

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday January 4th 2023 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

PRESENT Mayor D Hartnell. Councillors: B Langner, C Larocque & B Sands. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin.

MINUTES #23-01 LANGNER & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held December 7th 2022, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #23-02 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$128,207.01 and representing disbursements for the month December 2022, be approved for payment.

RRDMA #23-03 SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED that Council authorize the Council members and the Clerk-Treasurer to attend the annual Rainy River District Municipal Association meeting in Barwick, January 14 2023 and further that a donation of \$100.00 be authorized for a coffee break at the conference.

DRAIN SUPT #23-04 LANGNER & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that Council authorizes an application for drain superintendent grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including ploughing and scraping operations. A total of 7 applications were received for the full-time roads position and Mayor designated Councillors Larocque & Sands as well as the Clerk-Treasurer as an interview committee and make a recommendation to Council on which candidate to offer the position. Councillor Langner reported the RRDSSA will hold orientation meetings the week of Jan 17. A letter was received & discussed from Melanie Murray regarding Council decision on EDO project, the Clerk-Treasurer is to send a letter of response. Council will increase the meterage rate to .55 cent/km. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various matters including the budget and potential surplus/deficit for 2022, the 2023 MPAC levy is \$20,510.62 which is reduced from \$20,706.31 in 2022, no action being taken on AMO membership, the 2023 OCIF allocation remains at \$100,000.00, the education tax rates remain the same as 2022. Reports on the tax sale fees collected a summary of area council remuneration and the allocation of 2022 drain maintenance costs were circulated to Council. The Clerk-Treasurer resigned as secretary of the WRRFD due to non confidence of the committee Chair although he will continue to do the accounting at the pleasure of the committee. Adam Rose will be engineer on the Rempel Drain report and MNRF advised that they will not be requests any reports for the project. The annual audit is scheduled for the week of Jan 16th.

ADJOURN #23-05 SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk