

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

SPECIAL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 26  
December 23 2019

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

CHERYL O'BRIEN - MAYOR  
LAUREN HANCHAR – COUNCILOR  
ERIN LABONTE– COUNCILOR  
CHRIS IRVIN – COUNCILOR

T.Slager

PUBLIC  
L.Funnell  
D.Werrun

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

**AGENDA**

**MOTION 019-26-315**

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar  
that:

Council adopt the agenda as presented.

- CARRIED -

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

On November 27, 2019 the Tender Documents, RFP 19-05, were issued for the abatement and demolition of the Watson Lake Hotel (Fraser and Campbell Blocks).

The submissions were sent to and reviewed by Colliers Project Leaders to ensure compliance to the Tender Documents.

The results of the evaluation process are:

QM Environmental	\$182,693.46
KBL Environmental Ltd	\$249,169.00
Northern Enviro Services	\$428,570.00

QM Environmental was the lowest compliant Bidder. Because their price was so much lower than the other Bidders, Colliers spoke with QM Environmental and they have confirmed that they are confident that they can complete the project scope of work for their Bid Price. Due to courier delays, their original Bid Bond is expected to be delivered to Watson Lake on December 19th. Colliers recommends that the Town waive the December 16th deadline requirement for the receipt of the original copy of the Bid Bond, and award this contract to QM Environmental, for a total price of \$182,693.46 plus GST, pending receipt of the original Bid Bond. The available budget for this scope of work is \$390,000. Once approved, Colliers will prepare the contract for signing in January 2020.

Councilor Labonte addressed the bid from QM Environmental and questioned whether they had taken into consideration the costs of tipping fees at the landfill as their price looked to be unrealistic and there may be other unknown costs that the company is not aware of.

Councilor Irvin suggested the local contractor be considered for the project.

Councilor Hanchar addressed the bids and the difference in the bid price that the local company had submitted. She believes that it is necessary to consider the significant difference in the price and whether taxpayers should be subsidizing the local business.

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Council suggested that more information is required prior to making a decision.

MOTION 019-26-316

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Labonte  
that:

Council table the awarding of the tender to the January 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

- CARRIED -

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 019-26-317

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar  
that:

Council go In-Camera.

-CARRIED -

MOTION 019-26-318

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Labonte  
that:

Council revert to an Open Meeting.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 019-26-319

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

The implementation date of the Accommodation levy be amended to April 1, 2020.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 019-26-320

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar  
that:

The Town of Watson Lake develop a non-utility service bylaw.

-CARRIED-

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 019-26-321

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Hanchar  
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 pm.

- CARRIED -

  
Cheryl O'Brien – Mayor

  
Terri Close – Municipal Clerk