

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday October 6th 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 Ed Pearson. Visitors Bruce & Barb Pentney seeking Council acceptance of the extension to Pentney Lane and the drainage ditch put in place to drain this roadway. Gajith Jinadasa the EDO updated Council on his last year's activities and he discussed his proposal for the youth grant program.

MINUTES #20-46 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on September 1st 2020, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #20-47 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$111,132.48 and representing disbursements for the month of September 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-LAW 363 #20-48 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that By-law No 363, being the Pentney Lane Extension By-law, be enacted.

FURNACE #20-49 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorize a new furnace for the Morson Fire Hall. M L Caron be hired to do the work with a quoted cost of \$6,942.13 including taxes.

YOUTH #20-50 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that Council agrees to provide up to \$500.00 to support the West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant. The project will give an opportunity for youth in the area to serve communities by supporting their own initiatives.

RESILIENT#20-51 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation under the Resilient Communities Fund. The project is to make the community more accessible and provide services more remotely. The application could be in cooperation with the Township of Dawson.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work to date and recommended to Council that we consider crushing gravel next year in our Morson Pit, Council wants a "No Parking on Dock" sign installed at the Gov't Dock, garbage cage are being cleaned however people are leaving meat packages outside the Vauthey Rd cage and this is attracting bears, the recently removed swing & slide are to be offered for sale on the website and face-book page. Council again discussed their frustration with no having a by-law enforcement officer to enforce local by-laws. Councillor Lundgren reported on a recent locum house meeting, mold continues to be a problem in the garage. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on the budget, 2021 WSIB rate will be \$\$2.85, 2021 OPP costing reducing from \$178,621 to \$171,366, payment from the Aggregate Resources Trusts of \$3949.62, the expected refund from NWHU of \$1192.09 due to a

delay in funding changes. Council reviewed the 2019 Building Permit report as compared to 2018. Lake of the Woods was again one of the first 15 municipalities to file their FIR and was awarded recognition of that by MMAH. Canada is putting the lake sturgeon on the Species at Risk List. A recent helipad inspection report was received and the grass has been removed around the pylons. The executed EDO agreement has been received. A communique from the Fire Marshall on fire staffing levels and safety was received. The Ombudsman annual report was received. Council was made aware of a second food distribution to occur soon in the Township with food from Second Harvest and distributed by Morson Community Bible Fellowship. Regulation change means we do not have to have an exercise in 2020 to comply for EMO purposes.

ADJOURN #20-52 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m. And the meetings move back to Bergland until further notice.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk