

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 7
April 24, 2018

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

Justin Brown – Mayor
Stacy Bauer – Councilor
Christopher Irvin – Councilor (Electronically)
Brenda Leach – Councilor
Brian Lund - Councilor

Public
Srgt. Kent Langley
E. Labonte
Ruth Wilkinson
E.Bauman
R.Hennessey

ADMINISTRATION

Cam Lockwood - CAO
Terri Close – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 018-07-66

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 018-07-67

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The minutes from the last Regular Meeting of April 3, 2018 be adopted.

-CARRIED –

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 018-07-68

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$132,181.59 and the payroll cheques #59054 through #59086 in the amount of \$48,705.17 for a total of \$180,886.76 be paid.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

RCMP Sergeant Kent Langley provided Council with the March Policing Report. The RCMP have completed their Annual Performance Plan which involved input from various stakeholders within the municipality. The Community priorities that were approved include providing more support for crime against women, increased RCMP visibility in the community, and enhanced road safety. Council thanked Sergeant Langley for attending the meeting.

Erin Labonte presented Council with a business plan to operate a hostel at 403-8th Street North. She is seeking permission from Council to grant a conditional use to allow her to operate the hostel at the property until such time that the zoning change is completed.

Administration explained that the Town is awaiting reply from the Minister in order to proceed with a Public hearing that is a requirement to change the zoning, and therefore cannot grant a conditional use until such time that the Public Hearing has taken place.

Elizabeth Bauman addressed Council with plans for the establishment of a Community Garden to be located at the Northern Lights property. This site was chosen as it is centrally located and therefore would cut down on potential vandalism. The plan is to access funding from CDF for the infrastructure and ongoing costs. Council addressed the area being proposed and suggested other potential locations. Council agreed to table discussion for the next Council meeting as a location needs to be confirmed in order that the funding applications can go forward.

Ryan Hennessey from YG Energy, Mines & Resources presented Council with an Integrated Management plan that develops energy plans with Yukon Municipalities. The plan manages the complexity of infrastructure considerations and manages the cost and emissions of energy and implications of climate change adaptation.

MOTION 018-07-69

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Lund
that:

Council support the proposal from YG Energy Branch to pilot a test case for an integrated asset management plan on climate change for the Town of Watson Lake.

- CARRIED -

REPORTS

CAO REPORT

Administration addressed a request from Mr. Dale Ireland to be permitted to have the sign that is located in the Curling Lounge that was in honor of his late wife. Council agreed to give the sign to Mr. Ireland.

Administration discussed the annual Town clean-up program and suggested that in an attempt to help clean the community, the Town of Watson Lake offer residential property owners a permit to allow one free disposal at the landfill. This would be limited to one pick-up load or equivalent per residence and only available from May 22nd through June 15th. Council support the clean-up program.

Administration provided Council with a financial update on the Town funds that are currently held in reserves.

Administration met with Mike O'Connor to address the sewage lagoon project. YG has had the funds approved for the contract to go out to the Public for work to commence in May. The work is a requirement under the Towns' water licence. Councilor Bauer expressed concerns with the cost of the project.

Other projects funded by YG that are being considered are the Scoping of the sewer lines, Engineering the drainage problem at Canada Post, dry hydrants at Watson Lake, Wye Lake & 2nd Wye, and Hour Glass Lake. Drainage on Teslin Crescent, new Public Works Shop & Firehall, and water/sewer services to the Industrial Area.

It is also planned for Wye Drive to have the road returned back to a gravel road.

YG has agreed to fund travel for the CAO to attend the CAMA conference scheduled for the end of May. Administration will consider if he will attend.

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BY-LAWS

MOTION 018-07-70

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

By-Law 18-10, being a By-Law to provide an economic development grant to local businesses, be introduced for Second Reading.

-CARRIED -

NEW AND UNFINISHED

CIBC – ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Council addressed the annual CIBC fundraiser in support of BC Children's Hospital.

MOTION 018-07-71

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Bauer that:

The Town of Watson Lake make a donation of \$250.00 for the CIBC/BC Children's Hospital fundraiser.

- CARRIED –

ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

Councilor Leach enquired about Greyhound Services to Watson Lake. Administration informed Council that a representative from Greyhound will be in Watson Lake on Monday to discuss. At present it has been announced that passenger service is to be terminated as of June 1st.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 018-07-72

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

Council go In-Camera.

-CARRIED –

MOTION 018-07-73

Moved by Councilor Lund, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

Council revert to an open meeting.

-CARRIED –

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 018-07-74

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Lund that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED –

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk