

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday June 5 2007 at 7 pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: C Fadden, N Gate, J Moen & T Sepers. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson Fire Chief S McNally, Reporter Mary Withers. Visitors: S Gate & J Gouliquer requesting community festival day designation, the Clerk will issue the letter once the date is known.

A public meeting was held to consider increases in the user fees including building permit fees and the 2007 budget. No public members spoke for or against the user fees or the budget. COUNCILLOR FADDEN declared an interest in the garbage fee as her spouse is an employee of the garbage contractor

MINUTES GATE & SEPERS & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 8th, 2007
#07-81 be adopted as circulated.

ACCOUNTS MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$114,055.48 and representing
#07-82 disbursements for the month of May, less accounts for Miller Contracting, Bergland General Store & Morson Shopping Centre be approved for payment.

ACCOUNTS COUNCILLORS FADDEN & SEPERS declared an interest in the accounts
#07-83 GATE & MOEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$12,103.35 and representing disbursements for the month of May, for Miller Contracting, Bergland General Store & Morson Shopping Centre be approved for payment.

REC PROPOSAL FADDEN & MOEN CARRIED that Council acknowledge receipt of a proposal for the Recreation Committee to do
#07-84 ground maintenance and Bergland Hall custodial services. Council will however leave the present contract as per By-law 195 in place.

REC BUDGET GATE & SEPERS & CARRIED that received the proposed budget for the LOW Recreation Committee, actual amount
#07-85 of municipal support to be set within the municipal budget approval.

MEETINGS GATE & MOEN & CARRIED that special public meetings to receive public input for the direction of the municipality
#07-86 be held as follows: Morson July 9, 2007 7pm, Bergland July 16, 2007 7pm, notices to be sent out with the 2007 tax bills.

BY-LAW197 SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED that By-law No 197, being the Miscellaneous
#07-87 User Fees By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 198 MOEN & SEPERS & CARRIED that By-law No 198, being the 2007 tax levying
#07-88 By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 199 SEPERS & GATE & CARRIED that By-law No 199, being the COMRIF AMP funding
#07-89 Agreement By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 200 FADDEN & GATE & CARRIED that By-law No 200, being the CBO Agreement
#07-90 By-law, be enacted. And further that Henry Van Ael be appointed as an Inspector.

FIRE DISPA GATE & FADDEN & **DEFEATED** that Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to sign
TCH #07-91 a liability waiver with the Dryden Police Service to reduce the test paging services from daily to once weekly.

TAX W/Os SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED that Council authorize the tax write offs as contained in the
#07-92 attached schedule and in the following amounts General \$457.06 and Education \$449.95.

CELL SRVC GATE & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to write a letter of support
#07-93 for the RRFDC proposal to improve digital cell and high speed internet services in the area.

LOTTERY SEPERS & GATE & CARRIED that Big Grassy Pow-Wow Committee be advised that Council has no objection to
#07-94 them selling lottery tickets within the municipality.

OTHER
MATTERS:

The fire chief updated council on the department and its activities, including the Bergland pumper truck clutch has gone out, Council needs a proposal on possible replacement of the unit, Council advised that they will be approving the budget and it is up to him and the department to manage the allocated funds. The Clerk advised that no bill is being sent to Twp of Morley for a fire we responded to on their side of Fred's Rd as mutual aid covers this fire and the bill for fires on Big Grassy First Nation are to be sent to MNR. The Rd Supt reported on road work completed, and filed his monthly report Council discussed the road inspection report. More gravel was placed on Morrison Rd in order to provide an improved road. Councillor Sepers asked if savings could be achieved if small gravel or ditching jobs could be put together for more efficient use of funds, a discussion amongst council then followed. The grader has been repaired. Councillor Gate commented that McKague & Pete's Rd need grading and sod was pushed into ditches. Council wants to consider the standard of maintenance on the Class 6 roads which fall below the minimum maintenance standards requirements. The Bergland boat launch renovation & repair was completed using large crushed rock rather than adding to the cement pad, members of the public have expressed appreciation for the work. Globe for light a Morson dock needs to be replaced however good comments have been received about the rebuilding job. The Clerk is to submit final paperwork for the grant on the dock project. Council reviewed the letters from Wm Lundgren and the Recreation Committee regarding the use of volunteers for grounds & hall maintenance in Bergland Hall, see #07-84 & the Clerk will acknowledge receipt of Mr. Lundgren's letter. Councillor Fadden reported on the Cemetery Committee meeting with the contractor and outlined some work they authorized at the cemeteries, including protecting the cedar trees by a fence or burlap sacks during the winter. The Clerk-Treasurer's monthly report was reviewed which included information on PSAB3150 asset management requirements, and a draft set of policies, as well as the sections of the Municipal Act to be proclaimed Jan 1 2008, including a need for a closed meeting investigator. Local municipalities are investigating options for this person. The Clerk sent letters to local businesses asking that they consider reducing or eliminating the use of plastic bags. Council set the priorities for discussion as the special public meetings being held in July. The meetings are to seek input from the public on the direction and goals that should be achieved over the current term of council. Items for consideration included 1) parks, 2) boat ramps, 3) government dock options, 4) purchase and development of a public beach front property, 5) road standards & schedules, 6), Official plan & zoning by-law reviewed & property standards by-law, 7) economic support for attracting businesses, 8) regional projects and shared service delivery, 9) streetlights, 10) council discipline & staying on topic etc. A notice of the meetings is to be included in the tax bill mailing, written responses are also welcome.

ADJOURN
#07-95

MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the meeting is adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk