

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor E Wiersema. Councillors: A Desaulniers, B Drennan, B Jodoin & A Wiersema. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt/Fire Chief: Randy Asselin. Visitor: Jurgen Schmutz and Vaughn Murray. Mr. Schmutz was seeking clarification and guidance on a ditch clean out along Baseline Rd in Sec 25 Dilke. Council has no record of who dug the tap ditch to the south across private property and therefore have no authority to enter private property to clean it out. Council suggested a mutual agreement drain amongst the owners as a solution. Mr Murray was seeking an update on their request for improved ditching on the west side of his property in RR Range Lot 27 Atwood. Flooding & high river levels have caused the road and his property to be under water. Council will have the Drain Supt look at the situation and a mutual agreement drain may be the way to proceed. Mr. Murray is also working with the Town of Rainy River on the other side of his property to improve the drainage.
- MINUTES** **#14-56 WIERSEMA & JODOIN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held August 6th, 2014, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS** **#14-57 DESAULNIERS & JODOIN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$164,097.55 which representing disbursements for the month of August, be approved for payment.
- BY-LAW 351** **#14-58 JODOIN & WIERSEMA & CARRIED** that By-law No 351 being the Joint Compliance Audit Committee By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW 352** **#14-59 DRENNAN & DESAULNIERS & CARRIED** that By-law No 352 being the Advance Poll Date By-law, be enacted.
- LIVING** **#14-60 WIERSEMA & DRENNAN & CARRIED** that the Clerk-Treasurer write a letter of support for the Rainy River District Assistive Living Team's efforts to have assistive living within the District.
- COPIER** **#14-61 DESAULNIERS & JODOIN & CARRIED** that due to the failure of our photocopier, Council authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to investigate the cost of a replacement. Costs to be share with the Twp. of Lake of the Woods.
- OTHER** The Rd Supt reported on planned road work, including gravelling Larson Rd & Nelles Dilke Rd. He was requesting to have additional staff, Council said only when required for specific jobs and not on a continuous basis. He requested to be able to take the ½ ton home each night, Council declined. Repairs are underway on vehicles & fire equipment. Council discussed proposal on new streetlights and are not prepared to proceed at the suggested costs and do not agree with suggested energy savings within the report. A local electrician is being contacted to seek a price to repair the present streetlights. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed. The north fire hall is to be closed and the department is to ensure water lines etc. are properly drained. Councillor Jodoin brought forward a concern over a farmer running cattle on a field with a drainage ditch that has not been fenced, the Rd Supt to check with the Drain Supt on the requirement for fencing. The Clerk-Treasurer provided updates to Council including the OP consultant will accept our offer for additional funding, a recent OPP information session for new funding model with maximum increase of \$203 per property, actual figures to be released soon. Prices from LAS fuel program continue to be less than the present supplier price. A new infrastructure program has been announced and there will be two streams of funding, one formula based (every municipality will receive at least \$25,000) and competition base, which involves a two stage merit application process. Our photo-copier had a major failure and due to age parts are difficult or impossible to find, the Clerk-Treasurer will investigate replacement cost and shared with Lake of the Woods. Transport Canada acknowledge receipt of our request for funding to close Worthington Rd 4 crossing. MTO advised that if lights were installed at the junction of Hwy 619 & 11 they would be at our costs. The Clerk-Treasurer has responded to a ratepayers concern with how our exchange is calculated on US funds.
- ADJOURN** **#14-62 DESAULNIERS & DRENNAN & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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