

The minutes of the regular meeting of Twp of Lake of the Woods Council held on Tuesday October 4, 2005 at 7:00pm 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: absent, Fire Chief Chris Pollard Visitors: Reporter Ruth Brett, J Fisher & Kelly Sanders LOW Water Sustainability Foundation, D Larsen & S Loshaw OPP. K Sanders gave background information, development and purpose of the Foundation. The sustainability of the Lake of the Woods is the focus and input & involvement of as many parties is being sought, she answered questions of council and ended her presentation at 7:25. Officer Lowshaw updated council on the OPP activities including retirement of H Dennis and replacement will be in place in the near future. A canine unit is being established in Fort Frances and after questions, including concern of cabin break and entry, his presentation ended at 7:40p.m. The Fire Chief updated council on training and need for replacement of our fire trucks. He suggested a rapid attack unit with pump and minimal water a newer pumper in Bergland as well as newer tankers. Bergland pumper did not meet specifications for its pump. Various options were discussed and see resolution below. The air packs need testing. The discussions were completed at 8:35 p.m.

MINUTES
#05-104

MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 6th, 2005, be adopted as circulated.

ACCOUNTS
#05-105

LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount \$47,139.47 and representing disbursements for the month September, except the accounts for A Miller & Sons, Bergland General Store & R A Gill be approved for payment.

ACCOUNTS
#05-106

COUNCILLORS SEPERS & FADDEN DECLARED AN INTEREST in these accounts. MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount \$6384.71 and representing disbursements for the month August for A Miller & Sons, Bergland General Store & R A Gill be approved for payment.

FIRE TRUCKS
#05-107

LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED that Council authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a used 1992 rescue vehicle (\$28000) and investigate the purchase of a used tanker and used pumper. Funding for the trucks to be from the provincial grant and the budgetted allocation to reserves in the current budget.

WARDS
#05-108

SEPERS & LUNDGREN & **DEFEATED** that By-law 162, being the Ward Dissolving By-law, be enacted.

BY_LAW 162
#05-109

RECORDED VOTE: FOR FADDEN, MOEN, PIZEY SEPERS, AGAINST LUNDGREN MOEN & SEPERS & CARRIED that By-law No 162, being the Parkland Tax Policy Adoption By-law, be enacted.

BURSARY
#05-110

SEPERS & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council support the proposal by RRDMA to fund the Northern Ontario Medical School bursary by way of a \$0.055 per capita levy.

DRAIN REGS
#05-111

LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED that Council support the following resolution of Sudbury requesting the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to review the criteria and procedures as they relate to farm tax credit and allowances.

DRAIN
#05-112

SEPERS & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council accept the petition from M & M Stintzi in Lot 15 Conc 1 Twp of Morson and that pursuant to the Drainage Act, council appoint K Smart of K Smart & Associates Ltd as engineer for the project.

- HUNTING #05-113 FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED that Council reconfirm its request that our township be included in the hunting regulation Schedule 2 to prohibit hunting, during deer season, from road allowances.
- FIRE PAGING #05-114 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to send a letter to Town of Fort Frances to advise that in order to keep the fire paging service local, our municipality would be willing to consider paying more towards that service (presently we pay \$500 per annum).
- RECIPROCAL #05-115 LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED that Council authorize the inclusion of the municipality in the stand against the billing of ROMA for the deficit of the reciprocal and that we use the same legal counsel as other municipalities and that being Mr. Guy Wainwright. The Clerk-Treasurer to advise Loopstra Nixon, ROMA counsel, of this decision.
- OTHER MATTERS Road Supt had submitted his written report, he was in Wpg with his father for an operation. The Rd Supt & Clerk attended WHSA training in Fort Frances and some changes in operation are necessary, recommendation will be brought forward. Miner undertaking was received and building on hold until the Section 118 LTA restriction is removed. The Clerk will be on vacation Oct 17-28 (office closed) and doing hurricane relief in the gulf coast Nov 7-18 (reduced office hours Tuesday & Thursday 10 to 2). Councillor Sepers reported on behalf of the recreation committee and the turkey shoot which was held recently, a dart competition, movie night and supper as well as a senior club being reactivated are planned. Other councillors had various questions about liability issues etc. Rd Supt to look into fixing bottom of rink boards to better facilitate flooding. A budget update was reviewed and the Rd Supt & Clerk will need to work together to ensure over runs do not occur in the future. COMRIF application was filed. Council reviewed possible locations for towers for highspeed internet including one to be located in Bergland area. Emergency plan training to be held in Barwick. The Clerk presented a proposal for a policy of the 5% parkland tax on severances and subdivision see By-law 162. Planning is underway for annual meeting of RRDMA in Bergland January 2006, Councillor Moen to look into souvenirs etc. Winter dump hours effective Oct 15. AMBIS meeting in Barwick Oct 13. Meterage rates to be reviewed early 2006 as well as revisions to tax sale fees as recommended in a report by the Clerk. A report from S Gate re the Bergland hall heat etc was reviewed as well the annual fire alarms inspection was completed. The Clerk will acknowledge receipt of a letter from Mr. L Moen re the last public meeting etc. Council reviewed the accessibility plan for the municipality with no changes identified. Drainage maintenance application was received but we have no projects needing fund for this year however the Lange Drain will need work, no one on the drain qualifies for the grant. MPAC has circulated updated assessment and the report was reviewed by Council residential up by average of 8.44%, farms 12.12% & commercial 3.74%.
- ADJOURN #05-116 SEPERS & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk