

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 5
March 4, 2014

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

R.DUROCHER - Mayor
THOMAS SLAGER - Councilor
BRENDA LEACH - Councilor
TIM O'BRIEN - Councilor
CYNTHIA KEARNS - Councilor

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

RICK ROTONDI - Finance Officer
TERRI CLOSE - Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 014-05-034

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Kearns that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include:

In - Camera

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 014-05-035

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

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of February 18, 2014 as amended that the correspondence in support of Dis & Dat Diner was received from Evelyn Trusz.

- CARRIED -

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION 014-05-036

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

The payroll cheques #52811 through #52843 in the amount of \$39,759.50 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$81,687.64 be paid.

- CARRIED -

BY-LAWS

MOTION 014-05-037

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

By-Law 014-02, being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of the annual operational budget for 2014 be introduced for First Reading.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 014-05-037

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

By-Law 014-03, being a By-Law for the adoption of the Capital Budget commencing in the year 2014 be introduced for First Reading.

- CARRIED -

Council discussed the purchase of a new fire truck for the Town of Watson Lake and suggested that funds be put aside annually for the next three years to assist with the cost.

Council discussed the justification for purchasing an excavator. Administration explained that the equipment is required for the landfill in order to compact the solid waste in the landfill cells. An excavator may not necessarily be the right choice, however as the Town is no longer permitted to burn, it needs to be determined how the garbage will be handled and a piece of equipment whether a compactor or a Caterpillar (Cat) will be required. Mayor Durocher expressed his concerns that this would directly impact local contractors that provide this type of equipment as part of their business. Councilor Slager stated that contractors may not always be available on short notice when the equipment is required. Although the cost is excessive, it was suggested that if the Town proceed with the purchase, to apply for CDF funding to help offset the cost.

NEW & UNFINISHED

**WL SECONDARY
LUNCH PROGRAM**

Council received a letter from Watson Lake Secondary School requesting financial support for the daily lunch program.

MOTION 014-05-038

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

The Town of Watson Lake donate \$500.00 for the lunch program.

- CARRIED -

**NATIONAL HEALTH
& FITNESS DAY**

Council was in receipt of a letter from Senator Dan Lang requesting support from Council to pass a resolution proclaiming the first Saturday in June National Health & Fitness Day.

MOTION 014-05-039

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Kearns that:

Saturday, June 7th be proclaimed national Health & fitness Day in Watson Lake.

- CARRIED -

**SILVERTIP MINE
LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Mayor Durocher provided Council with an update on a meeting held with representatives from JDS Silver Inc, the new owners of the Silverhart Mining Project. JDS is proposing to develop and operate the Silvertip Project as a seasonal operation which includes underground mining and concentrating minerals on site. The proposed project would result in significant employment opportunities and economic benefits for the region. They are looking for a letter of support from the Town of Watson Lake.

MOTION 014-05-040

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

The Town of Watson Lake provide a letter of support for the JDS Silvertip project.

- CARRIED –

**COUNCIL QUESTION
PERIOD**

Councilor Slager discussed benefits for the Volunteer Firefighters allocated towards trauma and debriefing. Resources are needed to assist with counselling for firefighters that have had to deal with traumatic situations. Council suggested approaching Many Rivers for counselling support for individuals that require this service.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 014-05-041

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

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 014-05-042

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

Council revert to an open Meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 014-05-042

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

- CARRIED –

R. Durocher – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk