

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday May 3rd 2023 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

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

**MINUTES #23-26 LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 5th 2023, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #23-27 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$87,732.73 and representing disbursements for the month April 2023, be approved for payment.

**TBAYTEL #23-28 LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED** that Council authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to send a letter of support to TBaytel for their proposed Morson application to provide addition bandwidth for higher speed mobility applications to our area.

**FINANCIALS #23-29 LANGNER & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that Council approves the audited Financial Statements for the year 2022 The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the statements.

**OP ZONING #23-30 KEMPF & LANGNER & CARRIED** that Council authorizes a request for proposal along with other district municipalities for an updating of our Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

**CHEM FREE #23-31 LAROCQUE & KEMPF & CARRIED** that Council authorizes a donation of \$100.00 for the Chem-Free Graduation 2023 at Rainy River High School.

**OTHER** The Rd Supt reported on the removal of plow equipment and preparation for grading operations next week. Air compressor in the garage is to be replaced and that existing one transferred to Dawson South Fire Station. Brushing operations are to start soon as well. Various municipal drains are to be worked on and the Drain Supt will be providing a work request for Council. Roadside cutting proposals are being requested to be submitted for next meeting as well as proposal for supply of crushed gravel for various projects. The Lundgren Lane culverts have been cleared of large boulders. Project information for the NORDS & OCIF grants has been submitted. Rd Patrol will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a report on revenues from various increases in the minimum tax billing which will be set at \$200.00, as well various estimates on the tax rate increase were consider and direction was provided to prepare the budget with an increase of 5%. The next fire meeting has been called for May 9th. A report was received indicating our deficit of \$531 in former reciprocal, the 2024 OPP property count increases from 318 to 323. RRDSSAB surplus rebate of \$9219.78 was received. The old set of swings have been disposed of and the new set is to be erected soon. The draft Campbell Drain report has been received and will be finalized shortly in order to have the meeting to

consider. Krahn petition drain report informal meeting is set for June 15. Mayor Hartnell reported on the recent NOMA convention and various contact that were made as well he reported on a possible upgrade to the Code of Conduct that would include the public, this upgrade could help to address the constant bullying being posted against him by a area person. Councillor Kempf reported on the Locum house repairs and that tenders will be circulated shortly for the necessary repairs. Councillor Langner reported on RRDSSAB. A general meeting of RRDMA is scheduled for Fort Frances May 17<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURN **#23-32 LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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