

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 14
July 21, 2015

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT W/NOTICE

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

PUBLIC
Erin Labonte
Michelle Fraser

ADMINISTRATION

RICK ROTONDI – Acting CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 015-14-116

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

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include:

First & Second Reading of By-Law 15-05, being a By-Law to govern the use of
parks & public open space within the Town of Watson Lake.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 015-14-117

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of July 7, 2015.

- CARRIED –

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION 015-14-118

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

The Payroll cheques #56276 through 56313 in the amount of \$53,989.58 and the
Open Payables in the amount of \$97,042.17 for a total of \$151,031.75 be paid.

- CARRIED –

REPORTS

Administration discussed water meters for Commercial customers as Council has
advised that all Commercial customers must have water meters installed as of
October 31st. Council suggest that the customer purchase the water meters and
have them installed at their cost. Council agreed that the customer has the option
if they choose to amortize the cost of the meter over 24 months.

Administration informed Council that YTG has advised that non-refundable
recyclables will no longer be collected and hauled. YTG will assist with the
purchase of a compactor to help offset the cost. Tenders have been drafted and
advertised for the landfill fencing and concrete slab and will close on July 30th.

Administration discussed the solid waste permit and concerns from YTG regarding potential contamination liability. Council suggested that Administration research the information from the lawyer which the Town retained for environmental legal services on this matter.

BY-LAWS

MOTION 015-14-119

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

By-Law 15-05, being a bylaw to govern the use of parks and public open space within the Town of Watson Lake be introduced for First & Second Reading.

Councilor Slager expressed concerns with the bylaw disallowing tents at the Watson Lake Airport. The bylaw states that only self-contained camping units will be allowed. There was much debate on this matter. Members of Council discussed various problems that have resulted this year by allowing persons to camp at the airport. After much debate, Council agreed that tents shall not be permitted at the Airport.

Council agreed that the bylaw be amended that applicants must wait three days as opposed to seven days to reapply for a camping permit at the WL Airport.

- CARRIED -

Opposed: Councilor Slager

NEW AND UNFINISHED

**LAND USE APPLICATION –
KERRY PETERS**

Council reviewed a land Use Permit Application for Kerry Peters for a gravel quarry near mile 636 Alaska Highway.

MOTION 015-14-120

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

Council supports the application as presented and are agreeable to allow Energy, Mines & Resources to make whatever arrangements they deem appropriate.

- CARRIED -

CORRESPONDENCE

- Council reviewed the following correspondence:
 - YG 2015/2016 budget
 - Forum for Young Canadians – Council suggested this information be forwarded to the Watson Lake Secondary School

COUNCIL QUESTION PERIOD

Council questioned the status of the Zoning Bylaw. Administration advised that the Zoning Bylaw revision is near completion and a draft will be forwarded when complete.

Council O'Brien discussed the garbage that is being disposed of behind Andreas hotel and would like this matter addressed with the property owner as there is the potential that the garbage may attract bears to the community.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 015-14-121

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

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 015-14-122

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

Council revert to an open meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 015-14-123

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

There being no further business Council adjourn at 8:30 pm.

- CARRIED -

R. Durocher – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk