

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, which was held on Tuesday March 10th 2026 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: K Cottam, N Gate, W Lundgren and B Pentney. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson. Visitor Barb Pentney

Councillor B Pentney was administered the oath of Office and sworn in to replace April Chojko-Bolec.

MINUTES #26-10 GATE & PENTNEY & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting and the in-camera session of Council, held on January 6th 2026, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #26-11 LUNDGREN & PENTNEY & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$140,593.36 and \$144,725.94 and representing disbursements for the months of January be approved for payment.

BY-LAW 411 #26-12 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED that By-law No 411, being the 2026 Helipad Maintenance Funding Agreement By-law, be enacted.

AIRPORT #26-13 PENTNEY & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council endorses the resolution of the Town of Fort Frances requesting the Province of Ontario to establish an Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program to provide dedicated annual funding for small and regional airports.

FINANCIALS #26-14 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED that Council approves the audited Financial Statements for the year 2025. And further that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the statements.

JANITOR #26-15 GATE & PENTNEY & CARRIED that Council accepts the resignation of Sheila Gate as recreation hall janitor. And further that Mary Neil be appointed to the recreation hall janitor position effective this date.

LANDFILLS #26-16 LUNDGREN & PENTNEY & CARRIED that Council authorizes the engagement of TBT Engineering to conduct a report on closure costs and life expectancy for Bergland and Morson landfill sites

WAGES #26-17 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED that pursuant to our Human Resources Policies and the recently published CPI for Dec 2024 to Dec 2025, effective January 1st 2026 the wages and salaries be increased by 1.89% and also to reflect the changes as previously authorized by Council.

DONATION #26-18 GATE & PENTNEY & CARRIED that Council authorizes the following donation(s): RR Recreation \$1,000.00 for their ice plant project and RR High School Chem-Free \$150.00.

OTHER

The Rd Supt reported on winter road maintenance and repairs to the pressure washer and replacement of thermostats in the public works garage. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the next fire board meeting, property taxes outstanding balances and 25 notices being sent for tax sale, the Mayor & Clerk-Treasurer will attend a drainage course in Fort Frances May 13th, an OMPF payment of \$196,350 was received as well as OPP revenues of \$119.02 Ontario Aboriginal Housing is taking MPAC and municipalities to court to have property taxes made exempt on their properties, Lake of the Woods has 3 of their housing properties, many municipalities are also defending the court case Council will not hire a lawyer at this time for the issue. The Clerk-Treasurer had a virtual meeting with Circular Materials as they move towards a recycle program in the municipality with dumpsters being located in our two landfill sites. Council received 2 applications for the contract janitor position. Council reviewed appeals for funding from Emo-LaVallee Recreation RR Recreation, Riverside Health Care Facilities and RR High School Chem free. The annual library grant has been filed. The owner of 40 Otilie Rd has circulated for comments their application to MNR for dredging in Hanson Bay.

ADJOURN #26-19 LUNDGREN & PENTENY & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk