

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, which was held on Tuesday March 4th 2025 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor Colleen Fadden, Councillors: A Chojko-Bolec, K Cottam, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson. Visitors: Chief Debbie Lipscombe, Geoff Gillon, Kenneth & Karen Kemp. Chief Debbie gave a report on the history and purpose of the Dibaajimowin project. The internet provision project for Treaty 3 First Nation and some surrounding municipalities. The project helps improve health care services as well as connectivity to remote communities. The project is to be completed by the end of 2025 and will provide internet service to a portion of the Township. The Kemp's thanked the community for the fire service provided during a recent house fire that destroyed their home. They also had some operational questions for the department and Council will address these at the next Fire Board meeting. They are interested in purchasing a small piece of municipal property next to their home and Council will look at the matter during the upcoming road patrol.

MINUTES #25-10 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on January 7th 2025, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #25-11 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$151,945.31 and \$130,757.21 and representing disbursements for the months of January and February respectively be approved for payment.

BY-LAW400 #25-12 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED that pursuant to the By-law No 400, being the Lots 21 & 22 Plan SM283 Deregistration By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 401 #25-13 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED that By-law No 401, being the 2025 PSAP Services Agreement By-law, be enacted.

CULVERTS#25-14 CHOJKO-BOLEC & COTTAM & CARRIED that Council accepts the proposal from Structura Engineering Inc to prepare the bi-annual culvert inspection report.

OPP BRD #25-15 COTTAM & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council receives the proposed 2025 budget for the Rainy River District West OPP Detachment Board. Our share of the cost being \$695.89.

CPI #25-16 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that pursuant to our Human Resources Policies and the recently published CPI for Dec 2023 to Dec 2024, effective January 1st 2025 the wages and salaries be increased by 2.65%.

OTHER Councillor Lundgren declared a conflict when Council discussed a proposal by his son and daughter-in-law to acquire some municipal property in order to add it to their holdings and create a number of residential lots, Council is open to an offer to purchase for the said property. The Rd Supt reported on road work including plowing

operation, he was directed to obtain quotes for replacement of the 1-ton. The railing on the stage stairs was installed. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on property taxes outstanding balances, the NORDS & OCIF road projects, the annual Building Permit Fees report was circulated. We are still awaiting a cost for the bulletin board. OMPF payment of \$177,050 was received. Council wishes to look into a roof over the skating rink. Funds were received from the coffee club for recreation use. The monthly CBO report was received. Councillor Lundgren reported on recent Locum House meeting and Councillor Cottam reported on some developments in health care provision in Rainy River.

ADJOURN **#25-17** COTTAM & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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