

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday July 7th 2020 at 7pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: G Anderson, A Chojko-Bolec, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt absent. Visitors: Tourism business owners, T Gill, J Amason, T Hacault, J Gaudry, M Saarela, the owners appeared before Council seeking relief for property taxes and garbage fees due to the Covid-19 complete shutdown of their businesses, a lengthy discussion was held on their request seeking assistance from the Township. The discussions ended at 7:55 p.m. See resolution 20-32 below for Council offer.

MINUTES #20-30 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on June 2nd 2020, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #20-31 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$163,564.92 and representing disbursements for the month of June be approved for payment. **MAYOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING. COUNCILLOR LUNDGREN TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THIS ITEM.**

RESORTS #20-32 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that due to the measures of the Federal and Provincial Governments to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus and the significant impact these measures have had on the tourism industry in Northwestern Ontario, Council will on a case by case basis defer taxes without interest on property taxes for those businesses in the tourism industry. The write off will be for one month to a maximum of twelve months. The write off will apply only to 2020 taxes and not any arrears. Council reserves the right to review this write off in the event that the Federal and/or Provincial Governments offer a financial assistance program of loans and/or grants that includes the tourism industry, after the date of the passing of this resolution. If taxes are not paid in full on July 31 2021 all interest will be charged back to the account.

BY-LAW 360 #20-33 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that By-law No 360, being the Flags and Proclamation Policy By-law, be enacted.

RRDMA #20-34 GATE & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that Council approves the Budget from RRDMA and their levy at .85 per capita.

RRLIRBRAY #20-35 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that Council authorizes a payment of funding for the Rainy River Public Library to a total of \$4830.00 including the provincial grant.

OTHER The Rd Supt was on vacation. Oscar Bay Beach needs tree trimming, debris removed from beach, Councillor Gate reported that the contractor was not able to renew the Bergland Cemetery sign and the township should look into replacement sign(s). The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on a draft flags & proclamation policy, EDO agreement still needs an amendment, RR Library request for funding, 2020 tax billing and collections as well as a report on cost to defer resort property taxes. Properties in Morson with recreation trailers that are left on the property over the summer are to be charged the garbage fees. Mayor Fadden reported on weekly meetings with NWHU & MPP G Rickford on the developments due to the virus.

ADJOURN #20-36 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk