

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 15  
August 26, 2014

ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC

RICHARD DUROCHER – Mayor  
CYNTHIA KEARNS – Councilor  
BRENDA LEACH – Councilor  
THOMAS SLAGER – Councilor  
TIM O’BRIEN – Councilor

Elizabeth Lexow  
Scott MacLean  
Ralph Pilz

ADMINISTRATION

RICK ROTONDI – A/CAO  
GRO BRODERSEN – A/Municipal Clerk

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

**AGENDA**

**MOTION 014-15-147**

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

The Agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of item #6A – Town Hall Meeting date and set aside #5. Also add a welcome to the new Johnson Elementary School principal.

- CARRIED –

**MINUTES**

**MOTION 014-15-148**

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

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of July 15, 2014 with an amendment to Motion 014-14-139 to be seconded by Councilor Kearns.

- CARRIED –

Council welcomed the new Johnson Elementary School Principal Ralph Pilz to Watson Lake. Mr. Pilz introduced himself and spoke about wanting to be involved in our community. He would be open to suggestions about youth initiatives. Mr. Pilz moved here from Saskatchewan and loves the Yukon and its beauty. Mayor Durocher asked him to come to Council if there are needs.

Elizabeth Lexow spoke about the Big Brothers Big Sisters start up here in Watson Lake and the need for volunteers. Elizabeth asked if the Town employees would be interested in volunteering. CIBC and Help and Hope staff have offered to help. The volunteers would spend one hour per week with a child. Council agreed to ask staff about volunteering and write a letter of support.

**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE**

**MOTION 01-15-149**

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Kearns that:

The Payroll cheques #53277 through #53361 in the amount of \$70,832.36 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$133,932.76 for a total of \$204,765.12 be paid.

Council discussed several line items.

- CARRIED -

**FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION**

**MOTION 014-15-150**

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

The budget variance report and the O & M financial information be accepted as presented. Council discussed various line items.

Mayor Durocher suggested Rick Rotondi have a session with Council to discuss and further explain the budget planning process. This would take place after October.

- CARRIED -

**NEW AND  
UNFINISHED**

WATSON LAKE  
CHARRETTE

Council agreed to put aside this item for the time being.

WYE LAKE PARK  
SANI-DUMP

Council discussed the sani-dump being closed down. Since the water has been turned off there is no way for people using the sani-dump to clean off their hoses. Council expressed concerns about the sani-dump being in our community park. When there are events in the park it is not pleasant to smell. Council discussed alternate places it could be installed. Administration will find out more information and will research receiving revenue for it. The sani-dump in Whitehorse is very well maintained. Council would like this issue put on the agenda again in the near future.

TOWN HALL  
MEETING

Council discussed having a Town Hall Meeting in September and decided to hold it on Wednesday September 24.

Discussion took place over the letter received from the Stampeder's B & B regarding the idling trucks parking along Frank Trail. There is a lot of noise and vibrations from the trucks. Council discussed implementing an Idling By-Law. Administration will contact the Schadls.

**COUNCIL  
OPEN FORUM**

Mayor Durocher spoke about the letter written by the CAO and sent to the Justice Minister and cc'd to Justice Veale and Ruddy. It was not meant to be personal and was for information only. Mayor Durocher will address this issue.

Councilor Kearns inquired about the line freeze up on Stikine Avenue by the church. Administration will research the matter.

Mayor Durocher advised that the CAO will be back in 2 weeks.

Council discussed the 4-H Clubs' concerns about the new donut machine and it being owned by the Club. It is their asset and belongs to them. They are willing to share it.

**IN-CAMERA**

**MOTION 014-15-151**

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

Council go In-Camera at 7:55 PM.

- CARRIED –

**MOTION 014-15-152**

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Kearns that:

Council revert to an open meeting at 8:30 PM.

- CARRIED –

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 014-15-153**

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

There being no further business Council adjourn at 8:35 pm.

- CARRIED –

