- CARRIED –

**DECLARATION OF
INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest expressed.

MINUTES

MOTION 016-12-123

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of May 17, 2016.

- CARRIED –

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

MOTION 016-12-124

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Public Hearing for By-Law 16-04, being a By-Law to amend the Official
Community Plan By-Law 10-011 be opened.

By-Law 16-04 is hereby amended by changing the following parcel of land:

The 5.7 hectare parcel of land adjoining Lot 1083, Plan 79926 from
Hinterland/Firesmart (H/FS) to Heavy Industrial (M2) for the purpose of
accommodating a lot enlargement.

No written or verbal submissions were presented.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 016-12-125

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Public Hearing for By-Law 16-05, being a By-Law to amend Zoning Bylaw 15-07 be opened.

By-Law 16-05 is hereby amended by changing the following parcel of land:

The 5.7 hectare parcel of land adjoining Lot 1083, Plan 79926 from Holding (H) to Heavy Industrial (M2) for the purpose of accommodating a lot enlargement.

No written or verbal submissions were presented.

- CARRIED -

**TENDERS, CONTRACTS/
AGREEMENTS**

Administration informed Council that the Town of Watson Lake received approval from YG for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Arts in the Park Program.

MOTION 016-12-126

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Town of Watson Lake enter into agreement with YG for the contribution of \$10,000 for the Arts in the Park program.

- CARRIED -

REPORTS

Administration provided Council with an update on various meetings that were attended in May. Topics of discussion were as follows:

- Attended AYC AGM held in Watson Lake May 12-15th and various meetings held in conjunction with the AGM.
- Attended Collective Bargaining negotiations the week of May 30th.
- Finalized various Contribution agreements.
- Continued work with contractor for oversight of Water Treatment Plant. Continued staffing action for the position of Water Treatment Plant operator.
- Gathering information on outstanding LFN accounts. Arrange potential meeting with LFN Manager to facilitate payment of outstanding invoices.

Administration addressed a Joint News release between YG, Northwestel and Total North Communications that infrastructure upgrades to Watson Lake are being scheduled to bring enhanced internet services to the community.

MOTION 016-12-127

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The CAO Report for May be accepted as presented.

- CARRIED -

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 016-12-128

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The payroll cheques #57101 through #57134 in the amount of \$54,180.10 and the
Open Payables in the amount of \$102,706.53 be paid.

- CARRIED –

BY-LAWS

MOTION 016-12-129

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

By-Law 16-06, being a by-law to provide for grants be introduced for First
Reading.

- CARRIED –

Council recommend that in future any group requesting forgiveness of taxes must
provide financial information prior to the request being considered by the Town
of Watson Lake.

NEW & UNFINISHED

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Administration suggested that this is the opportunity for Council to formalize any
time that they may be requiring to be absent from any upcoming meetings. This is
a good practice of communication and formalizing support for legitimate
absences.

MOTION 016-12-130

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Councilor Bauer be excused from the meeting of June 7th, 2016.

- CARRIED –

**WL SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADS
REQUEST FOR DONATION**

Council addressed a letter from the Watson Lake Secondary School Grad class
requesting a donation to go towards their trip to Cuba to make up for a shortfall in
their fundraising efforts.

MOTION 016-12-131

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Town of Watson Lake donate \$500.00 to the WL Secondary School Grad
class in support of their trip to Cuba.

- CARRIED –

SKATEBOARD PARK/
YOUTH CENTRE PROPOSAL

Council discussed a proposal that was submitted by the Town of Watson Lake Recreation Programmer to revamp the existing skateboard Park and incorporate a youth centre. Council addressed the proposal and although support the concept, expressed concerns with the location of the skateboard park and the low visibility, and the potential of public health and safety risks. Council suggested inviting the RCMP to the next scheduled Council meeting for their input into this matter.

YG BED & BREAKFAST
REGULATIONS

Council reviewed Yukon Government regulations to operate Bed & Breakfast establishments. Council discussed the request from a local resident wanting to operate a B& B within their residence, and suggested they be invited to the Council meeting to discuss their intentions to ensure they meet the requirements of both YG and the Town of Watson Lake.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ENQUIRIES**

Councilor Irvin addressed overnight parking that is occurring within the community and suggested the Bylaw Officer be proactive in ensuring overnight parking be prohibited. Administration advised that the Town can only enforce overnight parking on Town owned property.

Council expressed concerns with Town staff transporting family members in Town vehicles as well as Town equipment being used after hours by staff members. Administration agreed to discuss these matters with Management.

Councilor Lund requested that Council be kept informed of town Infrastructure projects that are underway in the monthly CAO report.

Council enquired as to the status of the water leak on Ravenhill Drive, and what provisions have be taken to resolve the problem. Council questioned whether the necessary shoring material had been purchased to carry out the repairs. Administration advised that there had been very little movement in conducting the repairs. Council advised Administration to contract the work in order to get the necessary repairs done.

Councilor Irvin requested that garbage bins be placed along the boulevard for the summer months to assist the tourist traffic with placing garbage.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 016-12-132

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 016-12-133

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

Council revert to an Open meeting.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 016-12-134

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Council extend the landfill permits for 16142 Yukon Inc to the June 21st Council
meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 016-12-135

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