

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday May 5th 2009 at 7pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

Present Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: C Fadden, N Gate, J Moen & T Sepers. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson, Stewart McNally Fire Chief. Visitor: Nancy Miller, representing both Morson Tourism Association and Morson Bass International. MTA was requesting an increase in funding for 2009 and MBI requested support for a permanent shelter building in the Gov't Dock park area. Council will consider the requests as part of the budget process. Fire Chief updated on the department as well as a list of capital item requests for 2009. Council will consider these requests as part of the budget process. Council expressed its concern on the water tank being over budget, Fire Chief some items were added after the estimate including the epoxy coating on the inside to cut down on rust & different dump system. Rueben Gibbins has joined the department.

- MINUTES** #09-36 GATE & FADDEN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 7th 2009, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS** #09-37 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$88,674.81 and representing disbursements for the month of April, less the accounts for Bergland General Store & Miller Contracting, be approved for payment.
- ACCOUNTS** #09-38 GATE & MOEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$2470.13 and representing disbursements for the month of April, 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.
- ACCOUNTS** #09-39 MOEN & SEPERS & CARRIED that the accounts in the for the South Kenora Rainy River Stewardship Council Trust Fund in the amount of \$3599.11 and representing disbursements for the month of April be approved for payment.
- GRANTS** #09-40 GATE & SEPERS & CARRIED that Council support the following three applications under the Infrastructure Canada's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund with the estimated costs: 1) Application No 1180 Lakewood Drive Upgrade \$114,000.00, 2) Application No 1185 Moosebay Road Upgrade \$123,000.00 and 3) Application No 1194 Frenchman's Rock Road Upgrade \$163,000.00.
- BCF GRANT** #09-41 FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED that Council support Application #27951 under the Building Canada Fund for the Waterfront Park Phase 2. The estimated project cost net of refundable GST, is \$180,000.00.
- SIGNS** The Mayor Declared a conflict as an employee of the proponent and Councillor Moen took the Chair #09-42 SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED that Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation be authorized to place 3 (3' x 8') signs along Vauthey Road and Buena Vista Drive as requested in their letter of April 27, 2009.
- RR LIBRARY** #09-43 GATE & FADDEN & CARRIED that the Rainy River Public Library be advised that the Township of Lake of the Woods will contribute \$3500.00 in support for the year 2009.
- CBC** #09-44 SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED that the Township of Lake of the Woods Council call on the CBC to cancel all planned staff and programming cuts at the Northwestern Ontario CBC station; AND THAT the jobs involved in the delivery of CBC local and regional programming be retained in Northwestern Ontario and across Canada; AND THAT with respect to the shortfall in funding for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) we endorse an increase of Federal funding for the CBC; AND THAT the Clerk-Treasurer communicate the resolution to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Canadian Heritage, the President of the CBC and our M.P. and M.P.P.;
- FESITVAL** #09-45 GATE & MOEN & CARRIED that the following days be declared as "community festival days" for Morson Bass International, to be held on August 14 to 16, 2009.
- OTHER** The Rd Supt updated Council on some projected costs for various road projects from the road patrol last fall. Further project information will be forthcoming and some of these costs were used for the infrastructure applications. He will be starting grading and patching operations. The skate board park equipment is to be put back into the rink for the summer. The Rd Supt to ensure the playground equipment is inspected and base area covered with sand. Also the cement in the rink to be cleaned from the water pools. Council discussed the temporary use by-law for the construction trailer at the Bergland Café and they will not be renewing the by-law

and want the trailer removed. The CBO is also to check properties that have recreation trailers set up permanently and issue instructions to remove them as they are not a permitted use. Council discussed the waterfront park and the Clerk-Treasurer is to arrange to have plans drawn up for 1 or 2 24 x 40 wood covered pavilions and a combination 4 stall washroom (with pit & no running water) and change room building as well as a couple fire pits. The Clerk-Treasurer is to check out our authority to require logging operators leaving a buffer zone along our municipal roads. The Mayor & the Clerk-Treasurer will attend a meeting with Rainy River to discuss a joint by-law enforcement officer. The Clerk-Treasurer reviewed his report including an offer to Petersons on their property to have them give a full and complete release of the municipality in order to remove the old Order to Comply, no response has been received, Councillor Sepers declared a conflict on this matter as his spouse rents the facility, on the 4 infrastructure proposals that we submitted. MTO aggregate permit area on Windmill Rd has been approved. The Clerk-Treasurer is to check for Heritage funding for part of our BCF infrastructure project as well if there is funding available for renewal of our community destination signs. The Mayor reported on her frustration of being heard at the RRDSSAB, we continue to pay a high rate and have no services in the community. Her efforts to have the apportionment formula and budget reviewed have been unsuccessful. Notice of the passing of Atikokan Councillor Charles Vidal was received.

ADJOURN

**#09-46 SEPERS & GATE & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 p.m. And notice be given that the June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 meeting will be held to consider the 2009 Budget and a review of the present user fees, the minimum tax bill amount and any necessary increases and further to consider the dissolution of the wards.

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