

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday August 2nd 2017 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor B Langner. Councillors: D Drennan, B Jodoin and V Murray. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin.

34B1701 A public meeting was held to review and discuss a proposed consent to sever a piece of land by Doug & Sandra Hartnell. The Clerk-Treasurer reviewed the file along with the circulation of notices and any comments that had been received. No members of the public offered any comments on the proposal.

CONSENT **17-66 JODOIN & MURRAY & CARRIED** that Council grant provisional approval to consent application 34B1701 D & S Hartnell subject to the attached 5 conditions. This portion of the meeting was closed at 7:18 pm.

MINUTES **#17-67 MURRAY & DRENNAN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held July 5th 2017, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS **#17-68 MURRAY & DRENNAN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$114,777.01 which representing disbursements for the month of July, be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR JODOIN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE PERFORMED CONTRACT WORK FOR THE MUNICIPALITY.**

MOWERS **#17-69 MURRAY & DRENNAN & CARRIED** that Council accepts the bid from Dorothy Anderson in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the sale of the JD425 lawn mower and the bid from Corrie Wiersema in the amount of \$276.00 for the sale of the GT275 lawn mower, both on an "AS IS WHERE IS" basis.

BY-LAW 393 **#17-70 JODOIN & MURRAY & CARRIED** that By-law No 393 being the Emergency Management Program By-law, be enacted.

TILE DRAIN **#17-71 MURRAY & JODOIN & CARRIED** that Council deny the Tile Drainage Loan application by Philip Krahn. The application being received after the completion of the work.

FORESTRY**#17-72 MURRAY & JODOIN & CARRIED** that with Respect to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) planning to post a draft Species at Risk (SAR) Guide to the Environmental Registry for 28 species; AND the MNR has failed to consult and work with affected stakeholders and forestry dependent communities on the development of the draft SAR guide; AND THAT municipal leaders have consistently requested the MNR complete and share with municipality's socio-economic impact analysis on all policy impacting forestry; AND THAT MNR has conducted analysis for one prescription, caribou, and the analysis clearly demonstrates that mills will close; AND THAT there has been no analysis of the cumulative socio-economic impact of all SAR rules contained within the guide (prescriptions) of multiple species; AND THAT Ontario has world-class legislation, the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA), which provides balanced and sustainable forest management; AND THAT the Endangered Species Act's (ESA) mandate of the protection and recovery of individual species at risk conflicts

with the multi-species and multi-value approach of the CFSA, threatening forest sustainability; AND THAT the government in 2007 committed to realizing CFSA equivalency to the ESA, acknowledging that the under the CFSA, the forest sector must implement SAR rules (prescriptions); AND THAT even under a Section 55 Rules in Regulation “exemption”, the forest sector must implement SAR rules (prescription); AND THAT if the government continues to implement flawed ESA policy, mills will close, jobs will be lost, and forestry dependent communities will be decimated; AND THAT the *Township of Dawson* in support of its hardworking citizens and the renewable forest sector, is prepared to work with government to avoid the unintended consequences of this ESA policy; We recommend that the Township of Dawson calls upon the Government of Ontario to permanently delay the posting of the made-in-Ontario Species at Risk (SAR) Guide which contains prescriptions (rules) for 28 species by 2 years; AND THAT with respect to caribou, the Government of Ontario immediately modify Ontario’s proposed caribou prescription by moving the caribou range north to reflect animal collaring data, moving away from the national 35% disturbance threshold, and acknowledging that other factors are threatening caribou recruitment and survival; AND THAT the Government of Ontario support its forest sector and the 175,000 hardworking men and women, directly and indirectly, who live in communities in every region of the province by asking the Government of Canada to postpone the October 5, 2017 deadline for completing plans and acknowledging recovery could require timeframes in excess of 50 to 100 years, AND THAT the Government of Ontario leave no worker, region or family behind by ensuring provincial policy supports at a minimum, current forestry operations and does not reduce the forest sector and its employment to a seasonal activity, AND THAT the Government of Ontario extend the current Section 55 Regulation (exemption), which currently expires on June 30, 2018, for another 5 years recognizing that the CFSA ensure that all forest management in Ontario provides for all 3 pillars of sustainable development – economic, social and environment. AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to Council for ratification.

OTHER The Rd Supt/Fire Chief gave his verbal report with work on gravelling operations as well as the contractor’s completed roadside cutting. He needs to brush various location and will place calcium on a few roads and equipment repairs were completed. One fire occurred in Rainy River last month the Roadside Restaurant. Both our lawn mowers were advertised for sale and see #17-69 above. A contractor requested to place timber culverts materials next year in Blue landfill the Clerk-Treasurer & Rd Supt advised that we are not taking any more of this type of material as MOE advises we do not have to. The Fire Committee meeting was held in Bergland. A letter of concern about drainage charges was received from George Johnson, the Clerk-Treasurer had advised Mr. Johnson and Council that we must bill according to the latest engineer report. A copy of the Centra Transmission Emergency Management Program was received for information. A locum house meeting was held with updates on the project. The CBO monthly report was received. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including sale of 2 Tax Sale properties, OMPF payment, completion of sale of 13 riverfront properties,

discussions with J Kuntze drain engineer who will be here on Aug 15th to review findings with property owners, the Clerk will be on vacation in August. The Clerk-Treasurer circulated Ag & Food information to Council and D Jodoin regarding his concern with the noise from grain dryers near his property, a farmer has a right to carry on normal farm practices. Staffing of Emo fair booth is necessary and we will looking into combining E.M.O. & Fire booths.

ADJOURN #17-73 DRENNAN & JODOIN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk