

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday February 7th 2017 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

PRESENT C Fadden took the Chair as the Mayor was absent Councillors: G Anderson, W Lundgren & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson.

Council held a public meeting as the Committee of Adjustment to consider a consent application by A Pentney et al to create 3 waterfront residential lots and retain one waterfront residential lot. The Clerk reviewed the file and updated on the circulation and comments received. No one spoke in favour or in opposition to the application.

46B1701 **#17-09 ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that provisional approval be granted to severance application 46B1701 Alan Pentney et al, with the attached 5 conditions.

THIS meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES **#17-10 LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 3rd 2017, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS **#17-11 ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$126,896.20 representing disbursements for the month of January be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING AND COUNCILLOR MOEN TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THIS ITEM.**

OCIF **#17-12 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that pursuant to the recommendation of the Road Supt, Council authorize the use of the \$50,000.00 OCIF grant for the following road project: Lighthouse/Mosbeck Roads gravelling.

CPI **#17-13 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that pursuant to the recently published CPI for Dec 2015 to Dec 2016 showing a 2.0% increase and to our Human Resources Policies, the wages and salaries be increased January 1st 2017 by 2.0%.

RAILWAYS **#17-14 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that WHEREAS it has been identified that Railway Companies in the province of Ontario, do not pay a proportionate share of municipal property tax as compared to other properties in their class, or compared to any other municipal tax class; and WHEREAS in other provinces and jurisdictions the railway companies do remit a more equitable share of taxes to the local tax base; and WHEREAS taxes in other jurisdictions for railway properties are calculated using a ton-mile concept; and WHEREAS said fees are reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis according to inflation and ongoing current conditions; and WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has continued to fall further and further behind in their approach to railroad property taxation over the past 112 years; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Lake of the Woods call upon the Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario to implement a new system of municipal property taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on utilizing a per ton-mile concept; and FURTHER BE IT

RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance of Ontario, our local MPP and MP, RRDMA, NOMA, AMO and FONOM.

LEVIES #17-15 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 2017 in the amount of \$1596.00. And further that the levy of .50 per capita for the Safe Communities Rainy River District be approved.

CANADA150#17-16 ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorize a contribution of up to \$1000.00 to the 150 Committee to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary.

GOLD #17-17 ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorizes a letter of support for the Rainy River Gold Project to be sent to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. This letter is to ensure a timely approval of a required amendment to Schedule 2 of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation affecting the mining project.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on snowplowing, work which was completed at the Bergland Hall and recommending tearing up the balance of the surface treatment and gravelling on the Lighthouse & Mosbeck Roads. Councillor Moen reported on plans for the community gathering is planned for February 25th including the music night. The monthly CBO report was received for review. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including a budget surplus post audit, notice that the Canada 150 grant was denied, approval of our cemetery by-laws with a few wording amendments, signature papers to open accounts at Nexus Community Savings, CPI increase, various annual reports and grant applications filed during the month, draft financial statements were reviewed by the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer and signed.

ADJOURN #17-18 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk