

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday March 4th 2014 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor: absent and C Fadden acted as Head, Councillors: G Anderson, C Fadden, W Lundgren & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson.

MINUTES **#14-15 ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held February 4th 2014, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS **#14-16 LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$116,236.14 and which represent disbursements for the month of February be approved for payment.
COUNCILLOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING.

CHEM-FREE **#14-17 LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that Council authorize a donation of \$100.00 in support of the Chem-Free Graduation 2014 at Rainy River High School.

AG STATION **#14-18 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that Council instruct the Clerk-Treasurer to write a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Food indicating the Township's support for the Emo Agricultural Research Station. The research station is extremely important to the agricultural sector in the area. With the recent NOHFC funding for land clearing and tile drainage, the area could see expansion in the agricultural industry.

TOURISM **#14-19 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council approve the proposed new tourism signs for Hwy 11. The signs are provided by RRFDC and FedNor Canada. Council will be responsible for installation costs.

OTHER The Rd Supt updated Council on snowplowing due to the many snowfall events. Miller Contracting has been hired to push back the worst snowbanks. A proposal for a GPS system for the equipment was given to Council members. Heating costs at the Morson Fire Hall were discussed with possible turning off the heat for next year. Councillor Moen was nominated for 25 year service recognition. Minutes and budget reports of the Fire Committee the Feb 27th meeting scheduled were reviewed and Council is in general agreement with the capital items presented. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed. The Clerk-Treasurer updates Council including AMP capacity building agreement and funding being received, MMAH will have their 20 pages of comments on the draft OP ready shortly, the Clerk-Treasurer has tried to make contact with the consultant to see how they wish to proceed to update and revise the OP as well the new PPS is effective April 1st which means we must go to that standard. The Clerk recommended a solution to the funding for the Locum House that Council will bring to the next meeting. Final 2013 POA revenues was received, a number of government reports were filed. Audited financial statements were received for review and approval. NOMA convention is in Fort Frances April 23 to 25 and RRDMA will use surplus funds to assist with convention costs. The LAS Fuel program agreement is ready to submit once fuel tank info is received from the Rd Supt. This program is flexible and we can use it whenever we wish once enrolled, we would not be locked in. No action on request for funding of Voyageur Project. Council received an invitation for the Town of Rainy River to attend a joint meeting with Dawson to discuss various budget items and possible joint co-operation. Council declined the invitation. Geothermal funding agreement has been approved and we will request proposals on the project soon.

ADJOURN **#14-20 LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk