

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday December 6th, 2011 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: G Anderson, C Fadden, W Lundgren & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson. Fire Chief G Armstrong, who gave a written and verbal report on the fire department, a notice to ratepayers will need to be given for impending reduction in service due to lack of fire fighting personnel. The rapid attack truck in Morson hall will be removed from service, the boats will not be placed in the water or used until adequate personnel is trained and available. The Patullo communication tower is to be removed from service and an alternative is need for dispatch services. Council will hold a public meeting in the new-year to seek input from and advise the public of the situation with lack of fire fighters in the municipality. The Fire Chief will be signing the compliance report very soon.
- MINUTES** #11-97 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held November 1st, 2011, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS** #11-98 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$121,807.83 for general purposes and \$2198.40 for the Rainy River District Stewardship and which represent disbursements for the month of November be approved for payment.
- ACCOUNTS** #11-99 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$4853.21 and representing disbursements for the month of November for Miller Contracting be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN** declared an interest as her spouse is an employee of the contractor.
- C/T SALARY** #11-100 LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that effective January 1st, 2012 the salary of the Clerk-Treasurer be adjusted to include the former office rental payment in the monthly salary, with no additional cost to the municipality.
- BY-LAW 261** #11-101 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that By-law No 261, being the West Rainy River District Fire Services Establishing and Regulating By-law, be enacted.
- TAX W/O** #11-102 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement & Section 357 adjustments and attached listing, the following tax write offs be approved General \$909.12 and Education \$483.73 and a total of \$1392.85.
- JUDGE** #11-103 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that pursuant to a letter from the District of Rainy River Law Library Association a letter of protest be sent to Justice Marc L.G.H Bode. The Justice has proposed that the Rainy River District not have an Ontario Court of Justice appointment after the relation of Justice T McKay.
- BUDGET** #11-104 LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that pursuant to the 2011 Budget an allocation of surplus in the amount of \$135000.00 be authorized to the TCA Reserve. The Gas Tax Reserve of approximately \$61596.00 be transferred to current operation to cover the 2011 Gas Tax Projects. The extra \$20000.00 for the locum doctor housing and recruitment be covered from current operations.
- BONUSES** #11-105 FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorize Christmas bonuses as follows: G Haddock \$100.00, E Pearson \$150.00 and P Giles \$200.00.

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The Road Supt gave a verbal report on the roads, including the equipment being made ready for winter. Clerk-Treasurer gave his monthly report, including updates on the doctor locum housing committee meetings, a budget update report was also provided to council which included a NWHU refund and a Gas Tax Payment and a POA payment, also a council remuneration, changes to be implemented for January 2012 and a rental report. The Clerk-Treasurer is to send a letter to MTO thanking them for the new bridge at Spruce Creek and the brushing on Hwy 621. Scott Abick from MMAH is to be at the February Council meeting to discuss the process for OP review. An EMO training exercise was held Nov 29 and the annual compliance report has been completed. Councillors Moen & Fadden will work with the contractor on the Morson hall modifications. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed. A letter is to be sent to the Ministry of Health regarding the need for funding of and provision for locum doctor coverage in Rainy River. The Mayor gave a DSSAB update including the CAO replacement process.

ADJOURN **#11-106** ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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