

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 4
March 6, 2018

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

PUBLIC
C.O’Brien
L.Bruce
M.O’Connor
M.Moritz
J. Davignon

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 018-04-23

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 018-04-24

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of February 20, 2018 as
presented.

- CARRIED –

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

MOTION 018-04-25

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The Public hearing for By-law 18-01, being a By-law to amend Zoning By-Law
15-07 be opened.

- CARRIED –

No written or verbal submissions were presented.

MOTION 018-04-26

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Public Hearing be closed.

- CARRIED -

DELEGATION

Cheryl O’Brien, representing the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce presented
Council with concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Electoral boundaries
that will encompass Watson Lake and Ross River and the negative effects this
may have on the electoral district.

The position of the Chamber of Commerce is to allow Watson Lake to remain in its own electoral riding. A Public meeting is being held in Watson Lake on March 10th with the Electoral Boundaries commission to discuss the proposal. The WL Chamber of Commerce is encouraging residents to attend.

STANTEC
ENGINEERING

Representatives from Stantec Engineering provided Council with an overview of the Sewage Lagoon upgrades that are expected to commence in May.

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

MOTION 018-04-27

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The payroll cheques #58904 through #58933 in the amount of \$45,505.28 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$106,974.79 be paid.

- CARRIED –

CAO UPDATE

Administration informed Council that Minister Streicker of Community Services is planning a visit to Watson Lake on April 6th or 13th. It is anticipated that Minister Mostyn of YG Highways & Public Works will be available at the same time to meet with Council.

Ed Khran advised that a report is being prepared on the Watson Lake Hotel property that will be available in June.

The Water/Sewer Bylaw 16-07 was addressed. The Bylaw has been amended to include various definitions and the sewage dumping rate. The Institutional water rates were discussed and it was recommended to decrease the fee to \$2.25/litre otherwise the rate could be too excessive and create a financial hardship on those businesses. Council agreed to the decrease and review the rates next year for any changes.

Administration is working on preparing a bylaw that will consolidate all the fees & charges levied by the Town into one bylaw.

MOTION 018-04-28

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The water/sewer rates for Institutional properties be adjusted to \$2.25/litre.

- CARRIED -

BY-LAWS

MOTION 018-04-29

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

By-Law 16-07, being the water/sewer by-Law be introduced for Second, Third & Final Reading.

-CARRIED –

MOTION 018-04-30

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

By-Law 18-01, being a By-Law to amend Zoning By-Law 15-07 be introduced
for Second Reading.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 018-04-31

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

By-Law 18-03, being a By-law to set the property tax rate for 2018 be introduced
for First Reading.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 018-04-32

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

By-Law 18-04, being a By-Law to provide for the 2018 annual Operational
Budget be introduced for First Reading.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 018-04-33

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

By-Law 18-05, being a bylaw to adopt a Capital Budget be introduced for First
Reading.

Council discussed the Waste Management Capital budget and suggested that the
purchase of the side-by-side and truck be removed from the Budget. It was also
suggested that funding be researched for the purchase of the forklift.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 018-04-34

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

By-Law 18-06, being a bylaw to provide for the establishment of an Operational
Contingency Reserve fund be introduced for First Reading.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 018-04-35

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

By-Laws 09-11 Contingency Reserve, By-Law 98-17 Equipment Reserve, By-
Law 08-06 Protective Services Reserve, By-Law 09-12 Downtown Revitalization
Reserve, By-Law 99-15 NLC Equipment Reserve, By-Law 92-22 Recreation
Reserve, and By-Law 99-15 Street Resurfacing Reserve all be rescinded.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 018-04-36

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

A maximum amount of \$350,000 be transferred from the Town of Watson Lake
GIC's to cover operating expenses.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 018-04-37

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The remaining funds be moved from the Town of Watson Lake GIC's to the
Operating Contingency Reserve fund.

- CARRIED –

NEW & UNFINISHED

**GOLDEN PREDATOR
DONATION
REQUEST**

Council was in receipt of a letter from Golden Predator Mining Corp requesting
the Town donate the ice rental for a 2018 NHL Indigenous Alumni Tour that is
being held in Watson lake March 9th,2018.

MOTION 018-04-38

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The Town of Watson Lake donate \$250.00 to cover the ice time for the Golden
Predator Hockey event.

- CARRIED -

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ENQUIRIES**

Councilor Bauer addressed the water & sewer freeze-ups that are occurring on
Campbell Way and questioned the reasons that this may be occurring.

Council discussed the operational costs for the sewage lagoon. Unfortunately no
estimate is available at this time. Staff will require training on operating the
facility as new regulations are in place.

The Union Collective Agreement expires December 31,2018. The writ will be
presented in June in anticipation of negotiations to begin in September. The Letter
of Understanding for the Water Treatment plant operators has been approved by
the Union.

The March 14th Public meeting will focus on the Town financial overview.
Meaghen Stewart will be contracted to prepare information to be distributed at the
meeting that addresses the budgets and proposed tax rate increases.

Administration has been in discussion with Liard First Nation regarding the
outstanding amounts owed to the Town. LFN agreed to discuss this matter further
and are expected to have an answer next week as to the monies that will be
forthcoming to the Town to apply to their debt. LFN has agreed to purchase 130
of the extra garbage containers that the Town has in storage.

Administration informed Council of upcoming meetings that are taking place throughout the month of March.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 018-04-39

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm.

- CARRIED –

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk