

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, was held on Tuesday April 4th 2023 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councilors: A Chojko-Bolec, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson. Visitors: from Bergland Recreation J Krahn, M Hanson & M Saarela, the members were seeking clarification on hall rental policies, fees, purpose of the committee, requirements for members of the committee, disposal/removal of old wooden chairs from the Bergland Hall, use of the upstairs of the observation portion of the hall. Some appointed committee members wish to be removed from the committee. Council requested an updated list of members for next Council meeting.

MINUTES #23-18 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that the minutes of the inaugural meeting of Council, held on March 7th 2023, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #23-19 GATE & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$148,933.80 and representing disbursements for the month March, be approved for payment.

VOGAN #23-20 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer are authorized to sign documents that are necessary to transfer the roadway to the municipality in connection with consent application 46B2201 V Vogan. The roadway is further described as Part 3 on Plan 48R4652 and being part of Lot 9 Con 6 Morson. And further that pursuant to By-law 382 the condition regarding 5% parkland tax be rescinded.

LABOURER #23-21 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorize an ad for a labourer for grass cutting at all township locations, the operator to provide a vehicle to transport the equipment. And further that Council seek a person to book the halls and do janitor work for the halls.

PROPOSALS #23-22 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council reject the bids for Proposals 23-4602, 23-4603 and 23-4604.

BY-LAW 384 #23-23 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that the By-Law No 384, being the Council Remuneration By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 385 #23-24 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law No 385 being the 2023 Helipad Maintenance By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 386 #23-25 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law 386 being the Garbage Collection Agreement By-law, be enacted.

TAX SALE #23-26 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that Council support the resolution of the Corporation of the Town of Essex requesting the province to reinstate legislation permitting municipalities to retain surplus proceeds from Tax Sales.

J&J #23-27 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & **DEFEATED** that pursuant to the request from J&J General Store, Council grant permission to allow the Liquor Convenience Outlet to be open Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including the present snow event for today and tomorrow. Grader repairs recently undertaken on the computer are related items, prices for riding lawn mowers were received should Council decide to seek a labourer for grass cutting rather than accepting proposals for a contractor. The rink lights are replaced and working well. Council reviewed and updated the user fees and the Clerk-Treasurer will bring forth a by-law to adopt the updated user fees, this includes no charge for recreation committee sponsored events, the Clerk-Treasurer will circulate to the committee various polices and procedures including AODA requirements for committee members. The Clerk-Treasurer present a report on council remuneration and a report on the recreation committee surplus position. No fire meeting has been called and Mayor Fadden will contact Rainy River Mayor to seek a solution to the impasse on the fire committee. The Locum House tenders have not been sent out by Rainy River, the annual repayment limit of \$191,654 was received and a letter confirming our eligibility for MDRAP funding for flood damages was received, 90% of the grant for the Oscar Bay erosion control wall has been received. The annual library report has been filed. Community members are attempting to get pickle ball established, Councillor Cottam will attend the NOMA convention. The Recreation Committee is to make recommendations for repairs to the skating rink boards. Kim Hannam sent a letter of inquiry as to the possible purchase of Budreau Road, Council is to consider the request. Documents were executed to complete the road transfer and issue a certificate for the V Vogan consent application 46B2201.

ADJOURN #23-28 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk