

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council which was held on Tuesday October 3rd 2023 at 7pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: A Chojko-Bolec, K Cottam, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson. Visitors: Alison Cox & Bev Langner Riverside Health Care Foundation, Nico Church & Evan Saunders from Fotenn, Bruce Pentney and Ken Kemp.

Riverside Foundation gave a presentation on the requirement for funding to purchase ultrasound equipment for the Rainy River Hospital and they were requesting \$5000.00 in funding from the Township.

Nico & Evan are working on our updated Official Plan and Zoning By-law and they gave an overview on the process the input and consultation that will occur during the project.

Ken Kemp appeared before council seeking clarification on the need for a building permit even though his house is on Crown land, it was confirmed that he did require a building permit and had to comply with zoning requirements.

MINUTES #23-77 CHOJKO-BOLEC & COTTAM & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on September 5th 2023, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #23-78 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$315,357.97 and representing disbursements for the month September, be approved for payment.

GARAGE #23-79 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED that Council accepts the proposal from Graig Lundgren for the request for proposals 23-01 public works garage bay addition. This being the lowest of three proposals received. **COUNCILLOR LUNDGREN DECLARED** as conflict as the contractor is his son.

BY-LAW 391 #23-80 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED that By-law 391, being the West Rainy River District Fire Services Agreement By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 392 #23-81 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that By-law No 392, being the West Rainy River District Fire Services Establishing Amendment By-law, be enacted.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including grading, preparation for winter plowing, safeties on the plow truck. A concern was received regarding work and soil removal at the Bergland Cemetery. Council reviewed the concern and confirmed that the operations although not idea were within the normal operating procedures of the cemetery. The water samples from the halls came back clear. The Clerk-Treasurer noted the next fire board meeting will be held on November 21st and amendments have been submitted for a new agreement and update on the establishing by-law, OPP Security check revenue is \$434 however due to centralization of the service there will not be revenue sharing of future fees. The library Pay Equity report was filed, still awaiting official word on our Trillium funding request for the skating rink renovations. Our broker is working on insurance renewal for January 1st. 2024 OPP

costs will reduce from \$150,407 to \$149,941. A budget update was provided to Council. Recreation committee minutes were received. Council is concerned about delays in the repairs to the Locum House and the Clerk-Treasurer is to ask the Town of Rainy River for an update and urge the quick undertaking of the repairs.

ADJOURN #23-82 GATE & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m. And the meeting be moved back to Bergland until further notice.

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