

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 5
March 1, 2016

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

J.BROWN - MAYOR
S.BAUER – COUNCILOR
B. LEACH – COUNCILOR
CHRIS IRVIN – COUNCILOR

Brian Lund

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

Sergei/Inna Mass
Scott Maclean
Zoe Morrison
Paula Nugent
Kirsti Muller

DAVID STEELE - CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 016-05-40

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to remove item # 4 RCMP Sergeant
Lockwood, and that By-Laws 16-01 and 16-02 receive First Reading only.

- CARRIED –

**CONFLICT OF
INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest expressed.

MINUTES

MOTION 016-05-41

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of February 16, 2016.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

Mr. Sergei Mass presented Council with information regarding revolutionary new waste management and power generation technology in North America through thermal oxidation and gasification. Mr. Mass highlighted the benefits of the system which could be a potential industry for Watson Lake, and provided an overview of how the system operates to convert organic waste material into syngas which is used to generate electricity. Mr. Mass is willing to assist the Town with this project if Council is interested in perusing this further. Council thanked Mr. Mass for attending the meeting.

Ms. Paula Nugent representing YG Community Affairs updated Council on the Federal gas tax fund which sets out the roles and responsibilities of Canada and the Yukon government for the administration of the Gas Tax fund. Ms. Nugent outlined the various gas tax fund categories and monies which Watson Lake has been allocated and received to date for various projects.

Ms. Kirsti Muller, Community Advisor provided Council with a Municipal Act reference guide with the amendments that were passed in December, 2015. Kirsti also provided Council with copies of the revised Municipal Act and explained the rationale for the various amendments. Kirsti informed Council that she will no longer be the Town of Watson Lake Community Advisor and that Zoe Morrison will be filling that role.

Council thanked Paula, Kirsti and Zoe for attending the meeting.

REPORTS

The CAO Report was not available at this time. A report for the month of February will be introduced at the next scheduled Council meeting.

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 016-05-42

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The payroll cheques #56856 through #56884 in the amount of \$44,084.62 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$145,964.91 be paid.

- CARRIED -

BY-LAWS

MOTION 016-05-43

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

By-Law 16-01, being a By-law to provide for the adoption of the annual O/M budget be introduced for First Reading.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 016-05-44

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

By-Law 16-02, being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of a Capital Budget be introduced for First Reading.

- CARRIED -

NEW & UNFINISHED

**HELP & HOPE
LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Council received a letter from Help & Hope who are submitting an application to YG for funding assistance for an aftercare program for individuals coping with drug/alcohol addiction and are requesting a letter of support to accompany their application.

MOTION 016-05-45

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Town of Watson Lake provide a letter of support for Help & Hope for Families.

- CARRIED -

WATER TREATMENT
FACILITY

Administration provided Council with an update on the water treatment facility. Commissioning work is to start next week for approximately 6 days after which time the system will be tested and operational functions will commence sometime thereafter. There are many details still to be worked out such as having access to an experienced individual that can provide basic principles and fundamentals of the system and be available to help problem solve and share information as needed to our staff. More training is required for staff members to operate the system as Level II water operators. More insight and reassurance will be available within the upcoming week.

MEETING WITH
LIBERAL LEADER

Council discussed potential dates to meet with Liberal Leader Sandy Silver and agreed to meet on Monday, March 7th at 5:40 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the RCMP Policing report for January.

**QUESTION
PERIOD**

Councilor Irvin addressed the hours at the Recplex and would like opportunities for the Recreation Centre to be open on Sundays. Council discussed the hours of operation and suggested that staff be rescheduled so that no overtime occurs. Council requested a comprehensive report providing options to be provided for the next Council meeting.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 016-05-46

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 016-05-47

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Council revert to an Open meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 016-05-48

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

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

- CARRIED -

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk

