

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 21
October 15, 2019

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

T.Slager

PUBLIC

J.Carlson G.Bruce
L.Bruce R.Wilkinson
A.Durante

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 019-21-274

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Labonte
that:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

-CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 019-21-275

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Regular meeting of September 17, 2019.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 019-21-276

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Labonte
that:

The draft minutes be adopted from the Committee of the Whole meeting of
October 1, 2019.

-CARRIED –

NEW & UNFINISHED

**BLUESTONE HOLDINGS
QUARRY APPLICATION**

Council reviewed a gravel quarry application submitted by Bluestone Holdings
who are requesting a letter of support to accompany their application to YG.
Council agreed to provide a letter of support accordingly.

**DEPARTMENTAL
REPORTS**

Council addressed the departmental quarterly reports. Councilor Labonte
suggested that the Bylaw report provide more details regarding the general
maintenance bylaw and what properties the By-Law Officer is working with and
what is being done to bring them into compliance with the Bylaw.

Councilor Labonte also recommended that the Recplex hours be consistent from
year to year and not changed randomly.

Council Irvin suggested that the Departments provide information regarding budget items and spending in their reports.

Councilor Irvin also addressed the Northern Lights Centre and as it is now a seasonal operation, the facility should be fully operational during the summer months. There should be staff fully trained in order to keep the facility open during the advertised months.

Council questioned the Animal Control Officer position. Administration informed Council that this is a term position and will only be filled until such time that it is no longer required. There is money budgeted for this position until the end of the year.

**WRITE OFF
TAX ACCOUNTS**

Council addressed a request from Administration to write off two outstanding tax accounts amounting to \$18,212.00. The mobile homes have been removed from the property and no further taxes will be charged. Council questioned if there was another avenue to collect the outstanding balance, however Administration advised that nothing can be done as it is legislated under the Yukon Taxation Act.

MOTION 019-21-277

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

Council agree that the Town write off the outstanding taxes as requested.

-CARRIED-

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the RCMP September Policing report, and acknowledged that the crosswalks are now in place at Johnsen Elementary School. Councilor Labonte questioned whether there was a way of preventing violent offenders from returning to the community. Council suggested that the RCMP be invited to attend the November 5th Council meeting to provide an update.

**COUNCILOR OPEN
FORUM**

Mayor O'Brien advised that she is attending a meeting to discuss Emergency housing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 019-21-278

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 pm.

- CARRIED -


Cheryl O'Brien – Mayor


Terri Close – Municipal Clerk