

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, was held on Thursday February 3rd 2022 (meeting was postponed due to a winter storm) at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: G Anderson, A Chojko-Bolec (via Skype) N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt absent due to illness. Visitor Bruce Pentney attended as an observer only, however did ask what the Township knew about when the fiberoptic service would be available, we did not have any specific information that subject.
- MINUTES** **#22-12 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on January 4th 2022, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS** **#22-13 ANDERSON & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$126,613.40 and representing disbursements for the month of January 2022 be approved for payment.
- BY-LAW 375** **#22-14 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED** that By-law No 375, being the NORDS Agreement By-law, be enacted.
- DRAIN SUPT** **#22-15 ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council authorizes an application for drain maintenance/superintendent grants in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the fiscal year 2022/23.
- AUDIT** **#22-16 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council approves the audited draft Financial Statements for the year 2021.
- WAGES** **#22-17 LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that pursuant to our Human Resources Policies and the recently published CPI for Dec 2020 to Dec 2021, effective January 1st 2022 the wages and salaries be increased by 5.2%.
- RRFDC** **#22-18 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED** that Council approves payment of the per capita levy for Rainy River Future Development Corporation for 2022 in the amount of \$1575.00
- RESOLUTION** **#22-19 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council supports the resolution of NOMA requesting expansion of NOSM and Fort Frances & District Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee & Township of Chapple resolution outlining the doctor shortage in the area.
- OTHER** The Rd Supt was absent due to illness. The CBO submitted his resignation, an ad will be placed in the FF Times seeking a replacement. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including a budget update and Covid-19 funding expenditures listing, MOF advice that the education rates for 2022 are the same as 2021. OCIF payment of \$100,000 and OMPF payment of \$163,200 were received. The T4s, Gas Tax, Library report T2 return and OCIF reports, 2021 Drain Supt and Drain Maintenance and 2022 Drain Supt funding request have all been filed. The

Clerk-Treasurer has reduced the hours of works to offset the increase in wages. Council reviewed the user fees and recommended some increases. The Province of Ontario announced \$800,000 in funding to upgrade the Turtle Portage marine railway. Upgrades to the Pattullo tower for fire dispatch is necessary to provide digital relay services, each township would be responsible for about \$3000 plus cost to upgrade vehicle and hand-held radios, Council supports this investment. Council discussed a helipad for the Bergland area.

ADJOURN **#22-20** CHOJKO-BOLEC & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk