

The minutes of the regular meeting of Twp of Lake of the Woods Council held on Tuesday April 6th, 2004 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- PRESENT Mayor: V Pizey Councilors: A Gate, C Fadden W Lundgren, E McCormack. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt: E Pearson, Visitors: R Brett. Staff Sargent H Dennis updated council on statistics for the municipality, crime clearance rates etc. OPP is trying to have MTO cut roadsides because of number of deer collisions. OPP undertaking program to educate and then enforce seatbelt law as compliance is 70% or less.
- AGENDA #04-51 LUNDGREN & MCCORMACK & CARRIED that the agenda for the meeting be adopted as circulated.
This portion of meeting was from 7:25 to 7:35 p.m.
- CONSENT 46B0402 #04-52 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that pursuant to the staff report of April 6, 2004, provisional approval is granted for consent application 46B0402 with 4 conditions as attached.
- MINUTES #04-53 FADDEN & GATE & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 16th, 2004, be adopted as circulated.
- ACCOUNTS #04-54 FADDEN & MCCORMACK & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$72464.95 and representing disbursements for the month of March be approved for payment.
- TAX RATIO BY-LAW 129 #04-55 GATE & MCCORMACK & CARRIED that By-law No 129, being the Tax Ratio By-law be enacted.
COUNCILLOR Lundgren expressed opposition to any spouses being hired or awarded contacts for the Municipality and wanted recorded votes on the matters. COUNCILLOR FADDEN Declared an interest & left the Council Chambers.
- IN CAMERA #04-56 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council go in camera to discuss the labour position at 9:55 p.m.
The meeting was declared open at 10:30 p.m. & Councillor Fadden returned to Council Chambers but did not participate in the following vote.
- LABOURER #04-57 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that Lawrence Fadden be hired for the labour position effective May 1st and on probation for 6 months. RECORDED VOTE FOR: GATE, MCCORMACK & PIZEY, AGAINST: LUNDGREN.
- CEMTERY KEEPER #04-58 MCCORMACK & GATE & CARRIED that Fred Gate be awarded the contract for a cemetery keeper. WSIB clearance required.
- IN CAMERA #04-59 COUNCILLORS GATE & MCCORMACK declared an interest & left the Council Chambers. LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council go in camera to discuss the Custodian of Recreation facilities at 10:35 p.m.
The meeting was declared open at 10:48 p.m. & Councillors Gate & McCormack returned to Council Chambers but did not participate in the following vote.
- REC CUSTODIAN #04-60 FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Sheila Gate & Maryanne McCormack be awarded the contract for custodian of the recreation facilities effective May 1st and WSIB clearance is required. RECORDED VOTE FOR: FADDEN & PIZEY, AGAINST: LUNDGREN.

OTHER MATTERS Rd Sup updated on roads, including Dawson does not want to rent their grader next year, Rd Supt had obtained quotes on 1 ton truck, Council to consider quotes & order of 1 ton & plow to replace old plow truck, Rd Supt to get updated quote. And Council may need to authorize the order prior to next meeting, Road Patrol on April 24 @ 8am. The Rd Supt to attend hard surface course in T Bay April 21. Further ditching required along Pioneer Rd prior to surfacing. Council advised that new labourer would not report to Rd Supt be would be assigned duties each month by Council. Rd Supt input was asked for in regards to new labour position & he & the Clerk questioned why it was to be a full time position compared to casual labour hours in previous years. The Clerk updated on WSIB requirements for the contract positions. The status of the labourer position to be clarified after probation period. Since no applications received for part time dump attendant the labourer will be in the dumps most of the time. Clerk-Treasurer advised that our web-site was now operational. The Clerk advised that Big Grassy paid the dump fees. The Clerk to circulate final notice to property owners with improvements on their property that tax sale will commence unless taxes are paid. Building permit fees & other user fees were reviewed and building fees to be raised to 5/1000 with minimum of \$50 & the rest of the fees to be left as already set, by law to be passed next meeting. The Clerk updated council on Tax Ratio information & planning conference he attended in T Bay as well as Rainycrest meeting that he & Councillor Lundgren attended, they continue to try to resolve budget shortfall and may have another increase of upto 9.5%. The Clerk to checkout program for cemetery database, cost \$1500. POA revenue \$2335.10 received. The dump hours are to be changed @ Morson to 10-6 Thursday & Saturday for summer. Councillor Fadden to attend councillor training May 19 in Emo. Daily worksheet for Road Dept reviewed & approved by Council, copies to be made for use by Rd Supt. H Hampton's office has circulated information on Jackfish Bay (USA) sewer line project, with possible implications on the water of the Rainy River. NWHU approval received for holding tank at Morson fire hall.

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LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 p.m. And the next meeting be held on May 4th.

Mayor _____ Clerk