

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 5
February 21, 2017

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

PUBLIC

Sarah Russo
Damien Burns
PSAC Members
Tara McIntyre
Duane Esler

ADMINISTRATION

RICK ROTONDI – Acting CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 017-05-28

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 017-05-29

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of February 7, 2017 as
presented.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 017-05-30

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Special meeting of February 8, 2017 as
presented.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

Mr. Duane Esler and Ms. Tara McIntyre representing YG Health & Social Services provided information on the Alcohol & Drug Community Addiction programs that are available. There are now two community addiction service workers in place in Watson Lake available to provide support & services in the areas of addiction, education and prevention, counselling and aftercare, as well as connect people to resources that may be helpful. No longer will individuals from rural communities have to travel to Whitehorse for addiction related support. Council thanked Mr. Esler & Ms. McIntyre for their presentation.

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

MOTION 017-05-31

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The payroll cheques #57816 through #57846 in the amount of \$45,668.51 and the
Open Payables in the amount of \$116,018.72 be paid.

- CARRIED –

NEW & UNFINISHED

**OUTSTANDING
TAX REPORT**

Council reviewed the outstanding tax report. Administration provided information
on the various stages in the collection of outstanding taxes and what action the
Town has undertaken on properties in the tax lien process.

**YUKON LOTTERY
PROGRAM POLICY**

Council addressed the Town of Watson Lake policy to establish the rules and
procedures governing the distribution of the Yukon Lottery program funds.
Administration of the grant shall be in accordance with the Community Lottery
program and shall conform to criteria established by the Recreation Advisory
Committee and Council. Administration informed Council that the policy has
been updated to reflect recent changes to the Yukon Lottery standards.

MOTION 017-05-32

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council accept the policy as presented.

- CARRIED -

**ICE WIRELESS
LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Council discussed a request from Ice Wireless for a letter of support for a proposal
being submitted to the Connect to Innovate Program which provides the delivery
of high speed internet to rural and remote communities in Canada. For this
initiative, Ice Wireless is seeking Federal Government support to provide funding
for the delivery of this service.

MOTION 017-05-33

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Town of Watson Lake provide a letter of support for this proposal by Ice
Wireless.

- CARRIED –

**YESAB APPLICATION
TOPSOIL QUARRY**

Council addressed a proposal from Custom Concrete for the development of a
quarry for the production of topsoil at a location approximately 1 km north of
Watson Lake. The project site is 1.9 hectare in size and is estimated to produce a
total of 10,000m of topsoil.

Administration expressed concerns with the location of the project as it could potentially contaminate and jeopardize the Town's water supply as it lies within the watershed protection area. Council discussed the application and noted comments from YG Energy, Mines & Resources that the application area is adjacent to an existing topsoil quarry and it is very likely the entire application area would be suitable for the intended purpose of a topsoil quarry. Council agreed that this needs further investigation and suggested that Administration contact YG for a site inspection and request that the deadline for comments be extended from February 22nd until March 1st. This will give the Town time to do more research and look into this matter further.

**WCB COMPLIANCE
ORDERS**

Council reviewed a list of compliance orders from WCB for equipment needed on behalf of the Fire Department. Administration provided an update on the items that have been already addressed and those still outstanding. Council Bauer expressed concerns that looking forward a process is necessary to be implemented by the Fire Department to ensure that regulations are being followed and that more attention is being paid in monitoring the equipment to ensure it meets all WCB regulations.

MOTION 017-05-34

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Council approve \$60,000 to be allocated in the Capital Budget to proceed with Fire Department equipment and training required for WCB compliance orders.

- CARRIED -

**2017 FCM ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Council addressed the 2017 FCM annual conference that is taking place in Ottawa in June. No Council members are available to attend the conference.

**AYC BOARD
MEETING**

Council discussed the AYC Board meeting being held in Mayo on March 11th. Councilor Irvin agreed to attend the Board Meeting by telephone.

**TOWN HALL
MEETING**

Council discussed potential dates to schedule a Town hall meeting and agreed to hold a Town Hall meeting on April 12th at which time the O/M & Capital budgets can be available to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the Policing Report of January, 2017.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 017-05-35

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 017-05-36

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council revert to an Open meeting.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 017-05-37

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Mr. Sheen be instructed to forward the letter to David Steele regarding his
employment with the Town of Watson Lake as presented.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 017-05-38

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.

- CARRIED –

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk