

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

- PRESENT Mayor: ABSENT, Councillors: G Anderson, C Fadden (Took the Chair for the Meeting), W Lundgren & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson. Visitor T Sepers, requested use of Bergland Hall on Tuesdays & Thursdays for 2 hours each day for walking club during the winter, Council concurred with the request.
- MINUTES **#13-73** MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held October 1st 2013, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS **#13-74** LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$88,844.41 for general purposes and which represent disbursements for the month of October be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING. COUNCILLOR MOEN TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THIS MOTION.**
- ½ TON **#13-75** LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the Road Supt be authorized to get quotes on a new ½ ton truck.
- BRIDGES **#13-76** MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Lake of the Woods Council concurs with the proposal to use Tofte Rd and Pioneer Rd as a detour route. This detour route is for the construction phase of the replacement of the Little Grassy River Bridge on Hwy 621 and the Youngberg Bridge on Hwy 600. This is with the understanding that MTO will be responsible for the costs of repairs to these two roads for damages caused by the increased detour traffic during the bridge replacements.
- EOI **#13-77** MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council acknowledges the allocation of \$20,387.59 under the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Program – Capacity Funding. And further acknowledge that the Clerk-Treasurer has submitted an EOI for the use of the funds in for small capital projects and/or acquisition of asset management software which are eligible purposes under the program.
- MINAHICO **#13-78** LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that Council receive a ratepayers petition regarding highway signs at Minahico. And further that the Clerk-Treasurer send a letter to MTO requesting the highway signs be placed on Hwys 619 and 621 at the entrance to Minahico to indicate the village area.
- PATULLO **#13-79** LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED that Lake of the Woods Council supports the joint effort of area municipalities to install a replacement tower for 911 communications at the Patullo Tower Site. Further that the group of municipalities approach MNR with a proposal to either purchase the Patullo Tower site or failing that enter into a Licence of Occupation for the site, with associated costs being shared amongst the affected municipalities. Council further commits to share the costs of the installation of the donated tower and the ongoing costs of operation of the site. Council supports the Township of Morley taking the lead role in the project.
- OTHER The Rd Supt advised that the Road Patrol was conducted on Oct 8th, the ½ ton is in poor shape & should be replaced, he was concerned about the safety and liability of using Tofte Rd for detour purposes, a discussion was held about reducing the speed on some of our roads as 80km may not be appropriate for all roads, he is to report back to Council on the matter. Fuel tank & furnace inspections are to be undertaken this week, the former TVO shed is to be moved closer to the Morson hall for storage & the floating docks are to be removed for the winter. C Fadden and Clerk attended the MNR meeting regarding the removal of Patullo Tower, see 13-79. The next Fire Committee meeting is Dec 11. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed. The Clerk attend the OPP billing consultations, significant increase (about \$135,000+ per year) in costs to us if it proceeds, each Councillor must express their concern on the OPP website. The Clerk-Treasurer

updated Council on various items: a budget update, level of service policy, MMAH Financial Indicator report, OMPF & POA payments, EOI for SR&NMIF, tax sale & arrears notices were mailed, updated computer program for taxes is being reviewed. Information for LAS Fuel Procurement Program was submitted. Council will make no changes to municipal election boundaries for 2014 election. A petition was received requesting highway signs be placed to signify “Minahico” village area.

ADJOURN **#13-80** ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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