

A meeting to consider the Rempel Municipal Drainage Works report and the Spohn Municipal Drain Extension 2026 report and the minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council held on Wednesday July 8th 2026 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

PRESENT Mayor D Hartnell. Councillors: B Langner, C Larocque & B Sands. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt Randy Asselin. Intern D Swire. For the drainage reports portion of the meeting only Jacob & C Rooke, B Thompson, A Lucke, C Eimers, J Tait and A Brielmann. Virtually Sid Vanderveen.

Jacob gave an overview of the Spohn Drain report and the Rempel Drain report and took input from those in attendance. The matter of a buffer along open drains was the main concern and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed to have a 1 metre grass buffer along open drains would be a requirement for further drain reports and the Rempel Drain was to be referred back to the engineer to incorporate the buffer clause as well as pursuant to the request of the property owner the South Drain was to be changed to a closed drain at the expense of the owner and due to excessive sloughing of the soil in the open drains in the area of this drain. These meetings to consider closed around 8:40 pm and the open meeting started.

MINUTES **#26-38** LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 3rd 2026 and the special council meeting and public open house held on June 24th, 2026, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS **#26-39** SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$207,176.65 and representing disbursements for the month of June 2026, be approved for payment.

GARAGE **#26-40** SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that Council accepts the proposal from John Sinninghe for the renovations to the public works garage, this being the lower of the two proposals received.

REMPEL DR **#26-41** LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED that pursuant to the recommendation of the Road Superintendent the Rempel Municipal Drainage Works Improvement 2026 report be referred back to the engineer. The request is to include the following changes: 1) the engineer review the South Drain to consider a closed in drain and 2) requirement for a 1 metre buffer along the open sections of the drain.

BY-LAW 495 **#26-42** LAROCQUE & LANGNER & CARRIED that By-law No 495, being the Miscellaneous User Fees By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 496 **#26-43** LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED that By-law No 496, being the 2026 PLAN SM75 Shore Road Allowance Stopping UP and Closing By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 497 **#26-44** LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED that By-law No 497, being the Spohn Municipal Drain Extension 2026 By-law, be given First and Second Reading and be Provisionally adopted.

BY-LAW 498 **#26-45** SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED that By-law No 498, being the 2026 Circular Materials Depot Operations Agreement By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 499 **#26-46** LAROCQUE & SANDS & CARRIED that By-law No 499, being the 2026 CACC Fire Dispatch Agreement By-law, be enacted.

MCGARRY **#26-47** LAROCQUE & LANGNER & CARRIED that Council endorses the resolution of the Township of McGarry requesting the Province of Ontario to establish a Northern Policing Grant.

INSRUANCE **#26-48** SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that Council authorizes the renewal of insurance coverage from March effective July 1st 2026.

FIRE **#26-49** LAROCQUE & LANGNER & CARRIED that Council authorizes administration to enroll, on behalf of the West Rainy River District Fires Service, in the Fire Protection Services Reimbursement for Unincorporated Ontario Program.

MTO **#26-50** LAROCQUE & LANGNER & CARRIED that Council authorizes administration to enroll, on behalf of the West Rainy River District Fire Service, in the Ministry of Transportation partner portal for reimbursement for fire services on provincial highways.

PARK **#26-51** LAROCQUE & SANDS & CARRIED that Council authorizes an application for a grant under the Local Initiatives Program to host a community gathering event at Assabaska Heritage Park August 29th 2026.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on grading and mulching operations, contractor has started gravelling various roads, possible repairs and proper upkeep of the wayside park in Sleeman was discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the next fire board meeting, the various by-laws to authorize the Rempel & Spohn Drains, the Circular Materials and CAAC agreements, the 7 properties that tax sale has commenced on, update to the user fees, the 1st quarter POA revenues as well as a proposed agreement with the province to respond to fires in the unincorporated areas and with MTO for fire department responses to highway incidents.

ADJOURN **#26-52** LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk