

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday December 2nd 2015 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor L Armstrong. Councillors: D Hartnell, B Jodoin, B Langner & V Murray. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt/Fire Chief: Randy Asselin. Visitor: Eltjo Wiersema former Mayor was presented with a certificate & pin in recognition of his 25 years of service as a council member.

MINUTES #15-83 HARNTELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held November 2nd 2015, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #15-84 MURRAY & LANGNER & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$129,924.63 which representing disbursements for the month of November, be approved for payment.

BY-LAW370 #15-85 MURRAY & JODOIN & CARRIED that By-law No 370, being the 2015 Rainy River House Agreement By-law, be enacted.

CULVERTS #15-86 MURRAY & HARTNELL & CARRIED that the Council receive the bridge inspection report for our four culvert structures as prepared by our engineer K Smart Associates Limited.

TAX W/O #15-87 MURRAY & LANGNER & CARRIED that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement and Section 357 applications, the following tax write offs be approved: General \$2,615.12 and Educations \$982.12 and a total of \$3,597.24.

RESERVE #15-88 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that pursuant to the 2015 budget, the allocation of \$50,000.00 to the TCA Reserve be authorized.

CHRISTMAS #15-89 MURRAY & JODOIN & CARRIED that Council authorize a \$75.00 gift certificate from Beaver Mills Market for Christmas Bonus for Randy, Dave, Larry & Patrick. And further that Council authorizes \$150.00 for the fire fighters Christmas gathering.

COMPLAINT #15-90 MURRAY & HARTNELL & CARRIED that a formal complaint form be developed to receive citizen concerns. In order to be considered the complaint must be in writing and signed.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on roads including a suggestion of a salt shelter, brushing will be completed after scarifying of iced over roads is done. Council received a price quote for diesel fuel from Busy Beaver Fuel. Council discussed the bounty on nuisance beaver. Council discussed the recent webinars on GPS systems by another supplier. The Fire Chief reported on the Fire Department for the past month and training for auto extrication completed and we will be doing this service on provincial highways. District Fire Chief F Sheppard will be leaving the area soon. The CBO monthly report was received. The Clerk will send a letter to farmers requesting that the keep cultivation operation back 1 meter from municipal drains & ditches. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items: including a monthly budget update, the 2016 OMPF of \$524,500.00 and capping provisions will be

increased next year, POA payment, tax reminder and notices of potential tax sale have been mailed. The interim audit is to be conducted next week. RR District School Board provided notice of their intent to consolidate schools in Rainy River and construct a new facility as well the Northwest Catholic School Board will do the same in Fort Frances. MPAC representatives visited the office today to give an update on changes to enhance service and communication with municipalities. Ontario Electricity Support program for families with less than \$28,000 income has been announced. Councillor Jodoin will follow up with a group wanting to do fundraising for improvements to the Pinewood sports field, however Council will not re install hydro services. Councillor Murray requested a formal complaint process be put in place to properly track documented complaints.

ADJOURN #15-91 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk