

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, was held on Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

**PRESENT** Mayor C Fadden, Councilors: A Chojko-Bolec, K Cottam, N Gate & W Lundgren.  
Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson.

**MINUTES #23-01 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED** that the minutes of the inaugural meeting of Council, held on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2022, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #23-02 CHOJKO-BOLEC & COTTAM & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$121,115.19 and representing disbursements for the month of December 2022, be approved for payment.

**INSURANCE #23-03 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED** that Council authorizes the renewal of insurance coverage from Marsh Canada Limited effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. There are no optional coverages to be added and the premium is \$32,232.32.

**RRDMA #23-04 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED** that the Council authorizes the Council members and Clerk-Treasurer to attend the annual Rainy River District Municipal Association meeting in Barwick January 14 2023 and further that a donation of \$100.00 be authorized for a coffee break at the conference.

**RESERVES #23-05 COTTAM & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED** that pursuant to the 2022 Budget, Council authorizes the following allocations: to the TCA Reserve \$97,500.00 and to the Gov't Dock Parking Lot Facility Reserve \$2,500.00.

**DRAINAGE #23-06 LUNDGREN & COTTAM & CARRIED** that Council authorizes an application for drainage superintendent grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the fiscal year 2023/24.

**OTHER** The Rd Supt reported on road work including many snow events to clear during the month and maintenance of equipment. The Clerk-Treasurer is working on a report on remuneration for area council members as requested. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various matters including the budget and potential surplus for 2022, the 2023 MPAC levy is \$26,998.40 which is reduced from \$27,283.36 in 2022, no action being taken on AMO membership, the 2023 OCIF allocation remains at \$100,000.00, the insurance renewal proposal with a 10.8% increase was received, the education tax rates remain the same as 2022. The Clerk-Treasurer resigned as secretary of the WRRFD due to non confidence of the committee Chair although he will continue to do the accounting at the pleasure of the committee. Preliminary information was provided on equipment costs for pickleball in Bergland hall. Councillors Cottam & Gate are working on re-establishing the recreation committee and a public meeting is being held Jan 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Bergland Hall seeking members for the committee and to develop plans for events for the upcoming year, the Clerk-Treasurer will post a notice of the meeting on our Facebook page. A letter from M Murray and a text from J Gaudry to the Mayor regarding our decision to not participate in the next EDO project were discussed. Council said that they will stand by their previous decision.

ADJOURN #23-07 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:13 p.m. And the next meeting will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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