

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 20
August 15,2017

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

PUBLIC

B.Schornick
G.Mulorz
R.Wilkinson
Minister Streiker
Jordan Stackhouse

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 017-20-127

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

Council adopt the agenda as amended to include:

Vet to Pet Animal Services – Use of Cabin
In-Camera

- CARRIED –

**DECLARATION OF
CONFLICT**

There were no conflicts of interest expressed.

MINUTES

MOTION 017-20-128

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Regular Council meeting of July 4th as
presented.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 017-20-129

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Special Council meeting of July 17th as
presented.

- CARRIED –

REPORTS

Council acknowledged the July report provided by the Watson Lake Fire
Department.

Council reviewed the July report provided by the By-Law Enforcement Officer.
Administration updated Council on numerous bylaw infractions which the By-
Law Officer is proceeding with on various properties in the community.

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

MOTION 017-20-130

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Public Hearing for By-Law 017-08, being a By-Law to amend the Official
Community Plan 10-11 be open.

-CARRIED-

No written or verbal submissions were presented.

MOTION 017-20-131

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Public Hearing be closed.

-CARRIED-

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 017-20-132

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The payroll cheques #58361 through #58399 in the amount of \$59,028.32 and the
Open Payables in the amount of \$450,419.27 be paid.

-CARRIED –

Council questioned a payment to Daystar Construction and problems that
occurred at the swimming pool as a result of deficiencies with the contract.
Administration informed Council that monies will be recouped from the
contractor for the deficiencies. The electrical inspector will be conducting an
inspection of the pool as a result of the problems that occurred.

BY-LAWS

MOTION 017-20-133

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

By-Law 17-08, being a By-Law to amend the Official Community Plan 10-11 be
introduced for Second Reading.

-CARRIED –

MOTION 017-20-134

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

By-Law 17-09, being a By-Law to provide for grants be introduced for First &
Second Reading.

- CARRIED -

NEW & UNFINISHED

LETTER FROM SCHORNICK/
MULORZ

Council received a letter from Ms. Schornick and Mr. Mulorz addressing various complaints against the actions of their neighbour operating an airbnb as well as violating the noise bylaw. They are suggesting the Bylaw Officer be involved to rectify the situation. Administration informed Council that there is currently no law prohibiting advertising the rental of an airbnb, therefore any person wanting to use an airbnb is within their legal right to do so. All noise complaints between the hours of 11:00 pm and 07:00 am on any given day are enforceable under By-Law 14-08 and will be acted upon during those hours.

RECREATION FEES
& CHARGES

Council reviewed the proposed Recreation fees & charges. Councilor Irvin questioned why certain items are not permitted to leave the recreation facility. Administration provided an explanation on the replacement costs for many of the items which the Town owns. The large tent requires a building permit and inspection prior to it being assembled so is under the supervision of the Town and is not rented out. Council agreed that the Town must recoup its costs and agreed to review the fees and provide feedback for the next meeting.

WATSON LAKE FAMILY CENTRE
REQUEST FOR USE OF SPACE

Council discussed a letter from the Watson Lake Family Centre requesting use of the recplex mezzanine on Wednesdays from October, 2017 to April, 2018 at no cost. Council addressed the need for consistency amongst all groups and individuals and agreed that the recplex fees & charges must comply. Council suggest Administration forward a letter accordingly.

YG INFRASTRUCTURE
PRIORITIES

In order to ensure that Yukon's planning for Canada-Yukon Infrastructure funds is aligned with local infrastructure priorities, Yukon Government is requesting feedback from the Town of Watson Lake identifying priorities for the coming years. Council agreed that once the strategic planning exercise being held on August 25th is complete, they will be capable to provide project information as requested.

YG –CANNABIS
LEGALIZATION

Council received information from YG regarding legislation that will make cannabis legal in Canada as of July, 2018. Yukoners are invited to share their view via an online survey.

AFAB ENTERPRISES

Administration discussed a report from AFAB Enterprises regarding their on-site inspection of the Recreation Complex due to concerns of the roof leaking. The report included a quote in the amount of \$150,000 to repair and replace the areas of the roof that have sustained the most damage. Administration informed Council that additional funding is required to provide the necessary maintenance to Town infrastructure that over the years has been neglected due to budget restraints.

WATER/SEWER
BYLAW

Administration advised Council that steps need to be taken to start the process of finalizing the water/sewer bylaw. Rates need to be determined and are necessary to move forward. Once the Bylaw has received first Reading the Bylaw will be presented to the Public for their input. Council suggested that they meet on August 27th to discuss this matter further.

VET TO PET ANIMAL
SERVICES

Council addressed a letter regarding a travelling veterinarian who will be in Watson Lake over the September long weekend to conduct an animal surgical clinic. In order to keep her costs down, she is requesting the cabin rental fees be waived during her visit. Although Council support the service to the community, they agree that a fee must be implemented for the use of the cabin, and suggested the rodeo grounds be available as an alternative location.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
INQUIRIES**

Administration informed Council that a Water Treatment Operator has been hired and will be commencing employment with Town September 18th. Council discussed potential changes to the Public Works Department that may take effect once the department operational review is complete.

The Hockey camp that was held in Watson Lake was well attended and received positive feedback. There was some discussion from outlying communities possibly utilizing the local hockey arena for their sporting events and practices.

Peter Wright from Wildland Fire will be scheduling a meeting with Council to discuss future fire protection and fire smart initiatives.

Minister Pillai will be in Watson Lake August 30th and is requesting a meeting with Council. Council suggested meeting with Minister Pillai at 5:00 pm.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 017-20-135

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

Council go In-Camera.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 017-20-136

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council revert to an open meeting.

-CARRIED-

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 017-20-137

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 9.00 pm.

- CARRIED -

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk

