

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, was held on Tuesday March 7th 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. Visitors: Ken Kemp and Bruce Pentney. Mr. Kemp appeared before Council seeking to purchase Part 2 Plan RR240 a narrow access to the Little Grassy River Lot 6 Con 4 McCrosson, Council advised they will take the matter under advisement.
- MINUTES #23-08 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED** that the minutes of the inaugural meeting of Council, held on January 3rd 2023, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS #23-09 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amounts of \$137,211.32 and \$73,790.40 and representing disbursements for the months of January & February, respectively, be approved for payment.
- RINK #23-10 COTTAM & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED** that Council authorizes replacement of rink lights with 6 new LED lights per quote from M L Caron Electric Ltd.
- BY-LAW 382 #23-11 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the By-Law No 382, being the 2023 Parkland Tax Valuation Policy By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW 383 #23-12 COTTAM & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED** that By-law No 383 being the Tax Ratio & Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.
- WAGES #23-13 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED** that due to a 6.3% increase in the CPI for December 2021 to December 2022 Council authorizes the suspension of the 4% cap on CPI increase in our Compensation & Benefits Policy HR 24.0 for the year 2023 and effective January 12st 2023 wages and salaries be increased by 6.3%.
- REC CMT #23-14 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED** that the following be appointed to the Recreation Committee: Kaitlyn Cottam, Nancy Gate, Hillary Hansen Nordberg, Marilyn Hansen, Dana Gate, Meagan & Andrew Saarela, Tony Sepers, Gerald & Janet Fisk, Jessie Krahn, Michelle Nording, Jennifer Luchenski, Tanya Daoust and Megan Jewett.
- LOCUM #23-15 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED** that Council agrees that the necessary repairs to the Locum House should proceed to tenders. Council further agrees to share in these costs with ½ of the repair cost coming from reserve funds and Lake of the Woods will pay up to 1/3 of the remaining balance. Authorization is given to our representative to authorize acceptance of prices on the repairs as long as the costs are in line with the estimate. And further that a letter be sent to our two neighbouring First Nations to invite their participation in the funding of the repairs.
- GARBAGE #23-16 LUNDGREN & COTTAM & CARRIED** that Council accepts the proposal from Miller Contracting for garbage pickup as contained in the request for proposals

23-4601, this being the only proposal received. Council authorizes weekly pickups in the winter rather than only once every two weeks.

OTHER

The Rd Supt reported on road work including many snow events to clear during the month and maintenance of equipment, presented a proposal to repair or replace the rink lights, will check into costs to replace the lights on Gov't Dock, the plow truck may need injector repairs. The Clerk-Treasurer present a report on remuneration for area council members as requested and authorized a by-law to be presented with the changes. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various matters including the 2022 budget and ending surplus, the pickleball equipment has arrived, payment of OCIF \$100,000.00 was received as well as OMPF payment of \$164,175, the overpayment of 2022 POA has been returned, OPP revenue will be \$500.56 and Prisoner Transportation will be \$586. The sharing ratio for business taxes for 2023 is 80.761% public and 19.239% separate. Council is reviewing options for grass mowing as only one proposal received for each of the Requests for Proposals 23-46002, 23-04603 and 23-4604. Mayor Fadden reported on a recent meeting with MPP Richford and the announcement that a judge will be appointed for Fort Frances. Councillor Cottam reported on volunteers for the Rec Committee, discussions on rental costs for the hall on occasions when either the committee or and individual requested the hall, J Sinninghe was working on an estimate of cost to repair/replace the rink boards. Rental fees for the halls need review.

ADJOURN #23-17 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

_____ Mayor

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