

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 8
April 2, 2019

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

CHERYL O'BRIEN - MAYOR
ERIN LABONTE- COUNCILOR
LAUREN HANCHAR – COUNCILOR
THOMAS SLAGER- COUNCILOR

C.Irvin

PUBLIC
G.Bruce
L.Bruce
C.Craft

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor O'Brien.

AGENDA

MOTION 019-08-65

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to remove item #5 and add #15 Watson Lake Elders
Aboriginal Friendship Centre.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 019-08-66

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of March 14, 2019 as presented.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 019-08-67

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Special meeting of march 14,2019.

-CARRIED-

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

MOTION 019-08-68

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

The payroll cheques #59917 through #59940 in the amount of \$50,950.89 and the Open
Payables in the amount of \$173,867.14 be paid.

- CARRIED –

BY-LAWS

MOTION 019-08-69

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Hanchar
that:

By-Law 19-07, being a bylaw to amend Zoning By-Law 15-07, to control the use & location
for the private retail of cannabis and commercial cannabis grow operations be introduced for
Second Reading.

-CARRIED-

Council addressed concerns that were presented at the Public Hearing and suggested the bylaw be amended as follows:

MOTION 019-08-70

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Labonte
that:

By-Law 19-07 be amended to include Childcare facilities, public playground structures and to limit the retail locations to 1 per every 200 people as per Yukon Statistics and reintroduce By-Law 19-07 at the April 9th Council meeting.

-CARRIED-

Opposed: Councilor Slager

REPORTS

Administration participated in a conference call regarding the Yukon Government Carbon tax pricing. Municipal governments make up about 2.5% of the overall fossil fuel purchases in the Yukon. 3% of the refund will be coming back to the communities. Revenues from the carbon levy will be returned to Yukon from the Government of Canada in the form of a transfer. Municipal governments will receive annual transfers beginning on April 1, 2020, and are calling on the territorial government to clarify how much tax the municipalities will be getting back. Municipal governments will receive annual transfers beginning on April 1, 2020.

Administration informed Council that the CMG was received April 1st in the amount of \$2,074,053.00.

The lease agreement for the Visitor Information Centre relocation has been approved. The quote for the renovations has been approved and awarded. The Recreation Centre will not be closed to the public during the move, however will be on reduced hours.

The phone system upgrades have been completed. The lease agreement will amount to a cost savings of \$2000.00/month.

The Town received one quote for the recplex concession tender. Administration will sign off on the tender.

Administration addressed the FCM's 2019 Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held in Quebec City, May 30-June 2, 2019.

MOTION 019-08-071

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

Council approve travel for the CAO to attend the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show.

-CARRIED-

DEPARTMENTAL
REPORTS

Administration informed Council that the departmental reports will be available at the April 16th Council meeting.

AYC REPORT

Mayor O'Brien informed Council that the Federal Government has released information regarding gas tax allocations and broadband. Both AYC and FCM successfully lobbied the government on both of these topics. The Gas tax allocations will double in 2020. There is national support for a broadband strategy. FCM is interested in the insight, experience and opinion of increasing women's participation in municipal politics. A conference call is scheduled on April 16th for Council to share their thoughts on this subject.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REPORT

Councilor Hanchar notified Council that no report is available until the next Chamber of Commerce meeting.

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FUNDING MINUTES

Councilor Labonte provided an update on the Recreation Advisory committee. Minutes from the March 20th meeting were discussed. Mayor O'Brien informed Councilor Labonte that personal equipment does not meet the criteria of Lottery funding.

MOTION 019-08-072

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

The Recreation Advisory Committee funding meeting minutes of March 20th be approved as presented with the exception of funding for personal equipment.

-CARRIED-

NEW & UNFINISHED

YUKON CANCER
CARE FUND

Mayor O'Brien informed Council that April 24th is Denim Day, a drive to raise funds for the Yukoners' Cancer care fund. Purchase a \$5.00 denim day pin and funds go to people who are struggling to make ends meet while they go through their cancer journey.

SPRING
CLEANUP

Mayor O'Brien discussed the annual Town clean-up program and suggested that in an attempt to help clean the community, the Town of Watson Lake offer residential property owners a permit to allow one free disposal at the landfill. This would be limited to one pick-up load or equivalent per residence and only available from May 1st through May 31st. Council support the clean-up program.

Councilor Labonte expressed an interest in working with Wildland Fire Management to encourage residents to clean their properties in the event of a potential wildfire.

DISTRICT HEAT
UPDATE

Mayor O'Brien provided an update on the District Heat Project that was prepared by YG Department of Education.

- This original agreement was put into place June 16, 2000 and expired in June of 2010.
- The district heating system has not been in operation since this agreement expired.
- Upon initial review of the original agreement, there were several items that need to be included, updated and recalculated. The control system for the system needed to be reworked, the metering of the system had to be replaced, additional clauses needed to be added to the agreement to bring the document in line with current YG procurement practices and the calculation for calculating the cost of the supplied heat needed to be updated.
- The Energy manager from Highways and Public Works with input from Education drafted a new document and sent it for legal review on February 14, 2019.
- The legal review was completed and the draft was sent to Education for final review on March 25, 2019.

Once our Policy and Finance units are comfortable with the agreement, we will be in a position to share that with the municipal authorities (late spring).

Administration advised that everything is ready to go forward from the Town. It is necessary to meet with Education to have the agreement in place by September.

CORRESPONDENCE

**YUKON COLLEGE
OPEN HOUSE**

Council acknowledged an invitation to attend the Yukon College Open House on April 8th.

**WL ELDERS SOCIETY
ABORIGINAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE**

Council acknowledged an invitation to attend a meeting being held Wednesday, April 10th to discuss the prospect of an Aboriginal Friendship Centre in Watson Lake.

**COMMUNITY COUNSELLING
& SUPPORT SERVICES**

Council received a letter requesting support for the delivery of counselling services and wellness programming throughout the Yukon. Council agreed to provide a letter of support for the proposal made by the Community Counselling and Support Services Society.

**COUNCILOR
OPEN FORUM**

Mayor O'Brien informed Council of a dinner meeting scheduled with Daylu Dena Council on April 23rd.

Council would like to discuss the plans for the Town of Watson Lake 35th birthday celebration and requested this item be added to the April 16th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 019-08-73

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 pm.

- CARRIED -


Cheryl O'Brien – Mayor


Terri Close – Municipal Clerk