

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday April 5th 2023 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

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

A public meeting was held to consider Consent Application 34B2301, by 10513539 Canada Ltd.

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report on the notices provided and a review of our planning documents. NO public or Ministry or Hydro One comments have been received on the application.

34B2301 #23-20 LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED that provisional approval to consent application 34B2301, 10513539 Canada Ltd subject to the attached 5 conditions. Meeting was closed at 7:10pm.

MINUTES #23-21 SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 1st 2023, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #23-22 LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$156,507.80 and representing disbursements for the month March 2023, be approved for payment.

TAX SALE #23-23 SANDS & KEMPF & CARRIED that Council supports the resolution of the Corporation of the Town of Essex requesting t province to reinstate legislation permitting municipalities to retain surplus proceeds from Tax Sales.

CULVERTS#23-24 LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED that Council accepts the proposal from TBT Engineering for the completion of the bi-annual bridge inspection report. This being the lower of two proposals received.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on the current winter storm and plowing activities as well as mechanically work performed due the month and equipment repairs. Council requested that he arrange to have the heat source in the dump shack changed from the propane furnace (which has not worked properly) to electric baseboards and to ensure the swing set in Pinewood is installed once spring weather arrives. Vacation requests forms have been completed and will be submitted. The Clerk-Treasurer presented a report on council remuneration and a report on the potential impact from raising the minimum tax bills and Council wishes to use \$200.00, as well various estimates on the tax rate increase are to be developed, with increases in the range of 6% to 7.5%. The RRDSSAB 2023 budget was received and circulated to Council members. The Ombudsman "Open Meetings" booklet was circulated to council. No fire meeting has been called and Mayor Hartnell will contact Rainy River Mayor to seek a solution to the impasse on the fire committee. The Locum House tenders have not been sent out by Rainy River, the annual repayment limit of \$161,096 was received. Mayor Hartnell has not heard back from our neighbouring First Nation communities on funding for the Locum house. Mayor Hartnell reported on the

recent NOMA executive meeting and he will be attending the annual conference later this month. Councillor Langner reported on the recent RRDSSAB meeting.

ADJOURN #23-25 SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk