

The minutes of the regular meeting of Twp of Lake of the Woods Council held on Tuesday May 4th, 2004 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor: V Pizey Councilors: A Gate, C Fadden W Lundgren, E McCormack. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt: E Pearson, Visitors: R Brett. Approximately 41 ratepayers in attendance.
- AGENDA #04-62** GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the agenda for the meeting be adopted with the following additions: Community Festival Days, letter from Bergland Friends of Recreation re chairs & work at skating rink.
- MINUTES #04-63** COUNCILLORS: Fadden, Gate & McCormack declared an interest in the minutes. LUNDGREN & PIZEY & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 6th, 2004, be adopted as circulated.
- ACCOUNTS #04-64** FADDEN & MCCORMACK & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$62,236.32 and representing disbursements for the month of April be approved for payment.
- PUBLIC PORTION** At this time the Mayor opened the meeting for delegations: Shane White had concern with number of days the Bergland Dump was open with refuse from his store and Justin Gaudry requesting Morson Dump be open every day for spring clean up, the Mayor advised that Council will review the dump hours. Next matter for delegations was the hiring practice of Council. Tony Sepers, Ken Pentney, Marg Bartel, Mary Anne Milne spoke against the hiring and contract awards as approved by Council at its last meeting. Concern with public trust, hiring of family members etc. Richard Symons & Sherri McCormack spoke in favour of what Council had done. The Council members confirmed their decision and this portion of the meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8:30p.m.
- DUMP HOURS #04-65** LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that Council authorize the following changes to the dump hours, Bergland Sunday & Tuesday 10am – 3pm, Wednesday 1pm-6pm, Morson Saturday & Thursday 10am – 6pm, this effective May 18th, 2004 and an ad to be placed in both the Westend Weekly & Rainy River Record.
- DUVAL AUTO #04-66** GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the Clerk-Treasurer write D Duval & request that his parked vehicle be removed from the right of way for Birch Road (The auto was removed May6th,).
- WEBSITE #04-67** LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that Council acknowledge receipt of an executed release from Colin & Sherry Harris for the development of the website www.lake of the woods.ca upto & including April 12, 2004. In exchange for the development of the website payment of \$1000.00 be authorized to Colin & Sherry Harris.
- TAX SALE #04-68** MCCORMACK & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council authorize tax sale proceedings for the following vacant properties: Roll No. 460 000 04700, 460 000 04701, 460 000 27000, 460 000 33800, 460 000 39900 & 490 001 04100.
- BY-LAW 130 USER FEES #04-69** MCCORMACK & FADDEN & CARRIED that By-law No 130, being the Miscellaneous User Fees By-law, be enacted, with the removal of clause 7.1.5 demolished building.
- RAINYCREST #04-70** MCCORMACK & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council support the resolutions of the Twp of Emo and the Twp of Atikokan both calling on the provincial government to re-open 20 long term care beds at Rainycrest.

RULES #04-71 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the rules of procedure for the meeting curfew be suspended.

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL#04-72 FADDEN & GATE & CARRIED that pursuant to a request of the Bergland Friends of Recreation, Council designate the following days as Community Festival Days: May 21-24, July 16-18 and Sept 10-12, 2004.

CHAIRS & TABLES #04-73 FADDEN & GATE & CARRIED that Council acknowledge receipt 100 soft chairs & 10 tables from Bergland Friends of Recreation that are purchased for senior citizens & to be placed in Bergland Hall. Council also acknowledges that BFR will pay for students & material to paint & repair the outdoor rink & shack.

BELL CANADA #04-74 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the Clerk write Bell Canada & request that they do regular grounds keeping around their property in Morson.

IN CAMERA FEES #04-75 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that Council go in camera to discuss personnel issues at 11:30 p.m.
THE MEETING WAS DECLARED OPEN AT 12:12a.m.

IN CAMERA #04-76 COUNCILLOR FADDEN DECLARED AN INTEREST & LEFT THE ROOM.
LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that Council go in camera to discuss personnel issues at 12:14 a.m.
THE MEETING WAS DECLARED OPEN AT 14:47a.m.

OTHER MATTERS Rd Sup updated on roads, he requested clarification on responsibility of new labourer if Council is the supervisor then they must change his job description to reflect that fact. Council wants the Rd Supt & committee to prioritize the road patrol record and report monthly on progress of the work. Mylie Gaudry asking if Morrison Road could be improved, the Clerk to write a letter advising that Council will consider work in due course. The Rd Supt to report on pros & cons of either a plow truck or used grader for Morson Twp roads. Rd Supt to check with Rob Smith regarding evaporation of freon from refrigerators in the dumps. The Road Supt also requested an answer on his request for pay adjustment effective Jan 1, 2004. Clerk reported that we are still awaiting answer from WSIB re contracts awarded at last meeting, this to determine if a contractor or an employee. L Nordin will continue to ensure fire trucks are operational etc, but not as Chief and we are still awaiting word from Fort Frances on Fire Chief services. Provided Dawson Twp willing to share cost, a cemetery data base program to be ordered. Clerk reported on education tax rates, residential reduced to 296% and commercial increased to 1.477456%, if we left the total residential rate the same as last year this would cause a 6% increase in commercial taxes. Final 2003 OPP cost received with increase of \$2148.73. Councillor training has been cancelled due to low numbers of participants. The Clerk-Treasurer notified Council of training for Community Control Group (emergency plan exercise) in LaVallee May 26, no council members are available. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on training in Thunder Bay last week and Mayor reported on NOMA.

ADJOURN #04-77 LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the meeting is adjourned at 12:50 a.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk

