

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday January 3rd 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.
- MINUTES **#24-01 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 5th 2023, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS **#24-02 LANGNER & SANDS & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$109,439.63 and representing disbursements for the month December 2023, be approved for payment.
- RR DAZE **#24-03 KEMPF & SANDS & CARRIED** that Council Approves a donation of \$1501.00 in support of the 2024 Railroad Daze celebration in the Town of Rainy River.
- ARO **#24-04 SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED** that Council receives the report of the Clerk-Treasurer dated December 18 2023 related to Asset Retirement Obligation and the municipality will use a discount rate of 3% for calculation purposes for the ARO.
- NEFARMS **#24-05 LANGNER & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that Council having closed the original road allowance in Plan SM75 by by-law, the offer to purchase from Northend Farms Ltd be Accepted for the portion of closed road allowance fronting their property along the Rainy River. The lots affected are Lots 1, 9 & 12 on plan 48M345 and Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 on Plan 48M345. The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to execute the necessary documents to complete the transfer of the said lands.
- DRN SUPT **#24-06 KEMPF & LANGNER & CARRIED** that Council authorizes the application for drain superintendent grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the fiscal year 2024/2025.
- CLERK **#24-07 LANGNER & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that effective January 1st 2024 the compensation package for the Clerk-Treasurer be amended to split out \$500.00 per month for office rent. In addition, the township will pay 1/3 of the monthly land line phone for the office.
- OTHER The Rd Supt reported on brushing on drains is continuing as weather permits, ice scrapping is underway, parts for the champion graders are no longer available, Council asked the Rd Supt to looking into possible a replacement for the 2004 plow truck. If time permits some brushing for Lake of the Woods may be completed. Fire Chief advised the pump on the fire pumper is obsolete and may not be able to be repaired. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the budget update and preparations for annual audit, MPAC levy increasing to \$20775.48, NWHU levy remains the same at \$23,384.50, Federal Gas Tax increases to \$23,089, 2024 OCIF of \$100,000 was confirmed and Council took no action on AMO & Good Roads memberships. OMEX 2023 financials are being delayed. Council is awaiting confirmation of completion of repairs to the Locum House.
- ADJOURN **#24-08 KEMPF & LANGNER & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. And the next meeting be held on March 6th 2024.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk