

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday March 3rd 2020 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: G Anderson, A Chojko-Bolec, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt was absent. EDO Gadjith Jinadasa introduced himself and gave a report on what he is expected to accomplish and other plans that could make a difference in our area as EDO officer and took input from council members. He also received Council approval to seek a consultant to update our website and there may be extra hosting fees once updated.
- MINUTES **#20-08 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, including the in camera session, held on January 7th 2020, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS **#20-09 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$136135.19 and \$129,127.22 representing disbursements for the months of January & February respectively be approved for payment. **MAYOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING. COUNCILLOR LUNDGREN TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THIS ITEM.**
- BY-LAW357 **#20-10 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that By-law No 357, being the Tax Ratio & Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW358 **#20-11 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED** that By-law No 358, being the 2020 Helipad Maintenance Funding Agreement By-law, be enacted.
- BILL156 **#20-12 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED** that Council supports the enactment of Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act 2019 as requested by the Rainy River Federation of Agriculture.
- HEALTH **#20-13 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that WHEREAS public health care consistently ranks as the top priority in public opinion polls, and; WHEREAS Public Health provides vital health promotion and prevention services based on the unique demographic and economic, social, and cultural needs of our communities, and; WHEREAS the evidence from hospital amalgamation in Ontario and across Canada is that they have cost billions of dollars and have not yielded the promised administrative savings but have taken money away from frontline care, and; WHEREAS there is no evidence to support the proposed closure of 25 out of 35 local Public Health Units, the closure of 12 of 22 local ambulance dispatch centres, and the closure of 49 out of 59 local ambulance services, and; WHEREAS there is a deep consensus among virtually all stakeholders that increasing acuity in our long-term care homes requires additional staff and resources, not cancellation of the two special funds and real dollar cuts to per diem funding of our long-term care homes, and; WHEREAS our local hospitals have been downsized for an entire generation and cannot meet population needs while sustaining real dollar cuts to hospital global budgets.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council of the Township of Lake of the Woods calls upon the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Units, land ambulance services, hospitals and long-term care homes.
- RAILWAY **#20-14 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED** that Council supports the resolution of the Town of Fort Frances regarding their concerns about the train derailments in the area.
- WAGES **#20-15 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED** that pursuant to our Human Resources Policies and the recently published CPI for Dec 2018 to Dec 2019 which shows a 2.1% increase, effective January 1st 2020 the wages and salaries be increased by 2.1%.

- NOMA **#20-16** LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that the following: Colleen Fadden & April Chojko-Bolec be authorized to attend the annual NOMA convention in Fort Frances April 29th to May 1st 2020.
- RRDFC **#20-17** GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that Council approves payment of the per capita levy from Rainy River Future Development Corporation for 2020 in the amount of \$1659.00. And further that the levy of .50 per capita for the Safe Communities Rainy River District be approved.
- OTHER The Rd Supt was absent due to illness, The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on the a draft agreement for the joint Economic Development Officer was reviewed & Council wants a clause restricting our financial obligation to the set amount, our 1st payment of OMPF was received, the 2019 CPI was reviewed, and our 2020 OCIF allocation is \$50,000. Tax arrears payments have slowed and a number of properties will have tax sale proceeded against starting in May. Mayor Fadden updated Council on the RRDSSAB budget and development of the community safety plan.
- ADJOURN **#20-18** GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

_____ Mayor

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