

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 12  
June 17, 2014

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

S.Maclean  
S.Drury

STEPHEN CONWAY – CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

**AGENDA**

**MOTION 014-12-108**

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Kearns  
that:

The Agenda be amended to add the following item:

- Johnson Elementary School – Citizenship Award.

- CARRIED –

**MINUTES**

**MOTION 014-12-109**

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

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of June 3, 2014 as  
presented.

- CARRIED –

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**MOTION 014-12-110**

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

The payroll cheques #53094 through #53130 in the amount of \$49,251.06 and the  
Open Payables in the amount of \$123,405.49 be paid.

- CARRIED –

**FINANCIAL INFO**

**MOTION 014-12-111**

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Kearns  
that:

The Budget Variance Report of June 13<sup>th</sup> be approved.

- CARRIED –

Mayor Durocher discussed the budget variance report and the revenue that is showing being received. He believes that the financial information is misleading as the revenue recorded has not actually been received. Administration provided Council with details and an explanation of the statement, explaining that when receivables are entered into the system, it reflects on the financial statement as an income. This is standard accounting practice.

**BY-LAWS**

MOTION 014-12-112

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

By-Law 14-06, being a By-law to provide for grants be introduced for First & Second Reading.

- CARRIED –

Council discussed the property taxes owing on this property and expressed concerns with the amount that is being written off. This is unfair to other tax payers in the community. Council agreed that the Town of Watson Lake is to pursue all future taxes on this property as this will not be permitted in the future.

MOTION 014-12-113

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

By-Law 14-07, being a By-Law to amend traffic By-Law 01-08 be introduced for First & Second Reading.

-CARRIED –

Council questioned the purpose of this By-Law. Administration explained that the bylaw is to add the definition of "Traffic Control Device" as a municipality may authorize the placing, erecting or marking of traffic control devices at such locations as are considered necessary for controlling highways subject to its direction, control and management.

MOTION 014-12-114

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

By-Law 14-08, being a By-Law to establish & enforce standards relating to noise within the Town of Watson Lake be introduced for First & Second Reading.

-CARRIED –

Council reviewed the By-Law and suggested the bylaw be enforced between the hours of 12:00 am to 7:00 am and that the By-Law should not apply to persons operating chainsaws. Council questioned the By-law as it is believed that any matters concerning noise within the municipality is enforceable by the RCMP. Council agreed to table By-Law 14-08 until it has been discussed further with the By-Law Officer for clarification.

MOTION 014-12-115

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

By-Law 14-09, being a By-Law to establish and enforce standards relating to trespassing on municipal property be introduced for First & Second Reading.

Administration provided Council with information on the trespass bylaw as it pertains to certain individuals trespassing on municipal property.

- CARRIED -

Opposed: Councilor Slager

Councilor Slager expressed concerns with the By-law targeting certain persons and by implementing the bylaw it could have an impact on persons using the Town playgrounds and parks.

MOTION 014-12-116

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

By-Law 014-10, being a By-Law to provide for grants be introduced for First & Second Reading.

- CARRIED -

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Council received a letter from Johnson Elementary School requesting a donation to cover the cost of a citizenship award that will be presented to a student who has made an important contribution to their school community.

MOTION 014-12-117

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

Council donate \$300.00 towards the Johnson Elementary School citizenship award.

- CARRIED -

WL DAYCARE/SENIORS  
GARBAGE COLLECTION

Council was in receipt of a letter from the Watson Lake Daycare/Signpost Seniors requesting that the Town continue to provide garbage collection from their facility after the June 27th deadline. They are willing to continue paying for this service at the Towns' current rate. The rates they were quoted from a private company are more than they can afford. Council agreed to discuss this further In-Camera.

WATSON LAKE SKI CLUB  
PROPANE COSTS

Council discussed a letter from the WL Ski Club requesting that Council forgive two outstanding propane invoices amounting to \$2,935.29 as their expenses have increased due to utility increases. Council was opposed to forgiving the propane invoices.

MANAGEMENT MEETING  
MINUTES

MOTION 014-12-118

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor O'Brien  
that:  
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The Management Meeting Minutes of June 11<sup>th</sup> be accepted for review.

- CARRIED -

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council reviewed the following correspondence:

- Letter to Premier Pasloski – Alaska Highway right-of-way contamination

**COUNCIL QUESTION  
PERIOD**

Councilor Kearns advised Administration that the washroom at Lucky Lake needs to be pumped.

Councilor Slager enquired about the washroom located at Wye Lake cabin. If the washroom is not accessible to the public during the evening, the sign should be removed from the building as it is misleading.

Councilor Slager enquired as to the status of the weigh scales for the landfill. Administration informed Council that the scales had not yet been ordered due to the fence having to be relocated in order to accommodate the scales. However the scales were expected to be ordered this week. There is a 4-5 week delivery time.

**MOTION 014-12-119**

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

Council go In-Camera.

-CARRIED –

**MOTION 014-12-120**

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

Council revert to an open Meeting.

- CARRIED –

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 014-12-121**

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

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm.

- CARRIED –

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R. Durocher – Mayor

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Terri Close – Municipal Clerk

