

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, which was held on Tuesday September 1, 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 Jeffery Patterson, and E Pearson (retiring Rd Supt). Mayor Fadden thanked Ed Pearson for his 25 years of service and presented him with a retirement gift on behalf of council and rate payers.

MINOR VARARIANCES The Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview first for the Hannam minor variance and once that was dealt with an overview of the Lehman minor variance application including a response from the Lake of the Woods Control Board with regards to compliance with the high-water mark elevation set back requirements.

MINUTES **#26-56 LUNDGREN & PENTNEY & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on August 4 2026, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS **#26-57 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$206,770.88 and representing disbursements for the month of August be approved for payment.

BY-LAW 419 **#26-58 COTTAM & LUNNDGREN & CARRIED** that By-law No 419, being the Rich & Lori Lehman Minor Variance By-law, be enacted. **RECORDED VOTE** for YEA: COTTAM, FADDEN, GATE, LUNDGREN. NAY: PENTNEY.

BY-LAW 420 **#26-59 PENTNEY & COTTAM & CARRIED** that By-law 420, being the 2026 Road Superintendent Appointment by-law, be enacted.

FURNACE **#26-60 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that due to the lapsing of the ten-year inspection of the fuel oil tank, council authorizes changing the heating system for Morson hall to propane. And further that we request proposals for the replacement of said furnace.

PROPANE **#26-61 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED** that pursuant to quotes received for the supply of propane, council authorizes switching the supplier to Sarjeant Propane. Councillor PENTNEY declared an interest as his brother-in-law works for Sarjeant Propane.

AED **#26-62 PENTNEY & GATE & CARRIED** that pursuant to the quote received from Rescue 7, Council authorizes the purchase of one ZOL AED defibrillator and two ZOL AED Plus batteries.

KIDS **#26-63 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED** that Council authorizes a donation of \$100.00 in support of the Rainy River Recreation Kid's Mini Fishing Derby.

OTHER Pursuant to the recommendation of the interview committee, Council appointed

Jeffery Patterson as Road Superintendent. The Road Superintendent reported on road work including mowing of Old Highway, gravelling preparation for surface treatment on Gate & Helder Rd W, brushing on Gerben & Helder Rd, replacement of culvert at Gov't dock, repainting of stone cemetery sign at Morson Cemetery, removal of beaver dams, grinding down rock in roadways, and replacement of mower at the Morson Dump. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the next fire meeting, outstanding tax amount, notification of Washagamis Bay First Nation Gardening Island Land Claim, OPP 2027 levies being capped at an 11% increase, need to replace oil tank at Morson Hall, recognition of Clerk-Treasurer's 45 years as a member of AMCTO. Municipal election results, all present members of council acclaimed to office. NWHU requires a updated water test for the Community Halls. Arrangements have been made for shredding of documents pursuant to document retention by-law. Council discussed interest in applying for a Community Emergency Preparedness Grant for a generator for Bergland Hall (the Emergency Reception Centre). Councillor PENTNEY provided a report on the Morson Hall and Firehall updates to bring propane services into compliance and other maintenance. Council discussed rate-payer inquiry regarding multiple RVs on residential lots and are awaiting further information from our consultant on the matter. Council received a thank you note from RRHS Chem-Free grads for their donation.

ADJOURN **#26-64** LUNDGREN &PENTNEY & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

_____Mayor

_____Clerk