

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday December 5th 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** **#23-82** LAROCQUE & KEMPF & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 1st 2023, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS** **#23-83** LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$146,586.52 and representing disbursements for the month November 2023, be approved for payment.
- BRIDGE** **#23-84** LANGNER & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that Council supports the resolution #368 of the Town of Fort Frances requesting the Federal Gov't to purchase the International Bridge and make it toll free as well as requesting Ontario to build a new bridge.
- COMPUTER** **#23-85** KEMPF & SANDS & CARRIED that Council authorizes the purchase of a desktop computer for the office accounting and tax system with an estimated cost of \$1125.00 plus taxes and shipping.
- RESERVE** **#23-85** LAROCQUE & LANGNER & CARRIED that pursuant to the 2023 Budget, an allocation to the TCA Reserve in the amount of \$23,000.00 be authorized.
- GAS TAX** **#23-87** SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that due to project timing AMO be requested for permission to carry over a portion of the Federal Gas Tax revenues that were required to be spent in 2023.
- OCIF** **#23-88** LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED that due to project timing the Province be requested for permission to carry over a portion of the OCIF funds that were projected to be spent in 2023.
- POA** **#23-89** LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED that Council authorizes the amendment to the POA agreement to have annual payments instead of quarterly payments of net POA revenues. And the Mayor be authorized to sign on behalf of the municipality a letter of understanding to effect the change.
- TAX W/O** **#23-90** LAROCQUE & LANGNER & CARRIED that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement, Section 357 and attached listing, the following tax write offs be approved: General \$3,907.92, Education \$611.26 a total of \$4,519.18 and with a minimum tax bill adjustment of \$204.66.
- RRDMA** **#23-91** LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED that Council authorizes the Council members and Clerk-Treasurer to attend the annual Rainy River District Municipal Association meeting in Emo January 13, 2024 and further that a donation of \$200.00 be authorized for a coffee break at the conference.

OTHER

The Rd Supt reported on brushing on drains is continuing as weather permits, the ½ ton tire replacement, grading to fill potholes, Council discussed snow fence placement again but none to be installed at this time. Transport Canada reported on some work required at a couple railway crossings. Council reminded the Rd Supt to ensure that the playground equipment is installed in the spring. Fire Chief advised that a train the trainer course for fire truck drivers is being offered and it would be good to have a fire fighter to attend the course. Councillor Larcoque reported on the recent fire board meeting. Councillor Langner reported on DRRSB budgeting, Mayor Hartnell reported on a recent NOMA board meeting as well as a RRDMA meeting with hospital board members and a virtual meeting on economic development. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the budget update was provided to Council. repair work on the Locum House is completed, receipt of the 2024 OMPF work books, notices of outstanding taxes and tax sale have been mailed with some payments being made. Christmas bonuses were distributed to employees. A quote to upgrade our computer was received. A brochure with funding opportunities for the class reunion in Rainy River for next summer was received.

ADJOURN #23-92 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk