

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, was held on Tuesday September 7th 2021 at 7pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

**PRESENT** Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: G Anderson, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson.

**MINUTES #21-49** GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on July 6th 2021, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #21-50** GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$159,960.59 and \$152,712.07 and representing disbursements for the months of July and August 2021 be approved for payment. **MAYOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING. COUNCILLOR LUNDGREN TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THIS ITEM.**

**ROADS #21-51** LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that Council approves the installation of internet services at the Bergland Public Works building. The service is to be provided by Thunder Bay Telephone. And further that a brusher head be ordered for the backhoe.

**BY-LAW 371 #21-52** GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that By-law No 371, being the Oscar Bay Beach Capital Improvement Agreements By-law, be enacted.

**BENEFITS #21-53** GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorizes a change to have Victor provide all coverage for the group benefits rather than the present coverage by Sun Life and Chubb.

**J&J STORE #21-54** LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that pursuant to a request, Council grants J & J General Store permission to be open to sell liquor on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday. This is in addition to the previous permission granted in Resolution #21-22 of April 6<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**MDW #21-55** LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that due to Ontario Good Roads Association ceasing support for the MDW asset management software, Council authorizes a subscription of Marmak asset management software and its Balance program. Estimated annual cost is between \$1500 and \$2500.

**LIBRARY #21-56** GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that Council authorizes a payment of funding for the Rainy River Public Library to a total of \$4,927.00 including the provincial grant and which is a \$97.00 increase over 2020.

**LAS EPT #21-57** ANDERSON & GATE & CARRIED that Council not renew our subscription for the LAS EPT toolkit. Staff will use spreadsheets to capture the energy use for each of the township facilities.

DOCK RD #21-58 ANDERSON & GATE & CARRIED that Council refuse the request by D & D Davidson to purchase the end portion of the Old Dock Road. The municipality does not wish to dispose of this potential access to the lake.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including surface treatment on Carl's & Kreger Roads being completed, gravelling and calcium on Frenchman's Rock Rd, screening of pit run gravel was completed, the deer damage to the ½ ton was repaired, bumpers installed on floating docks at the Gov't Dock facility. The Rd Supt requested internet service at the garage and a brusher head to complete brush removal along trails at Oscar Bay Beach to allow social distancing etc. The fire hall well system was started and work on the seawall should commence before the end of the month. Council has been invited to a Picture This Campaign event on Sept 12 at RR Legion. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including a budget update, 1 tax sale file paid up, agreement for the ICIP project has been submitted, various proposals for group insurance coverage were considered, an updated list of future Federal Gas Tax was received, both halls will be used for the Federal Election on Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, Council authorized use of the Gov't Dock area for a local fish derby in Oct, direct deposits for payroll will be used for employees who are Alterna Savings customers, payments of \$163,200 OMPF & \$6,243.15 POA were received. Council also reviewed its policy on use of steel storage units and the Clerk was directed to prepare a by-law to remove the restrictions in our zoning by-laws, council requests that such units not be placed in the water side of the property and be located in the most inconspicuous location on lots.

ADJOURN #21-59 ANDERSON & GATE & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk