

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 11  
April 18, 2017

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

JUSTIN BROWN - MAYOR  
BRENDA LEACH – COUNCILOR  
STACY BAUER – COUNCILOR  
BRIAN LUND – COUNCILOR  
CHRIS IRVIN – COUNCILOR

PUBLIC

Patti McLeod  
J.M. Sauve  
J.Boyer

ADMINISTRATION

RICK ROTONDI – Acting CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

**AGENDA**

**MOTION 017-11-55**

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund  
that:

Council adopt the agenda as presented.

- CARRIED –

**MINUTES**

**MOTION 017-11-56**

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund  
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Regular Council meeting of March 7<sup>th</sup> as presented.

- CARRIED –

**MOTION 017-11-57**

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Special Council meeting of April 4<sup>th</sup> as presented.

- CARRIED –

**DELEGATION**

J.M SAUVE  
2017 HOCKEY CAMP

Mr. Sauve addressed Council regarding the prospect of hosting a Hockey Camp in Watson Lake, and the immediate and long term benefits. The camp is scheduled to be held August 1-2<sup>nd</sup> and utilize the Recreation Centre, ballpark, and soccer field providing the youth with an opportunity to interact on a personal level with NHL players, learn about healthy lifestyles, increased physical activity and teamwork.

In order to host the event the Town would be required to cover the costs for ice installation and preparation, staff coverage, and assist with camp related tasks as they arise. Council enquired as to the costs for the event and were informed that although the costs have not yet been finalized, the Town incurred approximately \$25,000 in expenses at the 2015 Hockey Camp. Council expressed concern that funding needs to be secured and fundraising events planned to assist with costs. Time is a priority. Council support the hockey camp, however request more information on the costs and Town involvement.

Ms. Boyer presented Council with a request for a zoning change on the Parhelion Medical Services property to accommodate a community hostel. Council discussed the proposal and expressed concern with the location. The facility is in close proximity to the school, park and seniors facility. Based on these concerns, Council declined the request to rezone the property.

**ACCOUNTS**  
**PAYABLE**

Council discussed payments to LFN for water delivery at various Town facilities and enquired about the outstanding balance that LFN owes to the Town. Council suggested that a meeting be arranged with LFN to discuss payment to clear the debt owing, and agreed that the cheques payable to LFN be withheld.

**MOTION 017-11-58**

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

The payroll cheques #57945 through #57974 in the amount of \$32,299.71 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$304,159.75 be paid with the exception of cheques #55648 through #55651.

- CARRIED –

**BY-LAWS**

**MOTION 017-11-59**

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

By-Law 17-01 being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of the 2017 annual O/M Budget be introduced for Third & Final Reading.

- CARRIED –

**MOTION 017-11-60**

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund  
that:

By-Law 17-02, being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of the 2017 Capital expenditures be introduced for Third & Final Reading with the amendment to include \$25,000 for the 2017 Hockey Camp.

- CARRIED –

Administration addressed the \$80,000 cost for the installation of a ventilation system at the Firehall as a result of a WCB order. Council expressed concern over the cost for a building that the Town does not own. Council suggested the Fire Chief research funding sources to assist with the costs.

**MOTION 017-11-61**

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

By-Law 17-03, being a By-Law to set the property tax rate for the year 2017 be introduced for First & Second Reading.

- CARRIED –

**MOTION 017-11-62**

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund  
that:

By-Law 17-04, being a By-Law to amend the Official Community Plan be introduced for First Reading .

- CARRIED –

MOTION 017-11-62

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

By-Law 17-06, being a By-Law to authorize the Town of Watson Lake to transfer ownership  
of land be introduced for First Reading.

-CARRIED –

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

**AYC ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING**

Council discussed the AYC Annual General Meeting being held in Faro ay 11-14<sup>th</sup>.  
Mayor Brown expressed an interest in attending.

MOTION 017-11-63

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Leach  
that:

Mayor Brown attend the AYC AGM in Faro on behalf of the Town of Watson Lake.

- CARRIED –

**EMR – REZONING  
OF LAND**

Council discussed information from YG Energy, Mines & Resources regarding the  
rezoning of the former Rudy's Environmental site as well as the former South Yukon  
property. The goal of the rezoning is to prepare the land for sale.  
Administration expressed concern with the potential sale of South Yukon as a portion of  
the property is reserved to ensure the Town has enough land to meet future landfill  
requirements. Council recommend that YG be contacted regarding the South Yukon  
property to ensure the Towns interest is met prior to the rezoning.

MOTION 017-11-64

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

The Town proceed with the rezoning of Rudy's Environment and South Yukon,  
excluding the portion of land set aside for the Towns requirements.

- CARRIED -

**SANI DUMP**

Council discussed the Town sani-dump and suggested that it be open at its current  
location in Wye Lake Park for the summer months. Council suggested that the sani-dump  
be enclosed and signage be put in place if the facility is to be closed for a Town  
sponsored event taking place in the Park.

**ANNUAL TOWN  
SPRING CLEAN-UP PROGRAM**

Administration addressed the annual spring clean-up and asked Council what approach  
the Town take this year for the spring clean-up. Council agreed to proceed with the  
clean-up program to allow residents one free entry to the landfill to discard their yard  
debris and large unwanted items.

- CARRIED –

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council acknowledged the new Horizons for Seniors Program that is a Federal grants and  
contributions program that supports projects led or inspired by seniors.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRIES**

Councilor Bauer addressed the renovations and repairs to the Town house and suggested that Administration check on the progress of the renovations in order for the CAO to move in.

Councilor Bauer discussed the Town of Watson Lake Development Incentive policy and suggest the multi-unit residential building criteria be amended from a minimum of four residential units to two residential units and be reintroduced to Council with the amendment.

Council expressed concerns that the Recycling depot was closed on Saturday when the statutory holiday occurred and suggested there be a better system in place that the depot remains open on the weekend.

Council discussed the implementation of a face book page that could be kept updated of any Town notices, meetings, facility closures, etc.

Council addressed various pot-holes in the community that are in need of repair, and suggested the idea of a chip-seal program that could be offered to local business to assist the Town with the cost of repairing and upgrading the streets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 017-11-65**

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 9.45 pm.

- CARRIED -

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Justin Brown – Mayor

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Terri Close – Municipal Clerk