

The minutes of the regular meeting of Twp of Lake of the Woods Council held on Tuesday March 8, 2005 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Mayor: V Pizey Councilors: C Fadden, W Lundgren, J Moen & T Sepers Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt: E Pearson, absent due to illness, Visitors: Stge H Dennis OPP, T & T Gill A Versluis, M Bartel, N & F Gate, J & W Lundgren, E Rencher, M Stenger, S Gate & J Gouliquer.

Staff Stge Dennis updated council on various property crime statistics and other matters and he also dealt with our letter of complaint regarding the numerous break and entries reported in the early winter. OPP staff members are working to solve these crimes and he suggested a security cameras or having someone regularly check on cabins may be beneficial in keeping down the number of break & entries. He advised of his retirement at the end of June.

A Versluis spoke on behalf of the group requesting reestablishment of a recreation committee. General discussion followed and the Mayor requested that they come up with a plan of programs and funding before council could commit to their proposal.

Terry Gill updated council on plans for the Morson Bass International and requested a funding commitment from council so that they can move forward. May 14 a public meeting is planned to update the public. The Mayor advised that funding commitments can not be made at this time but will be considered during the budget process in the next couple of months.

S Gate updated council on the recent meeting with J Cull enforcement officer with the Alcohol & Gaming Commission, a letter stating that BFR is eligible for licenses again is expected from Toronto in the near future. The recreation & cemetery contractors have submitted their determination for WSIB to be independent contractors. Contract completion will now proceed.

**MINUTES
#05-23**

SEPERs & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 1, 2005, be adopted as corrected.

COUNCILLOR SEPERS DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE ACCOUNT OF BERGLAND CAFE FOR BOTH THE JANUARY & FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS.

**ACCOUNTS
#05-24**

MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount \$159,701.76 and representing disbursements for the month February be approved for payment.

**CONTRACT
#05-25**

MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the Clerk be authorized to draft contracts for the cemetery maintenance & hall custodians, with an expiry date of March 31, 2007. RECORDED VOTE FOR: FADDEN, MOEN & PIZEY, AGAINST: LUNDGREN & SEPERS.

**CHILDREN
#05-26**

SEPERs & MOEN & CARRIED that Council authorize a charge of \$100.00 for rent of the Morson Hall. This to cover a children's activity week during winter break by the Bergland Friends of Recreation.

**BY-LAW 142
#05-27**

MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law No 142, being the Criminal Background Check Policy Adoption By-law, be enacted.

**BY-LAW 143
#05-28**

FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED that By-law No 143, being the Council Remuneration By-law, be enacted.

**BY-LAW 144
#05-29**

SEPERs & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law No 144, being the Tax Ratio By-law, be enacted.

**BY-LAW 145
#05-30**

MOEN & SEPERS & CARRIED that By-law No 145, being the 2005 Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.

- BY-LAW 146 #05-31 LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED that By-law No 146, being the 2004 Heliport maintenance & repair By-law, be enacted
- INTERNET #05-32 LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED that Council authorize installation of high speed internet service at the municipal office. The cost to be shared with Twp of Dawson.
- CBO CONTRACT #05-33 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council support the amendment to the CBO contract that would allow for annual cost of living increases, based on the CPI as published in April of each year. And that Tony Sepers be appointed to the AMBIS committee.
- RAINYCREST #05-34 LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED that Rainycrest Board of Management make application to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care under section 30:12 of the Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act to have Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. be appointed operator and manager on an interim bases. And that this resolution be sent to Rainycrest Home for the Aged and Riverside Health Care Facilities.
- MAYOR PIZEY AS FIRST NATION MANAGER DECLARED A CONFLICT, Councillor Lundgren took the Chair, while council discussed garbage dump usage for Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing & Big Grassy. Councillor Sepers updated council on his meeting with Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing on the issue and would like to see our dump or dumps opened again to the First Nations. The other members of Council are not willing to make any changes without an agreement to address long term issues of financing for our dumps.
- OTHER MATTERS Councillor Sepers prior to passage of By-law 143 requesting council to take a cut to \$90 per month rather than an increase. Councillor Sepers requested council consider passage of a “no smoking” policy for our community halls and then read a letter for from a concerned person about smoking at the recent fish derby in Morson Hall. The Clerk filed a report on council remuneration & expenses for 2004 and gave a report showing various tax capping options for 2005, see By-law 145. COUNCILLOR SEPERS DECLARED A CONFLICT AND LEFT THE ROOM FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM. The Clerk reported that he had received a call from the owner of Peterson’s Food Town. There was a request that a written response, given pursuant to the purchasers lawyer request, about the owner not having procured a building permit back in 1992 for construction on the building be removed from the record. The issue stems from the time building permits began to be required in Bergland (May 1992) and an order from the CBO to the owner (July 1992) to obtain a permit as required by the Building Code. No permit was applied for. The Clerk made council aware of the issue and stated that since it is a statement of fact, that no permit was obtained, he was not sure what could be done. Council will leave the issue with the CBO and Clerk to handle any further inquiries. The Clerk-Treasurer handed out to Council for review a document “Closed Meetings of Municipal Council” the information was provided by R Anderson from MMAH. A draft survey map of Otilie Rd (Bonkowski property) realignment was reviewed. Code of conduct for Council & staff to be passed next meeting. Drainage program grants have been reinstated, named differently but basically the same grants are available. Council discussed and will pass amendments to the user fees at the next meeting. Councillors Fadden & Moen and the Clerk attended a meeting of municipalities and Riverside Health Care Facilities last week regarding the Rainycrest management. See resolution #05-34 above. The 2004 audited statements were received for review. Rainycrest levy increased from \$27665 in 2004 to \$66365 for 2005.
- ADJOURN #05-35 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk