

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday February 5th 2013 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: C Fadden, G Anderson, W Lundgren & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson. Visitors: M Brown & T Gamble from MNR.
- MNR** M Brown gave an overview of the changes in the forest fire management agreements, there are changes to the Comprehensive Protection Charge section with the per hectare rate dropping from \$1.34 to \$0.95 and the rate will increase over the next five years to \$1.29. There is no longer an expectation of municipalities to respond on behalf of MNR to fires outside their boundaries. Responding fire fighters will need to be trained to the MNR S103 level. MNR did 3 training sessions last year and are willing to offer more training. The Appendix C rates have been adjusted with some rates increasing and others decreasing. Agreements will no longer have an expiry date but will have an requirement to update and review the agreements annually using the Municipal Agreement Review Checklist. The Appendix F will be used for the fire department assessment. There is no longer an indemnity clause and each party will now be responsible for its own insurance coverage for their exposures. The new agreement is to be in place for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Also we are being asked to consider the extension of the fire season to 12 months and the permitting requirements and issues to deal with the extension.
- MINUTES** **#13-11** FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council including the in camera session, held January 8<sup>th</sup> 2013, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS** **#13-12** LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$130,696.25 for general purposes and \$4,612.66 for Rainy River District Stewardship and which represent disbursements for the month of January be approved for payment.
- WAGES** **#13-13** FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that pursuant to the published CPI increase for Dec 2011 to Dec 2012 being .8% and our Human Resources Policies the wages and salaries be adjusted January 1 2013 by .8%.
- RRFDC** **#13-14** MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council acknowledge receipt of the per capita levy from Rainy River Future Development Corporation and authorize payment of the levy for 2013 in the amount of \$1995.00.
- ENERGY** **#13-15** ANDERSON & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign, on behalf of the municipality an Energy Planning Tool Services Agreement with Local Authority Services Limited, and further that the payment of the annual fee of \$200.00 also be authorized.
- FF AIRPORT** **#13-16** MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that pursuant to their request the Town of Fort Frances be advised that Lake of the Woods Council supports a 2013 per capita levy of \$5.00 to support the Fort Frances Municipal Airport operations. This subject to receipt of audited statements for the airport operations and an invoice.
- FIRE** **#13-17** MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that pursuant to the recommendations of the West Rainy River Fire Department Board, Council authorize the funding of a Deputy Fire Chief responsible for training, effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, Fire Prevention/Education Officer effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 and a Deputy Fire Chief responsible for operations effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. And further that the present Deputy Fire Chief take over the fire chief responsibilities effective March 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. Salaries and/or wages to be negotiated by the Board.
- LOCAL GOVT** **#13-18** LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that Val Pizey be appointed to sit on the Local Government Network and Colleen Fadden be appointed as an alternate.
- IN CAMERA** **#13-19** FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that Council go in camera @ 9:50 pm to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was declared open at 10:05 p.m.

OTHER

The Rd Supt gave his verbal report. The Mayor reported on DSSAB budgeting process. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed. Council reviewed the monthly report of the Clerk-Treasurer including updates on the locum doctor house, fire committee, Morson Hall renovations, changes to Reg 239/02 minimum maintenance standards, various annual reports filed, audit completed Jan 24 the report included updates on surplus and reserve balances for the end of 2012. He also reported on the CPI rate for 2012 and changes to make Accidental Death & Dismemberment premiums are now a taxable benefit. A request from the Town of Rainy River to pursue further discussions on re-opening the Tourist Information facility in Rainy River was received. The Clerk-Treasurer is to ask the Town to contact Morson Tourism Association regarding the matter. No action was taken on a request for letters of support to request MOE to approve the terms of reference for the Rainy River Gold Project.

ADJOURN

**#13-20 LUNDGREN & MOEN CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

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