

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 15
July 16, 2019

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WITH NOTICE
Councilor Chris Irvin

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

PUBLIC
Lelah Bruce
Justin Brown
Anais Durante

ADMINISTRATION

CAMERON LOCKWOOD – Chief Administrative Officer
GRO BRODERSEN – A/Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Mayor O'Brien.

AGENDA

MOTION 019-15-228

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Labonte
that:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 019-15-229

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar
that:

The minutes from the last Regular Meeting of June 18, 2019 be adopted.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 019-15-230

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar
that:

The minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 2, 2019 be
adopted.

- CARRIED –

BY-LAWS

MOTION 019-15-231

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte
that:

By-Law 019-03, being a By-Law to amend the Official Community Plan By-Law 10-
11 be introduced for Third and Final Reading.

- CARRIED –

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MOTION 019-15-232

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

By-Law 19-10, being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of the annual Operational budget for the year 2019 be introduced for Second Reading.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 019-15-233

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

By-Law 19-11, being a By-Law to provide for grants, be introduced for Third and Final Reading, with an amendment to the roll numbers.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 019-15-234

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

By-Law 019-12, being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of a Capital Expenditure Program for a period of four years, commencing in the year 2019, be introduced for First Reading.

Discussion took place regarding the vehicles which can now be included in the Gas Tax Funding. Administration explained that we would be adding a Grader, Plow Truck, Mower and a Skid Steer.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 019-15-235

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

By-Law 18-011, being a By-Law of the Town of Watson Lake to impose a levy on accommodations of short duration in order to generate revenue to support tourism venues and events, and/or support capital projects approved by the Town of Watson Lake that will encourage tourism to the Town of Watson Lake, to be known as the "Accommodation Levy By-Law" be introduced for Second Reading.

Discussion took place and Administration will write a Policy for the By-Law. Bed and Breakfasts and Campgrounds will be added. The Accommodation Levy will be set at 5% which will be remitted quarterly to The Town of Watson Lake. The By-Law will become effective January 1, 2020.

Council will discuss further at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on August 6, 2019 regarding the allocation of the funds received.

-CARRIED-

**COUNCILOR
OPEN FORUM**

Council discussed the Town of Watson Lake website. The Watson Lake Outreach website was hacked which had a link to the Town of Watson Lake website. That has now been rectified.

Council discussed hiring a company to maintain the Town of Watson Lake website. Further discussion will take place at the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 6, 2019.

Councilor Labonte inquired about the extra garbage bins in place to provide more access for tourists to dispose of their garbage while visiting our Town.

IN CAMERA

MOTION 019-15-236

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

Council go In Camera.

-CARRIED –

MOTION 019-15-237

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

Council revert to an open meeting.

-CARRIED –

MOTION 019-15-238

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

Council renew the Chief Administration Officer contract as presented.

- CARRIED –

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION 019-15-239

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED –

Cheryl O'Brien – Mayor



Terri Close – Municipal Clerk