

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday February 1st 2023 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

**PRESENT** Mayor D Hartnell. Councillors: B Langner, L Kempf, C Larocque & B Sands.  
Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin.

**MINUTES #23-06 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 4<sup>th</sup> 2023, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #23-07 LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$97,621.38 and representing disbursements for the month January 2023, be approved for payment.

**WRRDFD #23-08 LAROCQUE & LANGNER & CARRIED** that Resolution #22-86 of December 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 be amended to appoint Lewis Kempf to the WRRFD instead of Brent Sands.

**SPOHN DRN #23-09 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that Whereas, on November 2, 2022, R. J. Burnside & Associates Limited was appointed by Resolution 22-76 to develop a new assessment schedule for the Spohn Municipal Drain under Section 76 of the Drainage Act; and Whereas investigation has revealed that a section of the drain, located between the former Atwood/Spohn Township boundary and the downstream end of the Spohn Municipal Drain Extension is not a municipal drain and therefore, the Township of Dawson has no authority to perform maintenance and repair work on this section of Drain; and Whereas, it is important that this section of the Drain be incorporated as a drainage works under the Drainage Act to provide a legal outlet for the Spohn Municipal Drain Extension and the Berglund-Jensson Branch and for future maintenance and repair; Therefore, be it resolved that Resolution 22-76 be rescinded; and Be it resolved that R. J. Burnside & Associates Limited be appointed under Section 78 of the Drainage Act to extend the Spohn Municipal Drain Extension and the Berglund-Jensson Branch to a sufficient outlet.

**CPI #23-10 SANDS & KEMPF & CARRIED** that pursuant to our Human Resources Policies and the Dec 2021 to Dec 2022 CPI, the wages and salaries be increased by 6.3% effective Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. The dump attendant and recreation labourer's rates be increased to the same as the roads labourer rate.

**RRFDC #23-11 LANGNER & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that Council approves payment of the per capita levy from Rainy River Future Development Corporation for 2023 in the amount of \$2793.00 based on a population of 399.

**IN CAMERA #23-12 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that Council go in camera at 8:15 pm to discuss personnel issues. Mayor Hartnell declared the meeting open at 8:25 pm.

EMPLOYEE #23-13 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & CARRIED pursuant to recent interviews, Council will offer the position of Mechanic/Equipment Operator/Labourer to Mike Bourre. State date is negotiable.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including ploughing and equipment maintenance. The interview committee completed interviews and recommended a candidate for the road position. Councillor Langner reported his efforts to have the RRDSSA consider alternate ways to distribute their annual levy. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various matters including the budget and deficit for 2022 as well a potential deficit for 2023 without a significant tax increase, OCIF allocation will be available for both 2022 and 2023 total of \$200,000.00, CPI increase for payroll adjustments, distribution of the vacation request form, an update on various drainage projects. The Clerk-Treasurer will be on vacation Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> to Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. Council discussed two items from the recent RRDMA meeting and Council does not support changes to the daylight savings times until the province deals with the issue and the problem of Elk eating farmers hay seems to be a local issue around Chapple Twp. The Mayor, will see if RRDMA can send a letter of concern to MNRF.

ADJOURN #23-14 SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk