TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 20 November 3, 2020

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

PUBLIC

CHRISTOPHER IRVIN -MAYOR LAUREN HANCHAR - COUNCILOR THOMAS SLAGER - COUNCILOR

J.Brown – Zoom B.Leach – Zoom L.Bruce - Zoom

ADMINISTRATION

J.Devries - Zoom R.Shannon-Zoom S.Sierra - Zoom

CAMERON LOCKWOOD – CAO TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

ERIN LABONTE - COUNCILOR

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Irvin.

AGENDA

MOTION 020-20-173

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

The Agenda be accepted as presented.

-CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 020-20-174

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2020 be adopted as presented.

-CARRIED -

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION 020-20-175

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$108,529.90 be paid.

-CARRIED-

BY-LAWS

MOTION 020-20-176

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

By-Law 20-12, being a By-law to Amend Zoning By-Law 15-07 be introduced for Third & Final Reading.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 020-20-177

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

By-Law 20-15, being a By-Law to regulate the 2020 Municipal Councilor By-Election be introduced for Third & Final Reading.

-CARRIED-

RCMP POLICING REPORT – SEPTEMBER

Council acknowledged the RCMP Policing Report for September. Administration informed Council that there has been a Selection Board appointed to select a new RCMP Sergeant for Watson Lake, and a decision will be made shortly.

Mayor Irvin addressed concerns with the amount of vehicles that are driving through the school zone and not abiding by the speed limits that are posted.

Council addressed the large number of snow mobiles travelling within the community and suggested this be addressed with the RCMP.

CAO REPORT

Administration informed Council that there has been some headway made on a request to YG regarding the Lakeview Apartments and assistance to help the Town address this issue moving forward.

The new the firehall/Public Works facility is moving forward and the rafters are now in place. The steel crew is on site but in isolation. Administration provided Council with various color options for the exterior of the facility as it needs to be ordered from the supplier. Council agreed to grey, blue & sandstone.

Administration addressed the snow removal policy. During snow removal from public roadways the Town will attempt to use the "driveway trap" on the grader to clear the windrows of snow at the edge of the travelled portion of the road and driveway or road approach to a property. The location and snow depth in the driveways affect the use of the "driveway trap" and therefore the success of each "trapping" is dependent on circumstances. Public works provided a video that was taken during the most recent snow fall to illustrate to the public how the trap is used. Mayor Irvin agreed to prepare a notice to the public informing them of the snow removal policy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed correspondence from YG Department of Economic Development inviting municipalities to participate in the Immigration Strategy Engagement for Yukon. The engagement survey is available online from October 20th – December 4th. Council suggested the letter be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce.

COUNCILOR OPEN FORUM

Councilor Labonte would like to elaborate on what items are addressed at an In-Camera meeting.

A Council may close a meeting to the public during a discussion on a matter that relates to

- a) Confidential information
- b) Personnel information
- c) Legal matters

GALLERY OPEN FORUM

Mayor Irvin welcomed those in attendance and invited they to speak on any item or questions they would like to address.

Mr. John Devries asked what preventive maintenance program the Town uses on its equipment. Administration informed Mr. Devries that the Town is required to maintain daily logs on new equipment and also has a local mechanic if needed to do any repairs.

Mr. Devries also enquired about the opening of the Recreation Centre and specifically the start-up of Curling season. Administration advised that there is an Operational Plan in place for the re-opening of the facility, and the Curling/Arena should be operational by mid November.

MOTION 020-20-178

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that;

Council go In-Camera.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 020-20-179

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that;

Council revert to an Open Meeting.

-CARRIED-

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 020-20-180

Chris Irvin - Mayor

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

-CARRIED -

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk