

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 2
January 21, 2020

ATTENDANCE

CHERYL O'BRIEN - MAYOR
ERIN LABONTE- COUNCILOR
LAUREN HANCHAR – COUNCILOR
CHRIS IRVIN – COUNCILOR
THOMAS SLAGER - COUNCILOR

ABSENT

PUBLIC
Jim Holt
Jerry/Lelah Bruce
Gerry Amann
Anais Durante
John Devries
Crpl. Jackson

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor O'Brien.

AGENDA

MOTION 020-02-07

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to delete:

#8. Third & final Reading of By-law 19-15, being a By-Law to provide for the
adoption of the Capital Budget.

- CARRIED -

MINUTES

MOTION 020-02-08

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Special meeting of December 23, 2019 as
presented.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 020-02-09

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The draft minutes be adopted from the Committee of the Whole meeting of
January 7, 2019 as presented.

-CARRIED -

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

MOTION 020-02-10

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$505,347.60 be paid.

-CARRIED -

DELEGATION

RCMP Corporal Jackson presented the December monthly policing report and addressed various incidents that occurred throughout the month and compared yearly statistics to December, 2018. The policing report identified the annual performance plan which includes addressing community priorities. The detachment is looking to increase the number of guards.

Councilor Labonte questioned what could be done to prevent violent/repeat offenders from returning to the community. The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit supports safer communities and gives citizens an effective way to respond to illegal activities that are having a negative impact on their neighbourhood. It also holds property owners accountable for threatening or disruptive activities regularly taking place on their property. Corporal Jackson agreed to look into this further and provide information to Council.

REPORTS

CAO REPORT

Administration informed Council that submissions for the OCP Review Committee will be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for February 4th and a dinner has been scheduled with Stantec Engineering for February 17th to commence the OCP review.

Administration advised Council of three properties that are in tax arrears and in the final stages of the tax lien process having been given thirty days to pay in full otherwise title is being transferred to the Town of Watson Lake.

The Capital Budget is in the process of being finalized and will be introduced at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for February 4th. Administration informed Council that the landfill closure costs is approximately \$4.1 million and funds must be set aside to account for this cost.

Renovations to the Admin building are underway. Construction during the cold weather was moved indoors and work commenced on the emergency exit corridor.

Administration addressed the Firehall/Public Works architectural drawings that have been received. The design was presented in December and comments were brought forward from both the Fire Department and Public Works Department. All changes have now been addressed, and the facility is moving forward to the next stage.

Finning is to sign off on the new grader.

Town auditors arrive the week of March 2nd.

**DEPARTMENTAL
QUARTERLY REPORTS**

Council reviewed and addressed the departmental quarterly reports. Councilor Labonte appreciated the detailed information that the reports provided.

Council requested more information regarding the general maintenance bylaw and what cleanup orders have been issued and the time frame that has been given to property owners to bring them into compliance with the Bylaw.

Council expressed concern with the number of animals running at large and suggested the Bylaw Officer deal with this matter.

Council Irvin suggested that the Public Works Department provide a more detailed report and that the reports include financial information.

Councilor Labonte addressed the Recreation Department report and suggested more information be provided on the annual # of rentals. Councilor Labonte also suggested that funding applications be tied into the Asset management report. Council expressed concern with the condition of the roof at the Recplex and the water damage that is occurring. Administration advised that the engineers are looking at the state of the roof and necessary repairs.

BY-LAWS

MOTION 020-02-11

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

By-Law 20-01, being a By-Law to establish a Recreation Review Committee be introduced for First & Second Reading.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 020-02-12

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

By-Law 20-02, being a By-Law to establish a Tourism Review Committee be introduced for First & Second Reading.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 020-02-13

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

By-Law 20-03 being a By-Law to establish an Official Community Plan Review Committee be introduced for First & Second Reading

-CARRIED-

MOTION 020-02-14

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

By-Law 20-04, being a By-law to provide for the adoption of the Annual O/M Budget for the year 2020 be introduced for First Reading.

-CARRIED-

Mayor O'Brien discussed the Town reserves and stressed the importance of continuing to build the reserves annually.

MOTION 020-02-15

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

By-Law 20-05, being a By-law to set the property tax rate for the year 2020 be introduced for First Reading.

-CARRIED-

Councilor Slager suggested that Administration review various properties in the community to see how the increase in the assessment has affected property taxes, and whether the property tax rate needs to be revised.

NEW & UNFINISHED

TAX LIEN
SUMMARY

Council reviewed the list of the 2019 outstanding property taxes. Letters will sent to those property owners advising they have to pay the balance of their outstanding property taxes, otherwise notice will be published in the Yukon News prior to February 15th. The tax lien summary will also be published in the February Town Newsletter.

MOTION 020-02-16

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Irvin that:

Council approve the Tax lien summary as presented.

-CARRIED-

WL RECREATION ADVISORY
APPOINTMENT

MOTION 020-02-17

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

Council approve the appointment of Mairead Hotson to the Watson Lake Recreation Advisory Committee.

-CARRIED-

WL SKI CLUB
FUNDING AGREEMENT

Council addressed the funding that is provided to the Ski Club as part of their lease agreement and agreed to pay the \$7,500.00 as requested for the 2019/2020 season.

MOTION 020-02-18

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

The Town provide funding to the WL Ski Club in the amount of \$7,500.00.

-CARRIED –

Councilor Irvin suggested that the lease agreement be reviewed and the WL Ski Club be advised that prior to the approval of any funding requests for the next season, the WL Ski Club must provide a detailed financial report.

-CARRIED-

COUNCILOR
OPEN FORUM

Council addressed the Association of Yukon Communities Annual General meeting that is being held in Watson Lake in May 7-10th. Councilor Slager agreed to volunteer to take on this project. Council agreed to provide support as needed.

Mayor O'Brien informed Council of two resolutions that are being prepared to be introduced at the AYC AGM. They are the tax assessment review, and the tax lien process.

Councilor Hanchar addressed the security alarm at the Ski Chalet and the recent break-in and theft that occurred. Administration informed Council that the security system has been identified in the Capital Budget. Council suggested the lease agreement take into consideration that no alcohol be left on the premises.

Councilor Labonte addressed the number of Yukon Government meetings that were recently cancelled in Watson Lake due to the cold weather and expressed concern that the community was not notified of the cancellations.

Councilor Labonte has received complaints from members of the community expressing concern with the poor heating situation in the Johnson Elementary School.

Councilor Labonte expressed an interest in attending the Wildland FireSmart Workshop being held in Whitehorse February 26th & 27th.

MOTION 020-02-19

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

Council approve travel for Councilor Labonte to attend the Firesmart Workshop in Whitehorse.

-CARRIED-

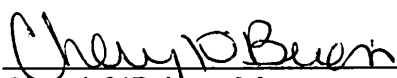
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 020-02-20

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Labonte
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 pm.

- CARRIED -


Cheryl O'Brien – Mayor


Terri Close – Municipal Clerk