

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, which was held on Tuesday July 7th 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, Intern D Swire, Rd Supt absent, Jeff Patterson labourer gave a road report. Visitor Barb Pentney, Margitta Patterson & Hannah McLeod.

MINUTES **#26-39** LUNDGREN & PENTNEY & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on June 2 2026, the minutes of the special meeting of council and the public meeting of June 23, 2026, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS **#26-40** GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$146,403.04 and representing disbursements for the month of June be approved for payment.

VIRTUAL **#26-41** PENTNEY & COTTAM & **DEFEATED** that staff be instructed to prepare a by-law amendment for our Procedural By-law to authorize Council members to attend council meetings virtually.

BYOB **#26-42** PENTNEY & GATE & **DEFEATED** that staff be instructed to prepare a by-law to allow for “BYOB” events, subject to certain conditions, within the municipality.

BY-LAW 415 **#26-43** COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED that By-law 415, being the Miscellaneous User Fees By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 416 **#26-44** LUNDGREN & COTTAM & CARRIED that By-law 416 being the 2026 Circular Materials Depot Operations Agreement By-law be enacted.

BY-LAW 417 **#26-45** PENTNEY & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law 417 being the 2026 CACC Fire Dispatch Agreement By-law be enacted.

POLICE **#26-46** COTTAM & PENTNEY & CARRIED that Council endorses the resolution of the Townshi of McGarry requesting the Province of Ontario to establish a Northern Ontario Policing Grant.

OTHER Jeff Patterson reported on road work, replacement of the 3 culverts in Birch Rd, as well a culvert on the 49th Parallel Rd was replaced, the dumps have been pushed, surface treatment to be applied to Gate, Helder, Gerben & Moosebay Roads, a ratepayer on Moosebay Rd concerned about the dust from the roadway, and this should be dealt with once the surface treatment is applied, mowing operations are underway and some brushing will be undertaken on various roads. Due to a significant wind event on July 6th many trees were down, power was out and some structure damage including trees down on homes and recreation vehicles, no emergency being declared however Big Grassy First Nation declared an emergency in

Assabaska Park. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the next fire board meeting, property taxes outstanding balances, six tax sales were started. We are awaiting an alternate quote on a generator backup system for Bergland Hall, as well we are awaiting a design and cost for a ticketing system for the Gov't dock parking. The Clerk-Treasurer is to submit a service agreement to Stratton Equipment we received an update on our share of the OMEX reciprocal insurance program. Councillor Pentney had requested Council to consider a policy on virtual meeting attendance for an extended time period(s), some council members were willing to have a policy to allow for exceptional circumstances but not to cover an extended time frame. The deliberator unit from Morson hall is missing and Bergland one needs a new battery.

ADJOURN **#26-47** COTTAM & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk