

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 7
March 31, 2020

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

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

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD - CAO
TERRI CLOSE – MUNICIPAL CLERK
JORDAN STACKHOUSE – COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

AGENDA

MOTION 020-07-63

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

Council adopt the agenda as presented.

- CARRIED -

BY-LAWS

MOTION 020-07-64

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

By-Law 2020-07, being a by-law to provide for the establishment of a Municipal Civil Emergency Plan for the Town of Watson Lake be introduced for First & Second Reading.

-CARRIED-

MOTION 020-07-65

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Labonte
that:

By-Law 2020-08, being a bylaw to provide for the establishment of a Civil Emergency Measures Committee for the Town of Watson Lake be introduced for First & Second Reading.

-CARRIED-

NEW & UNFINISHED

EMO PLAN

Mayor O'Brien discussed the updated EMO Plan and what is necessary to effectively respond in an emergency situation.

Jordan Stackhouse provided Council with Government legislation under the Civil Emergency Measures Act for putting an emergency plan into operation and the actions Yukon Government may take in a state of emergency.

Mayor O'Brien recommended that Council review the EMO Plan and reintroduce the document at the April 7th meeting. It was suggested that a meeting of the Civil Emergency Committee members be arranged prior to passing the EMO Plan to explain their roles and responsibilities.

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Mayor O'Brien will set a meeting date and Jordan agreed to prepare the agenda and terms of reference.

Mayor O'Brien would like to hear from Council on any concerns voiced in the community.

Councilor Labonte suggested that more dialogue is needed to be in a better position to make decisions on what the Town of Watson Lake should be doing, and the Mayor provide more information to the Public on a regular basis. Mayor O'Brien advised that she will endeavour to provide a written statement at least on a weekly basis.

Councilor Irvin suggested that safety measures be put in place to encourage the public to stay off the streets and exercise social distancing, minimize close contact with others in the community and include quarantine and self-isolation at the individual level as well as other community-based approaches. Implementing a curfew was discussed if needed, however this will need more discussion.

Council agreed that more discussion on what measures the Town take in an unexpected emergency be addressed at the April 7th meeting.

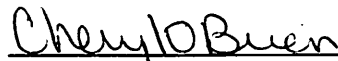
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 020-07-66

Moved by Councilor Labonte, seconded by Councilor Hanchar that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 pm.

- CARRIED -



Cheryl O'Brien – Mayor



Terri Close – Municipal Clerk