

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday May 5th 2015 at 7pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: C Fadden, G Anderson, W Lundgren & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson. Chuck Thorkilson appeared before Council with concern that his fence along Tofte Rd may have been damaged during snow removal operations and that after the gravelling of Tofte Rd his driveway entrance level needs to be adjusted, the Rd Supt will check on these items.

MAYOR PIZEY DECLARED A CONFLICT and Councillor Fadden took the Chair for this matter. A PUBLIC MEETING was held to consider a rezoning application by Keniis Development Corporation to establish a retail store. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the application to change the zoning from Rural to Commercial was circulated to agencies, First Nations and property owners as required. The Clerk-Treasurer gave a review of the application and its implications, no public comments were received and the meeting was closed at 7:10 p.m. The regular Council meeting then followed.

MINUTES #15-38 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 7th, 2015, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #15-39 LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$73,240.73 representing disbursements for the month of April be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING.**

MIN TAXES #15-40 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that after considering various options and reviewing costs of services, Council authorize an increase in the minimum tax billing amount to \$75.00 effective for the year 2015.

CHEM-FREE #15-41 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorize a donation of \$100.00 in support of the Chem-Free Graduation 2015 at Rainy River High School.

LIBRARY 15-42 FADDEN & LUNDRGEN & CARRIED that the Rainy River Public Library be advised that the Township of Lake of the Woods will contribute \$4,000.00 in support for the year 2015.

BY-LAW 293 15-43 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law 293, being the Garbage Collection Agreement By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 294 15-44 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that By-law 294, being the Grounds Keeper Agreements By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 295 15-45 MOEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that By-law 295, being the 2015 Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 296 15-46 FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law 296, being the Tax Ratio By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 297 **15-47** MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law 297, being the Keniis Development Corporation Rezoning By-law, be enacted. **MAYOR PIZEY DECLARED A CONFLICT and Councillor Fadden took the Chair for this matter.**

HYDRO **15-48** FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that Township of Lake of the Woods calls on the Government of Ontario to stop the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One Networks as a wholly owned public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians: and that this resolution be forwarded to the following: Hon Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Hon Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance, Sarah Campbell MPPP and NOMA.

REC **15-49** FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that pursuant to the request of LOW Recreation, Council authorize a \$500.00 donation towards McCrosson-Tovell School swimming and other school activities.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported the plow truck needs a new rad and he is working on that, he has completed overhaul work on the grader, Vauthey Rd needs patching and gravel was placed at the end of the Gov't Dock ramp due to extremely low water on the lake (the complete opposite to last year), Road Patrol was held on April 15th, and the written report was circulated to Council. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed with 5 permits being issued. The Fire Committee will meet on May 13th to review draft department guidelines. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items: including that the fire board meeting of April 8th, POA & OMPF funding receipts, a discussion on the minimum tax amount, the tax capping and tax ratios implications and a review of a draft for 2015 budget, an increase in the tax rate is required to meet increased cost especially the OPP & RRDSSAB levies this would be the first increase since 2004. The Rd Supt, the Clerk-Treasurer attended drainage training April 14-15 in Fort Frances. Mayor Pizey attended the recent NOMA convention. Upcoming training includes Note taking for Emergency Measures, annual emergency training & exercise in Barwick May 26 with some members of Council to attend, as well as the CEMC and Rd Supt and Fire Chief. CANWARN training will be held in Emo June 16th. The Clerk-Treasurer will discuss an extension agreement for a property presently under Tax Sale and the agreement will be presented to Council for their action. Dump fees will increase as well as the special charge for garbage collection within the Morson area.

ADJOURN **#15-50** ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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