

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 14  
May 16, 2017

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

B. Leach

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk  
RICK ROTONDI – Finance Officer

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

**AGENDA**

MOTION 017-14-82

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Lund  
that:

Council adopt the agenda as presented.

- CARRIED –

**DECLARATION OF  
CONFLICT**

There were no conflicts of interest expressed.

**MINUTES**

MOTION 017-14-83

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund  
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Regular Council meeting of March 2nd as presented.

- CARRIED –

**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE**

MOTION 017-14-84

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund  
that:

The payroll cheques #58039 through #58067 in the amount of \$41,061.93 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$196,692.82 be paid.

- CARRIED –

Council discussed a payment to Davis Dodge for the purchase of a new truck for the Public Works Department. Council expressed their concern and dissatisfaction that the vehicle was purchased from outside the territory, and that quotes had not been provided to Council prior to the purchase. Monies were spent without their approval. Administration confirmed the expense had been approved in the Capital Budget, and it is common practice that once the budgets have been passed by Council, monies are permitted to be spent accordingly. Administration provided Council with information as to the various places both in and out of the territory that had been solicited prior to the purchase. Council confirmed that it is necessary to review how funds are spent in future.

Councilor Lund addressed the fire hall and monies being spent on the building to comply with WCB regulations. Council expressed concern that the building does not belong to the Town and due to its age requires several dollars to bring the building up to code. Councilor Lund suggested that discussion take place between the Town of Watson Lake Fire Chief and the YG Fire Marshall to discuss the possibility of a new fire hall for the Town of Watson Lake.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing for By-law 17-04, being a By-Law to amend the Official Community Plan was held. No written or verbal submissions were presented.

**BY-LAWS**

Second Reading of By-Law 17-04 was tabled until more information is available from Yukon Housing regarding the upgrades to the duplex.

**MOTION 017-14-85**

Moved by Councilor Lund, 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 Third & Final Reading.

- CARRIED -

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

**ELLIS - REZONING OF LAND**

Council discussed a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Ellis regarding the rezoning of their property located at 271 Wye Drive. The goal of the rezoning is to change the future land use of the property from Light Industrial (M1) to Residential (R1) to accommodate their residence. Due to the restricted size of the property it makes it difficult to meet the Light Industrial zoning requirements.

**MOTION 017-14-86**

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Lund that:

The Town proceed with the rezoning of Lot 14, Block 16, Plan 23074 from Light Industrial to Residential.

- CARRIED -

**LFN – FUNDING REQUEST**

Council addressed a letter from Liard First Nation requesting funding to assist with the purchase of hoodies from the company “Proud to be Apparel”. The hoodies will be provided to the youth who are participating in a workshop as part of a movement that motivates people everywhere to stand strong, walk tall and be proud of who they are.

**YOUTH FOR SAFETY**

Council acknowledged the Youth for Safety will be holding their annual Community Campaign Launch on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Watson Lake Recreation Centre.

**DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE POLICY**

Council discussed the Town of Watson Lake Development Incentive policy and the guidelines and eligibility criteria. Council discussed the Yukon Housing municipal matching program and the partnership with municipalities by offering one-time capital grant incentives for eligible projects to help increase the supply of rental housing in municipalities.

**AYC AGM REPORT**

Mayor Brown provided Council with a report from the AYC Annual General Meeting which he attended in Faro May 11-14<sup>th</sup>.

A meeting is scheduled with Minister Streicker and YG representatives in June to discuss the CMG and other municipal concerns.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council acknowledged the following:

- Canadian Ranger Training exercise scheduled to occur May 22<sup>ND</sup> – June 2,2017.
- Canada’s Annual celebration of Gardens and Gardening Days, June 9-18,2017.
- Canadian Arctic Aviation Tour - June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRIES**

Councilor Lund addressed Wye Lake Drive and the condition of the road and suggested the chipseal be replaced. Administration suggested the repairs be done next year with the assistance of YG.

Council discussed the water treatment facility and questioned when it would be operational. Administration advised there are problems with the card system software that are being addressed but have caused a delay to the opening. Council suggested that an item be put in the Newsletter advising of the delay.

Council addressed the current bulk water station and upgrades that are required to the facility in order to accommodate large vehicles.

Council discussed the Town sani-dump and whether it was operational for the summer months. Administration will contact the Recreation Department to confirm whether the sani-dump is open for the season.

Councilor Lund expressed concerns with the number of discarded plastic bags that are being tossed out and suggested an initiative to encourage the public to use recyclable or cloth bags. Administration will discuss this initiative further with the Recycling Depot Coordinator and put an item in the Newsletter discouraging the use of plastic bags.

**IN-CAMERA**

**MOTION 017-14-87**

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

**MOTION 017-14-88**

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

Council revert to an Open Meeting.

- CARRIED -

**MOTION 017-14-89**

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

The CAO contract be amended that the hours of work be changed from 40 hours to 35 hours per week.

- CARRIED -

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 017-14-90**

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 9.30 pm.

- CARRIED -

