

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 10
May 19, 2015

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT W/NOTICE

RICHARD DUROCHER – MAYOR
CYNTHIA KEARNS – COUNCILOR
BRENDA LEACH – COUNCILOR
TIM O’BRIEN – COUNCILOR
THOMAS SLAGER – COUNCILOR

R. ROTONDI – Acting CAO

PUBLIC
Susan Drury

ADMINISTRATION

GRO BRODERSEN – A/Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 015-10-079

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include:
9A. Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 015-10-080

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of May 5, 2015.

Discussion took place regarding the Golf Course and the asking price being lowered to \$250,000.00. Funding avenues were discussed and it was suggested to call MLA Patti McLeod. No decision was made.

Councilor O’Brien spoke about the Skateboard Park and the clean-up which was done over the weekend with about 20 people volunteering. It all went well and the kids involved in the Skateboard Park will endeavor to watch over the Park and work with the RCMP if issues arise.

- CARRIED –

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION 015-10-081

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

The Payroll cheques #56070 through 56101 in the amount of \$40,061.56 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$208,473.22 for a total of \$248,534.78 be paid.

Council discussed various line items.

- CARRIED –

**FINANCIAL
INFORMATION**

BUDGET VARIANCE
REPORT

MOTION 15-10-082

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

The Budget Variance report be accepted. Discussion took place regarding the
District Heat and a possible expansion.

- CARRIED -

AUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENT

MOTION 15-10-083

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The draft Audited Financial statement be accepted.

- CARRIED -

NEW AND
UNFINISHED

BLENDERS TRANSPORT & SALVAGE

Council discussed the fencing Blenders will be putting up on their property at
239 Canyon Blvd. and their request to have it be eight feet tall.

MOTION 015-10-084

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The fencing to be installed at 239 Canyon Blvd. be permitted to be eight feet tall
providing it meets requirements for safety and approval of the Fire Chief.

- CARRIED -

Administration will speak with Mike Kroeker, the Building Inspector and Fire Chief
Scott MacLean.

WL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
COMMERCIAL WASTE
CLEAN-UP

Council received a letter from the WL Chamber of Commerce requesting the
Town of Watson Lake have a one week window each year to allow businesses the
opportunity to dispose of waste at no cost. Council discussed the fact that the
Town is no longer a member of the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce and that
commercial waste pick up is no longer the responsibility of the Town. Council is
not prepared to allow the business community to dispose of waste at no cost.

FRIENDS OF ALBERT CREEK
NATURE CELELEBRATION

The Friends of Albert Creek Bird Observatory have requested that the rental fee
for the Wye Lake Cabin be waived for an event being held May 20, 2015. There
will be displays at the Cabin and the conservation office will be involved.

MOTION 015-10-085

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

The rental fee for Wye Lake Cabin for the event be waived.

- CARRIED –

**CYSTIC FIBROSIS
FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Council discussed a fund raising event which will be held in Wye Lake Park the weekend of May 30, 2015. This annual event will include the Great Strides Walk around Wye Lake. The Watson Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. has requested a donation of up to \$500.00 to purchase the food and supplies for the Barbeque.

MOTION 015-10-086

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

The Town of Watson Lake make a donation of up to \$500.00 to purchase food and supplies for the barbeque for the Cystic Fibrosis fund raising event.

- CARRIED -

CORRESPONDENCE

WL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Council discussed the WL Chamber of Commerce challenge to Mayor/Council and staff to a garbage pick-up. Although this challenge has taken place in the past, the Town recently had their annual Spring Clean-Up and paid fees for the collection of garbage throughout various locations in the community. Council agreed to decline the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce challenge for garbage pick-up.

**COUNCIL QUESTION
PERIOD**

Discussion took place regarding the garbage can stickers advising residents the reason their garbage was not picked up. Council would like to have the use of the stickers eliminated.

Council agreed that the new CAO would be doing the organizational structural review.

Council discussed housing initiatives and tax incentives.

Susan Drury spoke about the Signpost Forest and the Signpost Arch at the entrance which now has numerous signs on it. She requested that they be removed. Also, the boardwalk in the Signpost Forest needs repairs to make it safe. Administration will speak to the Recreation and Parks Dept. to have these matters taken care of.

Susan also mentioned that the posts along the Campbell Highway are hard to reach to put up signs. Susan suggested that an aerial type map be put up at the entrance to the Signpost Forest – a “You Are Here” style map.

MOTION 015-10-087

ADJOURNMENT

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

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There being no further business Council adjourn at 7:50 pm.

- CARRIED -

R. Durocher – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk