

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 18  
November 12, 2013

ATTENDANCE

RICHARD DUROCHER – MAYOR  
CYNTHIA KEARNS – COUNCILOR  
BRENDA LEACH – COUNCILOR - Electronically  
TIM O'BRIEN – COUNCILOR  
THOMAS SLAGER - COUNCILOR

ADMINISTRATION

STEPHEN CONWAY – CAO  
GRO BRODERSEN – A/Municipal Clerk

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

**AGENDA**

MOTION 013-018-161

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor O'Brien  
that:

The Agenda be amended to include In-Camera.

- CARRIED –

**MINUTES**

MOTION 013-018-162

Moved by Councilor O'Brien, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of October 22, 2013.

- CARRIED –

**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE**

MOTION 013-018-163

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor O'Brien  
that:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$291,763.49 and the payroll cheques #52419  
through #52496 in the amount of \$49,414.35 for a total of \$341,177.84 be paid.

Council discussed various line items.

Councilor Slager stated that he has been checking the Accounts Payable for one  
year and Councilor O'Brien offered to do it now. Councilor Kearns will continue  
to attend the Chamber of Commerce meetings.

- CARRIED –

**FINANCIAL INFO**

MOTION 013-018-164

Moved by Councilor O'Brien, seconded by Councilor Kearns  
that:

The Budget Variance Report be accepted as presented.

Council discussed the budget and the cost of doing business. Mayor Durocher suggested that AYC should lobby for us for more funding from the Government of Yukon. The CMG is not in line with inflation. Council discussed the possibility of a letter to AYC expressing the Town's concerns in this matter.

- CARRIED –

**BY-LAWS**

**MOTION 013-018-165**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor O'Brien that:

By-Law 013-08, being a By-Law to amend the 2013 Capital Budget be introduced for Third and Final Reading.

-CARRIED –

**MOTION 013-018-166**

Moved by Councilor O'Brien, seconded by Councilor Kearns that:

By-Law 12-05, being a By-Law to provide for the collection, storage, transportation and disposal of solid waste in the Town of Watson Lake be introduced for First Reading.

Administration explained some details of By-Law 12-05. The Town is no longer accepting waste from outside of the Town's boundaries. There will be no composting at the Landfill.

Council discussed user fees and garbage pickup.

This item was tabled.

- CARRIED -

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

**PSAC – NOTICE  
TO BARGAIN**

The Town received notice from the Public Service Alliance of Canada in accordance with the Collective Bargaining provisions that negotiations will commence in January, 2014.

**LFN PROPOSAL**

Administration explained that a portion of the Signpost Forest is infringing on land owned by LFN. LFN has proposed that the Town buy or obtain a right-of-way for this land for an amount comparable to the outstanding taxes on this land which stands at \$79,489.22. Council viewed the map showing the infringement. Administration spoke with the Recreation Department about moving the signs which would take two or three days and it could be done in the spring. Council agreed to move the signs.

**MOTION 013-018-167**

Moved by Councilor O'Brien, seconded by Councilor Kearns that:

The Town remove the signs from the land owned by LFN at the Signpost Forest.

- CARRIED –

Council discussed the Kids in the Kitchen program and talked about other possible venues which could be used for this program. The program could interfere with other events and programs being held at the Community Hall. Council agreed to decline the request and offer other suggestions as to where to hold this program.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Administration gave an update on the Gas Tax funding for the Town.
- Council acknowledged the letter from the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce and agreed to participate in Moonlight Madness event by having the official lighting of the tree in front of the Town Office.
- Council received a letter of appreciation from Yukon Emergency Medical Services thanking the Watson Lake Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance.

**COUNCIL  
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councilor Kearns attends the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce meetings on behalf of Council. The Chamber has requested an agenda for each Council meeting either be faxed or emailed to them prior to the meeting. The Chamber suggested that the privatization of snow removal and garbage collection be examined.

Administration suggested that the Chamber send a proposal for the privatization to the Town.

Mayor Durocher informed Council that the RCMP will be coming to meet with them on Thursday Nov. 14 at 3:00 pm.

Mayor Durocher advised Council that his new office is ready and open for use.

**IN-CAMERA**

**MOTION 013-018-168**

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor O'Brien that:

Council go In Camera at 8:30 pm.

**MOTION 013-018-169**

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor O'Brien that:

Council revert to an open meeting at 9:05 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 013-018-170**

Moved by Councilor O'Brien, seconded by Councilor Kearns that:

There being no further business Council adjourn at 9:10 pm.

- CARRIED -

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Durocher – Mayor

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Terri Close – Municipal Clerk

