

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 18
October 7, 2014

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

R.DUROCHER - MAYOR
THOMAS SLAGER – COUNCILOR
TIM O’BRIEN - COUNCILOR
CYNTHIA KEARNS – COUNCILOR

B.Leach

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

S.Maclean
F.Statham

RICK ROTONDI – Acting CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 014-18-173

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

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

The minutes from the last regular meeting of September 23, 2014 were not available.

DELEGATION

Fred Statham updated Council on the status of the Watson Lake Career Advancement Society, which after a year of being dormant has become operational again. They are planning a youth conference being held in conjunction with Milo Spring’ potlatch being held October 18th and extended an invitation to Council to attend.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION 014-18-174

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

The payroll cheques #53415 through #53447 in the amount of \$86,827.97 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$187,347.19 be paid.

- CARRIED –

FINANCIAL INFO

MOTION 014-18-175

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

The financial statement and Budget Variance Report for October 3rd be accepted.

- CARRIED –

Administration updated Council on the overall financial position. There are many variables that may occur as a result of the winter months when the costs increase that will have a direct impact on the budget. Mayor Durocher commended the Management Team and staff for keeping the budget on track. Mayor Durocher discussed the departmental reviews and requested a comprehensive report be provided to Council prior to the passing of the O/M Budget.

NEW & UNFINISHED

**RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Administration accepted the Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes for information only. Council discussed three funding applications that were approved by the Recreation Committee at their regular recreation board meeting.

MOTION 014-18-176

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

The three funding applications be approved as presented.

-CARRIED –

**WL SECONDARY SCHOOL
LUNCH/BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Council discussed a request from the Watson Lake Secondary School for a donation of \$500.00 towards both the daily breakfast and lunch programs offered at the school. Mayor Durocher requested that Councilor Slager update Council on the programs. Councilor Slager advised Council that the lunch program is currently not being offered on a regular basis but should be operational in the upcoming months. He expressed concerns with the limited Town budget and remaining funds and suggested that perhaps the Town provide a donation towards the lunch program in the New Year.

MOTION 014-18-177

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

Council donate \$500.00 towards the breakfast program being offered at Watson Lake Secondary School.

- CARRIED –

**SPAY&NEUTER
PROGRAM**

Council reviewed information from the Humane Society regarding a spay-neuter program being offered for families in outlying Yukon Communities. The Humane Society is requesting a cost sharing arrangement to ensure this service is available to lessen the animal population and impact of aggressive and destructive animals in the communities. Although Council supports the concept of the program, the cost to the community would be very substantial, approximately \$27,000.00. Council suggested the Management Team work this into discussion during the budget review. Councilor Kearns agreed to research funding sources that may be available to assist with this program.

**COUNCIL QUESTION
PERIOD**

Councilor Kearns expressed that in her opinion the Town Hall meeting that was held on September 23rd was very informative.

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Councilor Slager addressed a matter that was discussed with the Recreation Advisory Committee regarding the bleachers at the Ball park. The bleachers that are in place are not working with the current situation. Council agreed that the bleachers need to be replaced with something similar to what was there previously. Larger solid bleachers with enclosed rails and backrests. Also the rock material under the bleachers is too large and needs to be replaced with smaller rocks. Council agreed that this be included in the 2015 budget.

Councilor Slager questioned the status of the new Landfill and recycling depot. Administration advised Council that the recycling depot will be relocated to its new location at the end of October and will be open to the Public at that time.

Councilor Slager discussed costs for a new fire truck and questioned if there was funding available from outside sources that the Town could apply to assist with the cost. He agreed to look into this further.

Administration discussed the purchase of the excavator needed to work in the landfill. This item was approved by Council in the budget.

MOTION 014-18-178

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Kearns that:

Council proceed with the purchase of the excavator.

- CARRIED -

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 014-18-179

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

Council go In-Camera.

-CARRIED –

MOTION 014-18-180

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

Council revert to an open Meeting.

- CARRIED –

MOTION 014-18-181

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

The Town proceed to pay out wages for Northern Lights Centre employee as agreed.

- CARRIED –

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 014-18-182

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

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 pm.

- CARRIED –

R. Durocher – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk