

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 4
March 3, 2015

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

RICHARD DUROCHER – Mayor
THOMAS SLAGER - Councilor
BRENDA LEACH – Councilor
TIM O'BRIEN - Councilor

C.Kearns

PUBLIC

F.Statham

E.Leach

ADMINISTRATION

TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 015-04-27

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

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 015-04-28

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

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of February 17, 2015.

- CARRIED –

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 015-04-29

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

The payroll cheques #53873 through #53903 in the amount of \$40,985.64 and the
Open Payables in the amount of \$183,214.62 be paid.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

Mr. Fred Statham discussed the issue of homelessness in Watson Lake and the need for an Emergency Shelter primarily for men. He is currently working with the Chamber of Commerce to prepare an application for CDF Funding for the project, and is inviting various Yukon government leaders to attend a summit meeting for vulnerable citizens in Watson Lake. Mr. Statham addressed the possibility of obtaining the Thiecol property as a potential site for the construction of the shelter. Council are not opposed to the concept, however recommend a proper needs assessment be done prior to presenting the project to Yukon Government. Council suggested contacting Anne Bayne, the RCMP and various government agencies as they may have the resources that may be helpful in preparing an assessment. Council thanked Mr. Statham & Mr. Leach for attending the meeting.

REPORTS

Council reviewed the following information from the CAO:

- Kaska Forest Resources – Tax lien
- Water meters for Institutional & Commercial customers
- Department reviews
- District heat Expansion
- South Yukon Forest Products land
- WL Motors lien
- Solid Waste permit

MOTION 015-04-30

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

The CAO Report be accepted.

- CARRIED –

Mayor Durocher provided Council with an update on meetings he had with Community Services Minister Dixon. Discussion included a \$700,000 landfill proposal for WL. Energy, Mines & Resources will be exploring the South Yukon Forest Products land acquisition for WL. There was also discussion regarding the purchase of a fire truck for the community.

NEW AND UNFINISHED

ZONING BYLAW
CONTRACT

Council discussed a work plan and budget received from a contractor to support the Town of Watson Lake in finalizing the Zoning Bylaw. Council was in agreement that the Zoning Bylaw that was done by Rob Roycroft needs clarity and must encompass the concerns and comments from the public but does not see the need for a total rewrite of the bylaw.

CORRESPONDENCE

WATER TREATMENT
PLANT

Council received correspondence from the Environmental operators Certification program advising the proposed new water treatment plant would be a class II water treatment facility. Public Works will provide more information on this topic during the Departmental review.

GAS TAX FUND
SUMMARY

Council reviewed the gas tax summary. The summary provides a status of contribution agreement funds and community works projects.

COUNCIL QUESTION PERIOD

Councilor Leach questioned if the Town had given any consideration of changing the Campbell Highway to redirect Selwyn mine traffic. Mayor Durocher explained that this had been addressed by a previous Council and will need to be considered before Selwyn goes into full production.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 015-04-31

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

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 015-04-32

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

Council revert to an Open meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 015-04-33

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

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

- CARRIED -

R. Durocher – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk