

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 3
February 2, 2016

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

PUBLIC
Ryan Nixon

ADMINISTRATION

DAVID STEELE - CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 016-03-22

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include:

Ryan Nixon – Fire smart update.

- CARRIED –

**CONFLICT OF
INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest expressed.

MINUTES

MOTION 016-03-23

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of January 19, 2016.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

Mr. Ryan Nixon provided Council with information on the Fire Smart program and initiatives. The FireSmart program supports community safety by reducing the threat of wild fires to the community. The program also supports job creation by utilizing and developing local resources and skills. Successful fire management depends on effective fire prevention, detection, suppression, and consideration of fire ecology relationships. As Watson Lake is in a high risk forested area, the program focuses on the parameter of the community removing deciduous growth and spruce trees. Mr. Nixon identified the areas where the Firesmart program had been conducted in WL and potential areas for future consideration. Funding is available from YG and divided amongst the communities for Firesmart initiatives. Council suggested that the Town be more proactive in providing the information to the public and agreed that protecting property from the threat of fire is a shared responsibility and steps should be taken toward wildfire protection. Council thanked Mr. Nixon for attending the meeting.

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

MOTION 016-03-24

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The payroll cheques #56795 through #56822 in the amount of \$39,566.36 be paid.

- CARRIED –

BY-LAWS

MOTION 016-03-25

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

By-law 15-07, being a revised Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Watson Lake be
introduced for Third & Final Reading.

- CARRIED –

NEW & UNFINISHED

CAO REPORT

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

- Final preparation of the 2016 O/M & Capital budgets are being done and will be presented to Council in February.
- Discussions continue with the Department of Education regarding the District Heating System and preliminary work continues to facilitate an updated study to expand the district heating system.
- The Town of Watson Lake submitted an application to CDF for \$270,000 for renovations to the swimming pool.
- Meetings with BMC Minerals and JDS Silver representatives to discuss the status and upcoming plans for their mining projects.
- Attended a meeting in Whitehorse on Asset Management.
- Met with Yukon Liquor Corporation to discuss options of providing liquor service at the WL Curling Lounge.
- Met with WL School principals to explore opportunities for students to utilize the Northern Lights Centre and Recreation Centre.
- Discussion with Larry Bagnell regarding work he had previously done regarding regular commercial passenger flights to WL. He also expressed an interest in maintaining the MP's office situated in the Town Administration Building.

MOTION 016-03-26

Moved by Councilor Brenda, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The CAO Report for the month of January be approved.

- CARRIED –

Council questioned whether there had been any information received regarding the proposed 2016 NHL Hockey Camp. Administration informed Council that although many attempts have been made to contact the individual involved in organizing the Hockey Camp, there has been no reply.

Council addressed the office space which MP Larry Bagnell has expressed an interest in maintaining and agreed that a fee be charged for the rental of this space.

MOTION 016-03-27

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

MP Larry Bagnell be provided office space within the Administration building at \$350.00/month.

- CARRIED -

**YUKON COMMUNITIES
INSURANCE ASSOCIATION**

Council discussed a report provided by Administration regarding the Yukon Communities Insurance Association. The report included background information regarding the Association and program. Participating communities in conjunction with Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. provide a \$100,000 deductible coverage on their tangible assets, should one be damaged or destroyed. The goal is to effectively reduce risk and costs, and ensure active participation in planning and decision making that can benefit or affect the community. In order for the various member communities to have a voice, their representatives need to be appointed by their respective Councils.

MOTION 016-03-28

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

Council appoint the Town's CAO David Steele, and as an alternate to him Treasurer Rick Rotondi, as the Town's representative on the Board of the Yukon Communities Insurance Association.

- CARRIED -

**QUESTION
PERIOD**

Councilor Bauer cannot attend the AYC Board Meeting being held in Mayo in March, and it was suggested that Councilor Leach attend in her absence. Administration will contact AYC to enquire if the meeting could be attended by conference call as opposed to attending in person.

Councilor Lund addressed the Water Treatment Facility and the Level II water treatment operator requirements. Councilor Lund questioned whether the Town was ready to move forward on this project. Administration advised that this matter is still being discussed.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 016-03-29

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 016-03-30

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council revert to an Open meeting.
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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 016-03-31

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm.

- CARRIED -

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk