

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, which was held on Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

**PRESENT** Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: K Cottam, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Absent

**IN CAMERA #26-01 LUNDGREN & COTTAM & CARRIED** that Council go in camera to discuss individuals that have indicated their willingness to serve as a council member to replace April Chojko-Bolec. The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7:20 p.m.

**MINUTES #26-02 COTTAM & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on December 2nd 2025, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #26-03 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$153,492.36 and representing disbursements for the month of December be approved for payment.  
**COUNCILLOR Cottam** declared an interest as her spouse received a payment as a fire fighter.

**BY-LAW 409 #26-04 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED** that By-law No 409, being the 2026 Council Appointment By-law, be enacted.

**BY-LAW 410 #26-05 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED** that By-law No 410 being the Tax Ratio & Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.

**RESERVES #26-06 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council authorizes the transfer to reserves of \$130,000.00 per 2025 budget.

**CBO #26-07 COTTAM & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council agrees to share the cost of the CBO cell phone cost for US coverage.

**BENEFITS #26-08 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED** that effective February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, Council authorizes renewal of the group insurance coverage from Victor Insurance Managers Inc at the monthly rate of \$1,794.47 plus taxes as compared to \$1,787.61 per month. These premiums are based on individual employee's cost and are shared with the Township of Dawson.

**OTHER** Council considered the applicants for the Council, see By-law 409. The Rd Supt was absent. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the next fire board meeting, property taxes outstanding balances, MMAH has provided comments on our draft Official Plan, acknowledgement of our application for EMO compliance was received, MPAC levy increasing from \$27,857.37 to \$28,592.60, OPP revenues of \$133.25 and \$520.00 were received. 2026 Education rates remain the same as 2025, there was an interim audit in December and the full audit will be completed in January, Council discussed amendments to the pay rates for casual employees, the janitor is resigning and we will

seek individuals interested in filling the position, Council does not wish to proceed with participation in a joint By-law enforcement officer at this time, the new recycling service for our area still in the operational review stage.

ADJOURN **#26-09** GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m. And the next meeting be on March 3, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_Mayor

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