

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday March 6th 2024 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 and Dennis Jodoin Dep Fire Chief Operations gave a draft drawing and report on proposed pump house for the fire department in Pinewood. Visitor: P Krahn seeking clarification of the Krahn Branch drain report.

**MINUTES** #24-09 LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS** #24-10 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$110,882.29 and \$87,812.47 and representing disbursements for the months January and February, respectively, be approved for payment.

**BY-LAW468** #24-11 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that By-law No 468, being the Part 1 Plan 48R4663 Sale By-law, be enacted.

**BY-LAW469** #24-12 LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED that By-law No 469, being the NOHFC Agreement By-law, be enacted.

**COMMITTEE** #24-13 LAROCQUE & LANGNER & CARRIED that Council approve the following appointments: Lewis Kempf as our representative on the Rainy River District Police Services Board and Doug Hartnell to the Riverside Committee.

**CPI** #24-14 KEMPF & SANDS & CARRIED that pursuant to our Human Resource Policies and the Dec 2022 to Dec 2023 CPI, the wages and salaries be increased by 3.4% effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

**NOHFC** #24-15 LAROCQUE & SANDS & CARRIED that Council authorizes a request for proposals for construction of the water system for Pinewood Fire Hall and funded by NOHFC Project 7500100. Proposals to be received by May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

**SLOW SIGN** #24-16 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that Council support the proposal to have MTO install "Slow Moving Vehicle" signage along provincial highways in the west end of the Rainy River District.

**YOUTH** #24-17 LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED that Council will provide up to \$500.00 in support of the New Gold Youth Grant program.

**KRAHN DRN** #24-18 SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED that Council acknowledges receipt on February 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 the Krahn Branch of the Brumwell Hanson Municipal Drain report as prepared by R J Burnside & Associates Limited and pursuant to Section 41 Council will proceed with the project.

NOMA #24-19 LAROCQUE & KEMPF & CARRIED that Mayor Doug Hartnell be authorized to attend the annual NOMA convention April 24 to 26 2024, in Thunder Bay.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on brushing operations on various roads and other winter operations including equipment conditions, quotes on a new plow truck were reviewed. Fire Chief advised that Fire Fighter 2 will be offered in Barwick and some personnel getting DZ licensing in addition a request has been made to have MTO do the test in Rainy River. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on various grants and reports being filed including the library report, Gas Tax Report, NORDS Report, Farm Debt notices for tax sale have been sent out, presently awaiting a quote for update of our Asset Management Plan, education property tax rates remain the same as 2023. The report on the Krahn Branch was received and reviewed and the meeting to consider will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, notices have been given to the property owners and Ministries. The new EFIR reporting is now available. Mayor Hartnell reported on a meeting with a solicitor regarding threats received on Facebook from various individuals and reported on his attendance at the recent KDMA.

ADJOURN #24-20 SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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