

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 22  
September 19,2017

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

S.Bauer

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD - CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

**AGENDA**

**MOTION 017-22-148**

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach  
that:

Council adopt the agenda as amended to include:

Delegation – Dan Reams  
Bulk water rates  
Letter from Ski Club – Use of Skid Steer

- CARRIED –

**DECLARATION OF  
CONFLICT**

There were no conflicts of interest expressed.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION 017-22-149**

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund  
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Regular Council meeting of September 5th as  
presented.

- CARRIED –

**DELEGATION**

Mr. Dan Reams presented Council with information on a Biomass energy project that he has developed for Watson Lake. His company, Biomass North is planning to start with a small combined heat & power installation selling electricity and heat, and has been successful in a request for qualification to provide heat to Johnson Elementary School. Mr. Reams discussed the benefits of biomass energy and the potential of creating local jobs for the community. Council was in full support of the project and thanked Mr. Reams for his presentation.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION 017-22-150**

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

The Public Hearing for By-Law 017-07, being a By-Law to amend the Zoning  
By-Law 15-07 be open.

-CARRIED-

No written or verbal submissions were presented.

MOTION 017-22-151

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach  
that:

The Public Hearing be closed.

-CARRIED-

**ACCOUNTS**  
**PAYABLE**

MOTION 017-22-152

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

The payroll cheques #58449 through #58483 in the amount of \$58,405.89 and the  
Open Payables in the amount of \$135,819.12 be paid.

-CARRIED –

**BY-LAWS**

MOTION 017-22-153

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund  
that:

By-Law 17-07, being a By-Law to amend the Zoning By-Law be introduced for  
Second Reading.

- CARRIED -

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

NORTHERN ENVIRO  
LOT EXPANSION

Council received a letter from Northern Enviro Services requesting support for the  
expansion of Lot 1083 located at mile 636 Alaska Highway. They are also  
requesting that Lot 1083 be rezoned from Heavy Industrial (M2) to M3 (Land  
Treatment) designation to operate their Waste Management and Land Treatment  
Facility. Administration provided Council with YG regulations pertaining to lot  
enlargements. Under these regulations the request for a lot enlargement cannot be  
approved as the area they are seeking does not comply with the current OCP and  
Zoning Bylaw. Administration will forward a letter accordingly.

Council addressed their request to have Lot 1083 rezoned to an M3 designation.

MOTION 017-22-154

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Lund  
that:

Council support the request from Northern Enviro to change the zoning on Lot  
1083 to M3. An application for an OCP & Zoning amendment will be required to  
initiate this change.

- CARRIED –

TOWN HALL  
MEETING

Council discussed potential dates to schedule a Town Hall meeting and agreed on  
Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The primary topic of discussion will be By-Law 16-07,  
being a By-Law to provide for the supply of water and sewer services.

WATSON LAKE  
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Council addressed a letter expressing concern with the WL Cemetery and several gravesites that require maintenance. Council referred to the WL Cemetery Bylaw that identifies the Towns' responsibility for maintenance of all designated roads, lanes or walkways in and around the cemetery. The maintenance of established Burial plots shall not be deemed to be the responsibility of the Town. Council suggested that an article be put in the next edition of the Town Newsletter regarding this matter.

AYC BOARD  
MEETING

Mayor Brown expressed an interest in attending the AYC Board meeting being held in Carmacks on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. Council approved travel for Mayor Brown to attend on behalf of the Town.

BULK WATETR  
RATES

Administration informed Council that the bulk water policy did not include a monthly minimum fee. Council discussed and agreed to implement a \$15.00 minimum monthly fee.

MOTION 017-22-154

Moved by Councilor Lind, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

The bulk water policy be amended to include the minimum monthly fee of \$15.00.

- CARRIED -

WL SKI CLUB  
USE OF SKID STEER

Council was in receipt of a letter from the Watson Lake Ski Club requesting use of the Town's skid steer for approximately 60 hours to remove willows and brush from the ski hill. Administration expressed concerns that had been presented regarding damages that had occurred to the machine when the Ski Club had borrowed it previously. Council requested information on what damage had occurred and the costs to repair the machine from the damages. Council agreed to table this item after the matter has been addressed with the Public Works Manager. Council want to ensure that the skid steer is inspected before and after the Ski Club is permitted to borrow it. Also, the person operating the machine would have to be approved by the Town.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**  
**INQUIRIES**

Administration updated Council on problems that have been experienced with the new reservoir and lift station. A meeting has been scheduled with YG to address concerns and ongoing problems.

The Town lawyer has verified the application for title on the Watson Lake Hotel property was done correctly and the Town followed all proper procedures to gain title to the property.

A request was received from the Watson Lake Rangers asking for any space that may be available on Town owned property to store three seacans that house their equipment. Council considered the request and concluded that no space is available at any town facility, however provided other options that may be available.

Administration informed Council that negotiations have commenced with the Yukon Fire Marshalls office to provide an MOU to assist with training and equipment for the Fire Department. Discussion has also taken place regarding the possibility of a new fire truck for Watson Lake.

**IN-CAMERA**

**MOTION 017-22-155**

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach  
that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED –

**MOTION 017-22-156**

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

Council revert to an Open meeting.

- CARRIED –

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 017-22-157**

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Irvin  
that:

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

- CARRIED –

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Justin Brown – Mayor

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Terri Close – Municipal Clerk