

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 17
September 4 ,2018

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

B.Lund

PUBLIC
C/C Craft
E.Labonte
T.Cole
E.Trusz
D.Stubenberg

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Brown.

AGENDA

MOTION 018-17-158

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 018-17-159

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Regular Council meeting of August 21st as
presented.

- CARRIED –

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

MOTION 018-17-160

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The payroll cheques #59412 through #59447 in the amount of \$63,989.24 and the
Open Payables in the amount of \$105,899.71 be paid.

-CARRIED –

PUBLIC
HEARING

MOTION 018-17-161

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Public Hearing for By-Law 018-09, being a By-Law to amend Zoning By-
Law 15-07 be open.

-CARRIED-

No written or verbal submissions were presented.

MOTION 018-17-162

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Public Hearing be closed.

-CARRIED-

REPORTS

Administration provided Council with an update on the lift station and reservoir projects. Problems were experienced with the old lift station that caused a sewage backup in a private residence on Lakeview Avenue.

Administration presented Council with Financial Statements and a 2017/2018 cost comparison to date. The Grant-In-Lieu property taxes of approximately \$500,000 have not yet been received. Expenses will potentially increase as the winter season approaches.

The Equipment Operator I position has been filled and the successful applicant commenced employment as of this date.

The AYC Board Meeting is being held in Watson Lake September 21st & 22nd.

The YTG Gala for all elected officials is being held in Whitehorse September 29th.
All expenses are being covered by YG.

TENDERS

One tender was received for the Town of Watson Lake Propane requirements.

MOTION 018-17-163

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Town accept the tender from Superior Propane at a fixed rate of \$0.76/litre.

-CARRIED –

BY-LAWS

MOTION 018-17-164

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

By-Law 18-09, being a By-Law to amend Zoning By-Law 15-07 be introduced for Second Reading.

-CARRIED –

Council discussed By-Law 18-09, and how to proceed now that the YTG lots have been removed from the market. It would not be in the best interest of the Town now to rezone the properties.

MOTION 018-17-165

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

By-Law 18-09 be revoked. Council addressed a possible tax increase on vacant land to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

-CARRIED –

MOTION 018-17-166

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

By-Law 018-09, being a By-Law to amend Zoning By-Law 15-07 be introduced
for Second Reading.

-CARRIED-

NEW & UNFINISHED

ACCOMMODATION
LEVY BY-LAW

Council discussed By-Law 18-11, being a bylaw to impose a tax levy on
accommodations, and agreed that more information is required on this matter
prior to moving forward.

MOTION 018-17-166

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

By-law 18-11 be tabled until the January 8, 2019 Council meeting to provide
adequate time for more information to be obtained.

-CARRIED –

MINUTES OF MEETING
WITH BUSINESS OWNERS

MOTION 018-17-167

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council accept the minutes of the meeting with the Business owners that was held
August 28, 2018 as presented.

-CARRIED-

**ADMINISTRATIVE
INQUIRIES**

Councilor Irvin questioned the status of the lift station and reservoir projects.
Administration informed Council that there have been several problems
encountered with the projects that has resulted in an extension of the contract.
There are penalties that will be incurred the longer the projects are extended.
There have been several extra hours for Town staff as a result of the problems.

Councilor Irvin discussed the number of undeveloped vacant lots in the
community. It was recommended that Administration research a potential tax
increase of 10% of the assessed value to encourage the property owners to
develop.

Councilor Bauer addressed the EMO Plan and the recent wildfire that caused the
evacuation of Lower Post residents to WL. As a result, it was apparent that more
resources were required to assist with the situation as there was no extra
manpower available, putting the community at risk. This needs to be addressed.
Administration advised that the Town of Watson Lake EMO plan is outdated and
has been addressed with YG.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 018-17-168

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

Council go In-Camera.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 018-17-169

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

Council revert to an open meeting.

-CARRIED-

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 018-17-170

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6.45 pm.

- CARRIED –

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk