

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 16  
September 1, 2020

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

CHRISTOPHER IRVIN –MAYOR  
LAUREN HANCHAR – COUNCILOR  
THOMAS SLAGER – COUNCILOR  
ERIN LABONTE – COUNCILOR

PUBLIC  
J.Brown – Zoom  
R.Wilkinson – Zoom  
M.Barrault - Zoom  
L.Prentice - Zoom  
Crpl. Jackson/Cnst. Coley  
J.Stackhouse - Zoom

ADMINISTRATION

CAMERON LOCKWOOD – CAO  
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

**AGENDA**

MOTION 020-16-133

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar  
that:

The Agenda be amended to add:

RCMP Delegation  
Boom Mower replacement

-CARRIED –

**MINUTES**

MOTION 020-16-134

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte  
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2020.

-CARRIED –

**REPORTS**

CAO REPORT

Administration informed Council that the new grader arrived last week and Finning provided an orientation to the Public Works staff.

Administration has been in discussion with a consultant and landscape designer to work on a plan to upgrade the cemetery and prepare a design concept plan for the Administration Building.

A CDF application has been prepared and submitted for the development of a mountain bike trail and course. LFN has a Firesmart crew available to prepare the trail that will be used for the Mountain bike course. A representative from Terra Riders will be in the community the weekend of September 25<sup>th</sup> to offer a skills clinic to Watson Lake youth.

The Public Works department will be flushing hydrants commencing September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Biolivenergy, a renewable energy company to reduce diesel generation with renewable energy solutions has engaged EMR to look for a 20 acre parcel of land in the community to operate a biomass plant which will employ approximately 100 people.

The firehall/Public Works facility is moving forward after solving problems which the rain and mud caused on the site.

Electrical contractors are back on site working on the Administrative Building and the office should be moved back to its original location by the end of the week.

**TENDERS**

Two tenders were received for the propane fuel contract.

\*Keda Propane Ltd – Fixed rate: \$0.799/litre +3.1% Carbon tax + 2.22% fuel surcharge

\* Superior Propane – Fixed rate: \$0.773/litre

**MOTION 020-16-135**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

Council accept the tender from Superior Propane for the fixed rate of \$0.773/litre effective September 1,2020 to August 31,2021.

-CARRIED-

Council reviewed the proposal from Inland Kenworth for the purchase of a compact track loader.

**MOTION 020-16-136**

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

Council accept the recommendations of Administration to accept the proposal from Inland Kenworth in the amount of \$84,091.67 for the purchase of the compact track loader.

-CARRIED-

**DELEGATION**

RCMP

Corporal Jackson from the Watson Lake RCMP detachment introduced fellow RCMP member Constable John Coley. Corporal Jackson informed Council that a 2<sup>nd</sup> member will be arriving to be stationed in the community. Council thanked Corporal Jackson and welcomed Constable Coley.

YG -LANDS  
BRANCH

Marcel Barrault and Laura Prentice, representatives from YG Land Development Branch presented Council with various projects regarding land development and a few key projects which YG would benefit from immediate direction from Council in terms of short, medium, or long-term future development. YG is seeking direction from Council to be made in advance of moving forward on the proposed projects.

Council discussed the various land development options that YG provided and the work that has been undertaken and the next steps and direction required going forward. Council gave comments and feedback on the options that were provided and the areas of development that would be most beneficial to the Town. There was concern expressed over resale price, cost recovery and market value. It was agreed more discussion is needed on this matter. YG summarized all the areas that they have been exploring for land development. Council thanked Mr. Barrault and Ms. Prentice and appreciate all the work that has been done to date.

**BY-LAWS**

**MOTION 020-16-137**

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

By-Law 2020-09, being a by-law to provide for grants be introduced for Third & Final Reading.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 020-16-138

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

By-Law 2020-10, being a by-law to regulate the 2020 Municipal Mayoral By-election be introduced for Third & Final Reading.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 020-16-139

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte that:

By-Law 2020-11, being a By-law to appoint an interim Mayor & Deputy Mayor be introduced for Third & Final Reading.

-CARRIED -

NEW &  
UNFINISHED

COMMUNITY SERVICES  
GRANT POLICY

Council addressed the Community Services Grant policy that provides guidelines for granting property taxes to non-profit charitable or recreation organizations. Council addressed the eligibility criteria and suggested that the policy be amended to remove the section whereby applicants must provide documentation as to fundraising efforts undertaken by the applicant. Councilor Labonte stated that to be accountable to taxpayers, applicants should provide details of any fundraising efforts they have done when applying for municipal grants. Mayor Irvin emphasized that any fundraising revenue will be shown on the Financial statements which the applicants are required to submit.

Council suggested the policy be revised and reintroduced at the next Council meeting.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
COLOR SELECTION

Council reviewed a paint color chart for the new Firehall/Public Works facility, and the colors that were recommended for the exterior of the building. Council suggest that the colors be similar to other municipal buildings and agreed to the slate gray/slate blue for the new facility.

RECREATION  
START-UP PLAN

Council was provided with a proposal for a start-up plan for the Recreation Centre once it is safe to reopen and the plan has been approved by the Health Organization and Chief Medical Officer. The plan demonstrates how the various areas of the facility will operate by implementing COVID guidelines and proper physical distancing measures. Currently all rentals are unassisted. Council reviewed the plan and staffing schedule and expressed concern that with guidelines being so restrictive and recreation activities being limited, it is not realistic or feasible for the facility to be fully staffed when it is under utilized, and suggested that some outdoor activities be considered as an alternative option.

RECREATION COMMITTEE  
FUNDING MINUTES

MOTION 020-16-140

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

Council approve the minutes from the Watson Lake Recreation Committee funding meeting held August 31,2020, and the application submitted by the Outdoor Recreation Association in the amount of \$4,000.00.

-CARRIED-

**BOOM MOWER  
REPLACEMENT**

Council was provided with a proposal for the purchase of a Boom Mower. The Town had applied for and received gas tax funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the purchase.

MOTION 020-16-141

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager  
that:

Council approve the recommendation from Administration to accept the proposal from Holmes Contracting to purchase the Boom mower in the amount of \$28,000.00.

-CARRIED -

**COUNCILOR  
OPEN FORUM**

Councilor Slager enquired about the possibility of a curling league being allowed. After reviewing the Recreation Operational plan and general guidelines, the number of participants allowed would be limited, therefore it would not be practicable.

Councilor Labonte wanted to thank the Town for working to obtain CDF funding for the Mountain bike Trail and Course project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 020-16-142

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Labonte  
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

-CARRIED -

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Chris Irvin – Mayor

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Terri Close – Municipal Clerk

