

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday October 6th 2021 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

PRESENT Mayor B Langner. Councillors: B Jodoin, C Larocque & B Sands. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin. Visitors T Brielmann, C Krahn, R Sawchuk, & Gajith Jinadasa our ED Officer.

Timo and the others had a discussion with Council members on the costs and benefits of spraying recently cut brush on roads and drains and explained the effects of Garlon 4 on the environment compared to other chemicals. They were concerned about the continual cycle of brush clearing on drains and billings they received for these reoccurring costs. They requested Council at least consider use of Garlon 4 on certain roadside and drains.

Gajith gave an update on recent activity by his office, various grants applied for, student ventures, a feasibility study on greenhouses and green energy projects. Most activities were in the support and promotion of tourism in the area. The green energy and greenhouse project were not feasible to proceed with.

MINUTES #21-63 LAROCQUE & JODOIN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held September 8th 2021, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #21-64 JODOIN & SANDS & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$109,834.04 and representing disbursements for the month September 2021, be approved for payment.

MULCHER #21-65 LAROCQUE & SANDS & CARRIED that Council authorizes the capital purchase of a grader mounted mulcher from Hitrac at an estimated cost including taxes of \$67,476.82, however if a group of townships purchase together there could be a reduction in the price.

ICIP #21-66 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign a confirmation of the amendments to the Covid stream TP as outlined in a letter from the Ministry of Infrastructure received October 4th 2021.

GAS TAX #21-67 LAROCQUE & JODOIN & CARRIED that Council authorizes the Morrison Road Upgrade project to gravel Morrison Rd with Federal Gas Tax funds.

BY-LAW445 #21-68 JODOIN & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that By-law No 445, being the Electronic Payment Policy By-law, be enacted.

SAFETY #21-69 LAROCQUE & JODOIN & CARRIED that Council endorse the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for the Rainy River District as prepared by RRDSSAB staff.

CULVERTS #21-70 JODOIN & SANDS & CARRIED that Council receives the bi-annual culvert inspection report as prepared by TBT Engineering and dated September 23rd 2021.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including brushing has resumed, gravelling on Morrison and Cupp Roads is to be completed soon, a comparison of prices for fuels will be considered at the next meeting, an individual has a used high volume water pump for sale and this could be used for the roads water tank, the purchase of a grader mounted mulcher was discussed and a comparison of the time it took to widen Morrison Rd was revealed (2 graders 2.5 days for 1.5 miles). Tires from the dump are to be picked up next week. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including a budget update, an amendment to the agreement for the ICIP project was signed, the 2022 OPP billing will reduce from \$79,969 to \$78,998, CSPT grant of \$276, and a NWHU refund of \$1512.00. Council was asked about possible name change for certain roads however no change will be made at this time. CNR advised that some structures at the Pinewood Ball Park may be located on their right-of-way, we are awaiting on various options to resolve the issue. A copy of the greenhouse feasibility study was received, the report indicated the proposal was not viable. The Clerk is to check with a potential person to possibly perform some by-law enforcement for the township. New enrollment forms for our new group insurance provider have been executed and will be submitted.

ADJOURN #21-71 JODOIN & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk