

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 24
November 7, 2017

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

JUSTIN BROWN - MAYOR
BRIAN LUND – COUNCILOR
BRENDA LEACH - COUNCILOR (electronically)
STACY BAUER - COUNCILOR

C.Irvin

PUBLIC
D.Stubenberg
T.Forsberg
R.Wilkinson
J.Stackhouse

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD - CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 017-24-168

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 017-24-169

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Regular Council meeting of September 19th as
presented.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

Dalyce Stubenberg discussed a By-Law infraction that she was served for storing building material on town property alongside Wye Lake Trail. Dalyce expressed her dissatisfaction with the way the Town has handled the situation over the years and argued that she be allowed to keep her materials where they are located. Council informed Dalyce that she does not comply with both the Zoning Bylaw and the Territorial Government Lands Act in that she is trespassing. Therefore Council agreed that she must relocate the building materials back within her property lines.

REPORTS

Administration provided Council with an update on the water/sewer bylaw and amendments to the Bylaw that are being done as a result of discussions that took place at the Town Hall meeting. There is more research being done to establish who is responsible for the curb stops, whether the property owner or the Town. Administration is preparing a discussion paper on this subject and will present to Council as this could have a financial implication on the Town.

Council was in receipt of the Service Capacity report prepared by Gordon McIntosh as part of the Towns' operational review that occurred in September. Council agreed that this is a good start and the Town is moving in the right direction. Administration informed Council that job descriptions are also being reviewed as part of the process.

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 017-24-170

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The payroll cheques #58617 through #58648 in the amount of \$48,960.16 and the
Open Payables in the amount of \$155,910.58 be paid.

-CARRIED –

BY-LAWS

MOTION 017-24 -171

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

By-Law 17-05, being a By-Law to amend the Zoning By-Law be introduced for
Third & Final Reading.

- CARRIED –

NEW & UNFINISHED

**WL SKI CLUB
AUCTION**

Council discussed a letter from the WL Ski Club requesting a donation for their
annual Christmas auction planned to take place December 2nd.

MOTION 017-24-172

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Town of Watson Lake donate \$500.00 for the Watson Lake Ski Club
Auction.

- CARRIED –

**2018 PROVISIONAL
O/M BUDGET**

Administration provided Council with the provisional 2018 O/M Budget and
discussed the \$900,000 deficit that is being projected. Council suggested a
meeting to review the provisional O/M budget prior to it being finalized.

**AYC BOARD
MEETING**

Council discussed the AYC Board meeting being held December 2nd and having a
Town representative in attendance. Councilor Bauer is not available to attend, and
suggested Councilor Lund go in her place.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following correspondence:

- EMS Services in Watson Lake
- Public Airports Act
- Letters of support – YTG Funding applications

**ADMINISTRATIVE
INQUIRIES**

Council expressed concerns with the deficiencies at the new lift station and the
condition that the project was left for the winter with a risk for potential freezing
and liability issues. Administration informed Council that this is a YG project and
the Town is not accountable for any complications that may occur as a result of
the situation.

Council enquired if the skid steer had been returned from the WL Ski Club. Administration informed Council that the skid steer has been returned and is now being used by the Recreation Department.

Administration updated Council on a meeting that was held with Lands Branch regarding the cemetery. The Town owns the land and there is plenty of room for expansion. It was suggested to clear approximately ¼ of the available property and establish a new policy changing the layout of the cemetery. Administration informed Council that discussion has taken place with Liard First Nation to move forward on the cemetery plots that have been reserved and not paid for.

Administration addressed requests from the WL Chamber of Commerce for letters of support for the following:

To have more doctors residing in the community.
That the sale of marijuana be privatized when it becomes legal in 2018, and not government run.

MOTION 017-24-173

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

Council provide letters of support to the WL Chamber of Commerce.

- CARRIED -

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 017-24-173

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 017-24-174

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council revert to an Open meeting.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 017-24-175

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

Council award the CAO his six month bonus.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 017-24-176

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 pm.

- CARRIED -

