

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday June 3rd 2015 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor L Armstrong. Councillors: D Hartnell, B Langner & V Murray. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt/Fire Chief: Randy Asselin. Visitor: Doreen Tolen expressing concern about beaver problems especially in the area of Blue Rd 6 and Hwy 621. The Clerk will write MNR & MTO to request the trapper and contractor to get rid of the problem beaver.

Council held a public meeting to review the User Fees and the proposed 2015 Budget & Tax Rates, there was no public input was offered. Various user fees are to be increased. The overall total residential tax rate will increase by 7.9861% after the reduction in the education rate and this is due to RRDSSAB & OPP increased costs.

MINUTES #15-44 MURRAY & HARNTELL CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held May 6th 2015, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #15-45 LANGNER & MURRAY & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$96,253.06 which representing disbursements for the month of May, be approved for payment.

GRAVEL #15-46 HARTNELL & MURRAY & CARRIED that Council accept the proposal from Dennis Robinson Ltd for the supply of 1100 cu yards of Granular "A" for placement on Gagne Rd in the amount of \$11.90 per yard plus taxes, this being the lowest of three proposals received.

CULVERTS #15-47 MURRAY & LANGNER & CARRIED that Council authorize our engineer K Smart Associates Limited, to conduct the bi-annual bridge inspections for our four culverts structures. Estimated cost is \$2900.00 plus HST.

ECO DEV #15-48 HARTNELL & MURRAY & CARRIED that Bill Langner be appointed as our representative on the joint economic development officer project with Rainy River and Lake of the Woods.

BY-LAW364 #15-49 HARTNELL & LANGNER & CARRIED that By-law No 364 being the 2015 Tax Rates By-law, be enacted.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including grading, an estimated cost to purchase a new grader, magnesium chloride application and repairs to a washout at Lantier & Larson Rds. The crew continues to deal with beaver dams in numerous locations. Council reminded the Rd Supt that he is to manage his budget with regards to staffing as the budget is a limited amount. Also was suggested that graders be left at the north fire hall or other location rather than running deadhead back and forth to the shop. The new streetlights should arrive soon for installation. Council will look into alternative drainage superintendent services. Randy reported on the Fire Department for the past month. The Fire Committee met on May 13th to review draft department guidelines, Frank has provided his comments on the review. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items: including that the fire board meeting of May 13th, POA funding receipt, a review of a draft for 2015 budget, certification for Note Taking as required by EMO, Council members and staff attended EMO training in Barwick on May 26. The by-law to deregister seven old subdivisions was registered the Clerk circulate notice, they have been numerous inquiries received and after an explanation of what was being done there seemed to be no further issues. The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a report the Risk Reporter on Winter Road Maintenance issues. The Clerk and Rd Supt have prepared a draft Winter Maintenance program including plow routes these routes have been reviewed by Council and some alterations will be made to improve efficiencies and timing of plowing in various locations. The Clerk-Treasurer circulated an amended report produced by the Twp. of Gillies showing various graphs for road expenditures. V Murray will attend a meeting in Rainy River to discuss a proposal for new library, curling club and arena.

ADJOURN #15-50 HARTNELL & MURRAY & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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