

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday December 7th 2022 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE: The Clerk-Treasurer administered the Oaths of all members of Council. Mayor Hartnell welcomed Council members to office. The regular monthly meeting followed.

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

EDO #22-80 KEMPF & SANDS & **DEFEATED** that Council reconsider its decision to not participate in the EDO project. And that Dawson is now willing to participate for one year with a contribution of \$4722.00.

MINUTES #22-81 LANGNER & SANDS & **CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held November 2nd 2022, be approved as printed. And further that Resolution 22-78 of November 2nd 2022 be rescinded.

ACCOUNTS #22-82 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & **CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$201,381.01 and representing disbursements for the month November 2022, be approved for payment.

BY-LAW 457 #22-83 LANGNER & SANDS & **CARRIED** that By-law No 457, being the C & C Krahn Tile Debenture By-law, be given the required number of readings and be enacted.

BY-LAW 458 #22-84 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & **CARRIED** that By-law No 458, being the HR 28.0 Human Resource Amending Policy By-law, be enacted.

DRAIN #22-85 SANDS & LANGNER & **CARRIED** that pursuant to Section 78 of the Drainage Act that R J Burnside be appointed to complete a report on the Rempel Drain.

FIRE #22-86 KEMPF & SANDS & **DEFEATED** that the Township of Dawson authorize an agreement under the Northern Fire Protection Program to provide emergency services to the unincorporated area.

REPS #22-87 SANDS & LAROCQUE & **CARRIED** that the following appointments to Committees/Boards be approved: RRDSSAB Bill Langner, RRDMA Doug Hartnell, Locum House: Lewis Kempf, WRRFDF: Brent Sands & Cory Larocque, Roads: Cory Larocque & B Sands.

PART III #22-88 LANGNER & LAROCQUE & **CARRIED** that whereas the Province entered into a Memorandum of Understanding and a Local Side Agreement with The Town of Fort Frances and the nine local municipalities with an effective date of June 30, 1999, for the operation of the Provincial Offences Court, the prosecution of charges laid using the process under Parts I and II of the *Provincial Offences Act*, and the transfer of records, files, assets, revenue and financial arrangements, And whereas the Province intends to transfer the prosecution of charges laid using the

Part III process under the *Provincial Offences Act*, along with all records, files and assets, through amending agreements to the Memorandum of Understanding and the Local Side Agreement, Council of the Township of Dawson hereby delegates authority to The Town of Fort Frances to execute the interim agreement with the Province to initiate the interim transfer of the Prosecution of charges laid using the Part III process under the Provincial Offences Act on behalf of Township of Dawson.

OP/ZONING #22-89 SANDS & KEMPF & CARRIED that pursuant to a proposal for a joint request by some area municipalities to conduct a review of our Official Plan and/or comprehensive zoning by-laws, the Council of the Township of Dawson declares its willingness to participate.

WRITEOFF #22-90 SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED WHEREAS the pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement and Section 357 applications, the following tax write offs be approved General \$2358.49 and Education \$390.42 for a total of \$2748.92 and an adjustment for minimum tax billing amount of \$53.40.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including ploughing operations, the parttime employee is not returning, Council directed an ad to seek applicants for a full-time position. The Rd Supt is to ensure large rocks are removed from the Lundgren laneway culverts on the Engebretsen Drain. We received a payment for scrap of \$3648.04. At the request from a RR Councillor, Council reconsidered participation in EDO project and Council also considered providing emergency services to unincorporated areas. The Fire Chief was concerned about available resources to provide service to the unincorporated areas. Mayor Hartnell reported on a recent NOMA Board meeting and requested corner pins be placed throughout the Blue Cemetery to provide a more efficient system to locate individual plots for burials. The Township has received notice from K Smart Associates that they will submit a draft report on the Campbell Drain by mid to late December 2022 and they are unable to complete the report on the Rempel Drain. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various matters including the budget, Work on the updated website is nearing completion, a spreadsheet report was received from Rainy River on the past joint economic development officer agreement, 2023 OMFP was cut from \$493,800 to \$480,800, NWHU levy decreased from \$25275.15 to \$23384.50, the WSI rate increased to \$3.27. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the recent 911 and POA meetings, see #22-38 for the download of Part III offences, tax sale profit has been paid into Court. All members will attend the annual RRDMA meeting in Barwick Jan 14 2023

ADJOURN #22-91 LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mayor _____ Clerk