

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday June 7th 2017 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor B Langner. Councillors: D Drennan, D Hartnell, B Jodoin and V Murray. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin. Visitors: from the Library G Prost, M Dawber, J Maxwell & H Pater. Also in attendance was Paul Brown for proposal openings.
G Prost/ M Dawber presented information on the present library agreement and advised that the Board would like to see the formation of a Union Library and the funding arrangement amongst the municipalities updated to reflect a different sharing ratio as Rainy River is paying the largest portion and he said the Board does not want to cut the services however costs are increasing. He gave some statistic on who was using the services from each municipality. Council advised they will take the information under advisement. This portion closed at 7:30 pm.
The Council then opened proposals for three Requests for Proposals for various work to be completed.
Council then held a public meeting on the proposed 2017 Budget and a review of the present user fees. A Tax Impact on Median/Typical Property was presented. A review of the proposed budget was given as well as minor changes including a \$950 increase for the library. The user fees will be reviewed and some updates will be considered for passage at the next council meeting.
- MINUTES** #17-42 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held May 3rd 2017, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS** #17-43 MURRAY & DRENNAN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$267,613.68 which representing disbursements for the month of May, be approved for payment.
- 17-01 #17-44 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that Council accepts the proposal by Armor Construction for the supply of municipal drain brushing under request for Drain Brushing 17-01, this being the lower of two proposals received.
- 17-02 #17-45 HARTNELL & MURRAY & CARRIED that Council accepts the proposal by Eric Westover for the supply of roadside cutting under request for Roadside Cutting 17-02, this being the lower of two proposals received.
- 17-03 #17-46 DRENNAN & MURRAY & CARRIED that Council accepts the proposal by 645753 Ontario Ltd for the supply load, haul & spread of crushed gravel under request for Crushed Gravel 17-03, this being the lowest of three proposals received.
- LIBRARY** #17-47 MURRAY & DRENNAN & CARRIED that the Rainy River Public Library Board be advised that Dawson will provide \$5600.00 in funding for 2017.
- BY-LAW 388** #17-48 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that By-law No 388 being the 2017 Budget & Tax Levying By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW 389** #17-49 MURRAY & DRENNAN & CARRIED that By-law No 389 being the 2016 Drainage Maintenance Rating By-law, be enacted.
- WRITEOFFS** #17-50 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement and Section 357 applications the following tax write offs be approved General \$718.31 and Education \$171.59 for a total of \$889.90.
- RIVERFRONT** #17-51 HARTNELL & DRENNAN & CARRIED that Council authorize the Mayor & Clerk-Treasurer to sign document for transfer of parts of the road allowance along the Rainy River.

GRADER #17-52 MURRAY & JODOIN & CARRIED that Council authorize the work in a service quotation on the John Deere grader by Nortrax with estimated costs of \$2880.61 plus taxes.

MOWER #17-53 MURRAY & HARTNELL & CARRIED that Council authorizes advertisement of our old John Deere lawn tractor, offers to be received by July 5th 2017. The ad is to be in the Current flyer.

OTHER The Rd Supt/Fire Chief gave his verbal report with work on Embury Rd, Worthington 4, beaver dam removal and tearing up a section of Worthington Rd 3 to the hill near Blue Rd 2. The Fire Department responded to a grass fire a new pump and hose were ordered because of failures with and old pump and forestry hose. The CBO monthly report was received. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items draft budget with the a 2% increase in the total tax rate, with an extra allocation to road capital projects, next Fire committee meeting is July 12 in Bergland, talked to MMAH and some movement on draft OP, POA funds were received, a Drain Supt allocation of \$4600 was approved, a Ministry of CS & CS survey was completed that may see some properties excluded from the OPP calculations, a report comparing per household costs for various social service and police cost was circulated to Council. Owners of properties subject to Tax Sale have paid or made arrangements for payment. There is a current Tax Sale for properties registered last year. Notice of Hydro request for a distribution rate increase was received. Bill 68 was passed which means proceeds from the tax sales would go to the Province rather than the municipality. The Province is not proceeding with requirement to have septic systems pumped every 5 years. Notice of the Far North Electoral Boundaries Commission work was received.

ADJOURN #17-54 HARTNELL & MURRAY & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk