

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday April 7th 2009 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

Present Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: C Fadden, N Gate, J Moen & T Sepers. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson, arrived at 9 pm, Stewart McNally Fire Chief. Visitor: H Petkau. The Fire Chief updated council on the department 5 to attend training courses, fire tank to be in next week, we will need to budget for a digital pager to interact with the CCAC dispatch centre. A couple of individuals have expressed an interest in going the department.

The meeting opened with a public meeting to consider a consent application by H & E Petkau, the Clerk-Treasurer gave a background report and recommendations. No comments or inquires were received from the public. H Petkau spoke in support of the application and discussed options for the cost of parkland tax and the cost to transfer the roadway to the municipality.

46A0901 **09-29 MOEN & SEPERS & CARRIED** that provisional approval be granted to severance application 46B0901 H & E Petkau, with the attached six conditions.

The Mayor declared this public meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES **#09-30 GATE & FADDEN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held March 3rd 2009, be approved as printed. **COUNCILLOR SEPERS** Declared an interest in the accounts of Bergland General Store and his Minor Variance application from the previous month.

ACCOUNTS **#09-31 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amounts of \$55,383.83 and representing disbursements for the month of March, less the accounts for Bergland General Store & Miller Contracting, be approved for payment.

ACCOUNTS **#09-32 GATE & MOEN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amounts of \$2060.14 and representing disbursements for the month of March, for Bergland General Store & Miller Contracting be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN & SEPERS** Declared an interest in the accounts of Miller Contracting & Bergland General Store, respectively.

SOUND SYSTEM **#09-33 SEPERS & GATE & CARRIED** that Council consent to the Recreation Committee installing a new sound system in the Bergland Hall. The system is to be install by Sight & Sound at a cost of \$4407.00.

SUNSET **#09-34 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED WHEREAS**, In February, 2009, the Government of Ontario released The Sorbara Report, *Discovering Ontario: A report on the future of tourism*, with four broad strategic proposals and 20 specific recommendations to revitalize and grow tourism in the province. **WHEREAS**, If the Province follows through on these recommendations with investments in both the South and the North, tourism will benefit. However, the recommendation to eliminate and amalgamate our travel region leaving only one giant organization to include Sault Sainte Marie to the Manitoba border is an error. **WHEREAS**, The visitor spending in our Travel Region is vastly different than the two regions that we will be forced to amalgamate with, the new organization/area will be called North of Superior. **WHEREAS**, 43% of the tourism income in Northern Ontario is generated in NW Ontario, with 66% of that generated in Sunset Country. **WHEREAS**, Tourism in Sunset Country Area is heavily reliant upon our American visitors who contribute 81% of all tourism expenditures. **WHEREAS**, The Province also intends to create a destination marketing fee and those funds will flow to the newly created mega tourism area organization. While our region will contribute all our funds, given our different customer bases, we may have little or no effective marketing resulting. **WHEREAS**, Within the Kenora and Rainy River Districts which are currently defined as the Travel Region of Sunset Country Travel Area tourism supported directly and indirectly 12, 235 full-year jobs, \$451 Million in economic activity, Wages and Salaries in excess of \$393 Million, and \$185 Million in Federal, Provincial and Municipal taxes. **WHEREAS**, The Destination brand "Sunset Country" has excellent equity and reputation within the region itself and in our markets built over 35 years of marketing. We have major corporations adoption of our Destination brand to sell their products in the area e.g. "Sunset Country Knows Real Cola Taste" billboards by Coca Cola Corporation and "Sunset Country's Best Coffee" in use by Tim Horton's and many businesses use "Sunset Country" in their name e.g. Sunset Country Ford, Sunset Country Home Builders etc. etc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED A 12th region be added (or retained) as a Tourism Area that matches the boundaries of the current Sunset Country Travel Area.

OTHER The Road Supt submitted his monthly road report to council. Council discussed some complaints they received during the recent heavy snowfall events, the grader had been broken down, which delayed snowplowing. The canopy for the fire boat is to be repaired. Council interested in reviewing mobile homes and 2nd residences on various lots within the municipality, with the idea to have them removed. The Clerk-Treasurer reviewed his report including AMBIS stats updates, RR wants us to pay the cost of one bin for us to participate in the recycle program, the annual remuneration report of council members, Sportsman Harbor wants to continue with daily garbage pickup in the summer, a fax from solicitors for Petersons on the Order to Comply on their property, the Clerk-Treasurer is to respond that the Building Code was the authority to request the permit in the 1st place. The Clerk-Treasurer prepared a report on the per capita cost for RRDSSAB costs.

ADJOURN #09-35 SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m. And the regular council meetings move to Morson until further notice.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk