

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 22
November 3, 2015

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT W/NOTICE

JUSTIN BROWN - MAYOR
STACY BAUER - COUNCILOR
BRIAN LUND – COUNCILOR
CHRISTOPHER IRVIN – COUNCILOR
BRENDA LEACH – COUNCILOR

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

G.Sundby
C.Lockwood
J.Suave
R.Harder
L.Brunet

DAVID STEELE – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk
Rick Rotondi – Finance Officer

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

AGENDA

MOTION 015-22-177

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include the following items:

- Constable Suave – 2016 Hockey camp update.
- AYC – Board of Directors representative.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 015-22-178

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of October 15, 2015.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

CONSTABLE SUAVE
2016 HOCKEY CAMP

Constable JM Suave provided Council with an update on the 2015 Hockey Camp that was held in Watson Lake. The hockey camp was very successful, and received positive feedback from the community. There has been an enormous amount of exposure for Watson Lake through social media with approximately ½ million viewers via twitter and facebook. Funding for the event was secured from various sources including the Community Development fund, personal donations, corporate/business sponsorship and in-kind donations. The organizing committee is willing to repeat the event in 2016, however they request more cooperation from the Town of Watson Lake. Better communication and assistance is required to ensure the success of this event and to promote economic opportunities for the community. Council agreed to discuss this more at the next regular Council meeting.

RCMP Sergeant Cam Lockwood welcomed the newly elected Council. Sergeant Lockwood would like to have an open door policy and is willing to meet with Council to discuss detachment priorities. Sergeant Lockwood provided Council with the policing report and updated Council on various matters which the RCMP have dealt with. A monthly report will be provided to Council.

Srgt. Lockwood addressed the following concerns:

Skateboard Park – The RCMP are having to respond to complaints regarding alcohol & drug abuse that is occurring there. This is a huge liability for the Town of Watson Lake and it is recommended that the skateboard park be eliminated or relocated.

Recplex extended hours – Due to the large number of youth that are out on the streets, it would be beneficial to extend the hours at the Recplex including weekends to provide a safe place for youth. Drop-in programs would encourage youth to stay off the streets.

Street lights along Robert Campbell highway – It is suggested to have adequate street lights along the Robert Campbell Highway to 2 & 2 ½ mile.

Sergeant Lockwood discussed the enforcement of Town Bylaws and enquired whether a Bylaw Enforcement Officer is going to be hired as the RCMP do not enforce Town Bylaws. Council and agreed to discuss this further and thanked Sergeant Lockwood for attending the meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION 015-22-179

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund that:

The Payroll cheques #56561 through 56588 in the amount of \$48,261.40 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$120,151.17 for a total of \$168,412.57 be paid.

- CARRIED –

**FINANCIAL
INFO**

Finance Officer, Rick Rotondi provided Council with an overview of the Budget Variance Report and various upcoming Capital projects planned for 2016.

**NEW AND
UNFINISHED**

**WL SKI CLUB
AUCTION**

Council discussed a letter from the WL Ski Club requesting a donation for their annual Christmas auction planned to take place December 5th.

MOTION 015-22-180

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

The Town of Watson Lake donate \$500.00 for the Watson Lake Ski Club Auction.

- CARRIED -

**WL SOUP KITCHEN
REQUEST FOR DONATION**

Council received a letter from the WL St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen requesting a donation to assist with providing food to the large number of people who use this service.

MOTION 015-22-181

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

The Town of Watson Lake donate \$1000.00 for the Watson Lake Soup Kitchen.

- CARRIED –

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**BOWL FOR KIDS
EVENT**

Council addressed a letter from Big Brothers Big Sister of Yukon who are hosting the first ever Bowl for kids event in Watson Lake November 20th & 21st. Donations are being requested to assist with the event. Council discussed various ways to get involved.

MOTION 015-22-182

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

The Town sponsor the bowling lanes for the Bowl for Kids event.

- CARRIED -

**AYC BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

AYC is requesting a member of Council to sit on the AYC Board of Directors. Council suggested that AYC be contacted to obtain more information regarding this position.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed correspondence from the WL Chamber of Commerce regarding an extended care facility for Watson Lake.

Council received a letter from Village of Mayo congratulating Council on their success in the municipal election.

**COUNCIL QUESTION
PERIOD**

Mayor Brown discussed the position of Deputy Mayor who shall in his absence have all the powers and perform the duties of the Mayor and suggested alternating this position every three months to allow Council members the opportunity to learn the role of Deputy Mayor.

MOTION 015-22-183

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

Councilor Lund be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the first 3 month term.

- CARRIED –

Council discussed the By-Law Enforcement Officer position and whether the Town has posted for this position. Administration informed Council that it has not been posted and more discussion is needed prior to advertising for this job.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 015-22-184

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

There being no further business Council adjourn at 9:00 pm.

- CARRIED –

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk