

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, which was held on Tuesday May 6th 2025 at 7pm in the Morson 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 OPP: J Schmidt, Bd Member L Kempf, LOW Recreation M Hanson, J Luchenski & M Brown, B Pentney.

OPP J Schmidt gave an overview of the 2024 stats report for the Township and took questions from Council on various matters related to policing in the Township, Council had a few issues that were expressed and requested action on some items. Members of the Recreation Committee requested the post holes around the rink be filled, and were seeking authority to have the stage area and cloth chairs cleaned and asked about a dishwasher for the Bergland Hall. Council asked that they arrange to have the cleaning completed and bill submitted. They also asked for a baby change table in the washroom.

**MINUTES #25-24 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on April 1st 2025, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #25-25 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$97,619.53 and representing disbursements for the month of April be approved for payment. And further that the disbursements amount for March be reduced to \$96,482.19.

**PROPERTY #25-26 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED** that pursuant to an offer from Craig and Terri Anne Lundgre, Council agrees to sell a portion of land, between Lakewood Dr and Plan RR-92. The land is being acquired in order for the development of residential lots that will front on Lakewood Dr. The proponents are responsible for all costs associated with survey and legal fees. The sale price for the land is \$2000.00. **Councillor Lundgren declared an interest as his son is one of the proponents.**

**OTHER** The Rd Supt reported on road work spring road grading, the annual road patrol was completed, we received 2 proposals for roadside cutting (**Councillor Cottam declared an interest as her spouse has submitted one of the proposals**) the Rd Supt is to get more information from that proposal in order to provide advice to Council. The water tests for both halls came back clear. The plow truck turbo has been repaired. A Paul Allen will do some brushing along surface treated roads. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the next fire board meeting, property taxes outstanding balances, the education tax sharing ratio, preparation for the 2025 tax sale, OMPF payment of \$177,500 was received, the proposed fire board budget was circulated as well as the RR District Community Safety & Wellness Report. Council discussed some preliminary figures for the 2025 budget will be finalized at the June meeting with no increase in the tax rate. MTO has advised that the finger boards to indicate Bergland Hall cannot be approved as the signs are normally for private drive and cannot be used for direction down a provincial highway. The monthly CBO report

was received. The Clerk-Treasurer advised of retirement in 2027, a search for internship grants will begin and then a search will be undertaken to seek a candidate for the position of Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer forwarded a fact sheet to the proponent of a columbarium for the Morson cemetery. Councillor Cottam reported on the recent NOMA convention. Quarterly meeting of RRDMA is on May 21<sup>st</sup> in Lavallee.

ADJOURN **#25-27** LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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