

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, which was held on Tuesday May 5th 2026 at 7pm in the Morson 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, OPP Inspector Jim Mills and Sargent D McLean gave an overview of the 2025 policing statistics and answered various question of Council. Council discussed the increasing problem of fisherpersons parking on Hwy 621 at Gov't Dock and requested patrols and possible enforcement of any infractions.
- MINUTES #26-25 LUNDGREN & PENTNEY & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on April 7th 2026, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS #26-26 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$95,775.26 and representing disbursements for the month of April be approved for payment.
- RDSIDES #26-27 PENTNEY & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council accepts the proposal for roadside cutting from Clint Byers, being the lower of two proposals received. **Councillor Cottam** declared an interest as this contractor is her spouse.
- INTERN #26-28 GATE & PENTNEY & CARRIED** that Council accepts the recommendation for the hiring of a candidate for the intern for Clerk-Treasurer with the position scheduled to start June 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 and for a minimum of one year. Once the intern period is completed the candidate will be offered the permanent Clerk-Treasurer position.
- BY-LAW 412 #26-29 COTTAM & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that By-law 412 being the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy adoption By-law be enacted.
- CARL'S RD #26-30 PENTNEY & COTTAM & CARRIED** that Council authorizes renewal of Land Use Permit for Carl's Road Boat Launch for the term commencing July 1 2026.
- OCIF #26-31 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED** that Council supports the following resolution: Municipality of Wawa requesting the province to continue the OCIF funding beyond the year 2026.
- OTHER** The Rd Supt reported on spring road work and confirming the road patrol for 8am May 9<sup>th</sup> arrangements to was both Bergland and Morson hall floors. Concrete barriers for the Gov't Dock parking area are to be installed shortly. Mayor Fadden and the Clerk-Treasurer reported on the interviews of 3 of the 8 applicants and recommendation of a candidate for the position. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the next fire board meeting, property taxes outstanding balances and the few responses to the 25 notices for tax sale that we recently sent out, an OMPF payment of \$196350 was received as well as notice of the OPP household count of 710 for 2027 billing

purposes. MMAH 2026 Annual Repayment Limit was received as proposed regulation under the Planning Act respecting complete application requirements. Ministry of Education allocation of business taxes for 2026 was received. Regulations under the Geologic Carbon Storage Act 2025 were enacted. A NOHFC grant for a generator system for Bergland Hall (emergency evacuation center) was turned down. The recreation committee is holding monthly card night. Community Wildland Fire Protection grants now available. RRDMA meeting in Rainy River May 20 at 7p.m. Council continues to consider how to resolve the parking issue at Gov't Dock area, including a possible gate and payment system and possible extension of the parking area. The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a draft budget and seeks input from Council which could include a smaller generator for Bergland Hall, Bergland Hall kitchen renovations. Buena Vista is proposing to construct a central garbage collection facility on their property. A potential sign to note the significance of the 49<sup>th</sup> was discussed and will be presented to the province as BC has such a sign noting the Canadian US border from Lake of the Woods to Vancouver. A potential rezoning application could be considered at the next meeting, once the processing fee is received. The 2026 budget will be finalized at the next meeting. Annual Ombudsman report was received. Grassy Narrows Lodge is holding a Women's Week fishing event August 1 -6 2026.

ADJOURN #26-32 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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