

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, was held on Tuesday October 5th 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. Visitors Tony Sepers & Gajith Jinadasa our ED Officer gave an update on recent activity by his office, various grants applied for, student ventures, a feasibility study on greenhouses and green energy projects. Most activities were in the support and promotion of tourism in the area. The green energy and greenhouse project were not feasible to proceed with. Mr. Sepers was requesting the opening of Bergland Hall to host a coffee club, the Mayor advised that right now with the Covid restrictions that was not possible however when the restrictions are lifted it would be possible for the coffee club to proceed.

A public meeting was held to consider changes to the zoning by-law to allow storage containers in all zones. The notice of the meeting was placed on our website and Facebook page, no public comments were received and the meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

**MINUTES #21-60 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on September 7th 2021, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #21-61 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$199,332.48 and representing disbursements for the month September 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.**

**BY-LAW372 #21-62 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that By-law No 372, being the Storage Container Rezoning By-law, be enacted.

**BY-LAW 373 #21-63 LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that By-law No 373, being the Electronic Payment Policy By-law, be enacted.

**AGREEMENT #21-64 ANDERSON & GATE & CARRIED** that the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign a confirmation of the amendments to the Covid stream TP as outlined in a letter from the Ministry of Infrastructure received October 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**SAFETY #21-65 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council endorse the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for the Rainy River District as prepared by RRDSSAB staff.

**CULVETS #21-66 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council receives the bi-annual culvert inspection report as prepared by TBT Engineering and dated September 16th 2021.

**MULCHER #21-67 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED** that Council authorizes the capital purchase of a grader mounted mulcher from Hitrac at an estimated cost including taxes of \$67,476.82, however if a group of townships purchase the mulchers together there could be a reduction in the price.

**OTHER** The Rd Supt reported on road work including the oil pan repair on the plow truck, the brusher head should arrive in November, work on the seawall should begin next week, work on the toilets at Carl's Rd continues, the purchase of a grader mounted mulcher was discussed, a "Yield" sign is to be placed on Fisher Rd at junction with Old Hwy, other signage to be removed. A sunken boat at the Gov't Dock is to be removed to the dump. The internet is to be installed at Bergland Council Chambers on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and this could make it possible to attend Council meeting remotely. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including a budget update, an amendment to the agreement for the ICIP project was signed, the 2022 OPP billing will reduce from \$171,366 to \$162,411, CSPT grant of \$612, a NWHU refund of \$713.00 and a payment of aggregate fees of \$3636.44 were received. A copy of the greenhouse feasibility study was received, the report indicated the proposal was not viable. New enrollment forms for our new group insurance provider have been executed and will be submitted. NDMNR&F circulated new signage and boundary marking requirements for quarry permits.

**ADJOURN #21-68 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. And the meetings be moved to Bergland until further notice.

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