

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 1
January 5, 2016

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

DAVID STEELE - CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 016-01-01

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include:

Letter to Liard Basin Environmental Services
Council Committee – review of By-Law 14-04, being a Solid Waste Bylaw for the
Town of Watson Lake.

- CARRIED –

**CONFLICT OF
INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest expressed.

MINUTES

MOTION 016-01-02

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of December 15, 2015.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

Council reviewed the Watson Lake Ski Club lease agreement and financial
information. Council discussed the provision of the annual operating grant in the
amount of \$12,500.00 that is provided by the Town of Watson Lake.

MOTION 016-01-03

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

Council support the lease agreement and agreed to issue a cheque to the WL Ski
Club for \$12,500.00.

- CARRIED –

CAO REPORT

Administration provided Council with an update on various meetings and
discussions that he attended in December. 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 waste material arising from the demolition of the Old hospital and elementary school was taken to the landfill site belonging to the contractor who was engaged to undertake the demolition work. Council questioned whether YG will honor their regional agreement with the Town of Watson Lake if any of the material is deposited at the WL Landfill. Administration confirmed that the agreement will be honored if the contractor is required to deposit any residual waste at the WL Landfill once he has completed the demolition.
- The Town of Watson Lake is submitting an application to CDF for funds for renovations to the swimming pool.
- A meeting with BMC Minerals in respect to their Kudz Ze Kayah Project is being held January 14th. Council expressed an interest in attending this meeting.
- A notice to bargain has been received from the Public Service Alliance of Canada. Proposed dates are being established to begin negotiations.

MOTION 016-01-04

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The CAO Report for the month of December be approved.

- CARRIED -

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 016-01-05

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The payroll cheques #56740 through #56766 in the amount of \$41,171.90 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$140,595.26 be paid.

- CARRIED -

FINANCIAL INFO

MOTION 016-01-06

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Budget Variance Report of December 31st be accepted.

- CARRIED -

NEW & UNFINISHED

BEATRICE UFITINGABIRE
REQUEST FOR BUSINESS LICENCE

Council reviewed a letter from Beatrice Ufitingabire requesting a business licence to operate a shelter from her property at 111 Campbell Way. Council discussed the Zoning on this property and agreed that a shelter does not comply with the R1 zoning, and therefore a business licence cannot be issued.

MOTION 016-01-07

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council does not support the application to operate a shelter and deny the request
from Ms. Ufitingabire.

- CARRIED –

NEW YEARS BABY
DONATION

MOTION 016-01-08

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Council donate \$100 for Watson Lake's New Year's baby.

- CARRIED –

HAUL-ALL
EQUIPMENT

Council addressed a letter from Haul-All Equipment regarding the purchase of a
garbage collection vehicle for the Town of Watson Lake. Council expressed
concerns that there were no additional quotes received for the purchase and that
Haul-All equipment was sole sourced. Council agreed they were not provided
with sufficient information and in future it would be beneficial to have more
research done. Councilor Lund was in favor of the Haul-All purchase based on
service availability and familiarity with the equipment. Councilor Leach pointed
out that a new garbage collection vehicle has been discussed and budgeted for
over a year and it is necessary that the vehicle be purchased.

MOTION 016-01-09

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Town of Watson Lake proceed with the purchase of the garbage collection
vehicle from Haul-All equipment.

- CARRIED –

YUKON GOVERNMENT
GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Council reviewed a YG Contribution agreement for groundwater monitoring
services. The Yukon Government has committed to offer incremental funding to
help Yukon communities undertake groundwater sampling. This is a requirement
under the Town's water licence and costs approximately \$20,000 annually.

MOTION 016-01-10

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Town of Watson Lake enter into a contribution agreement with YG to
provide groundwater monitoring services commencing April 1,2015 – February
15, 2018 not to exceed \$58,080.00.

- CARRIED –

LETTER TO LIARD
BASIN ENVIRONEMNTAL SRVC.

Councilor Bauer addressed a letter from Administration that was forwarded to Liard Basin Environmental Services regarding bulk sewage dumping practices. The letter indicates the process that the Town is undertaking to review policies regarding bulk sewage dumping practices. Councilor Bauer expressed concerns that information that was provided to the contractor discourages businesses that are attempting to secure future contracts, and that Council should be involved in changes to policies. Councilor Leach expressed her disapproval with how the matter was handled and became an agenda item. These matters should be dealt with by Council, and not an individual Councilor. Administration addressed the process on how to correct the situation and changes to the current policies for the Town to be more reactive in a timely manner.

BY-LAW/DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
JOB DESCRIPTION

Council reviewed the By-Law/Development Officer job description. Councilor Bauer suggested that the position require experience in Bylaw enforcement, also some construction knowledge. Administration explained that Departmental Reviews are still underway and this position is one that is being reviewed prior to any informed decision being made.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council received the following correspondence:

- RCMP November policing report
- Letter from WL Secondary School thanking the Town for the donation to the School breakfast/lunch program.

**COUNCIL QUESTION
PERIOD**

Councilor Leach addressed the Federal Government proposed funding cuts to the Yukon and the impact this may have on Watson Lake. Administration informed Council that there is some lack of clarity on this issue.

Council suggested a luncheon be arranged with BMC minerals when they are in Watson Lake January 14th.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 016-01-11

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 016-01-12

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that;

Council revert to an Open meeting.

- CARRIED –

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 016-01-13

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

