

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council and held on Wednesday January 8th 2025 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 #25-01 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 4th 2024, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #25-02 LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$547,924.39 and representing disbursements for the month December 2024, be approved for payment.

BY-LAW 479 #25-03 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that By-law No 479, being the 2024 Asset Management Plan Adoption By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 480 #25-04 LAROCQUE & LANGNER & CARRIED that By-law No 480, being the Tax Ratio & Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.

PLOWTRUCK #25-05 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that pursuant to the recommendation of the Road Supt and as discussed at the special meeting of Dec 19th 2024, Council authorizes the purchase of a 2024 Peterbilt plow truck to replace the 2004 plow truck. \$350,000.00 be used from the equipment replacement reserve to fund the purchase.

CHEM FREE #25-06 LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED that Council authorizes a donation of \$100.00 for the Chem-Free Graduation 2025 at Rainy River High School.

DRN SUPT #25-07 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that Council authorizes an application for drain superintendent grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the fiscal year 2025/2026.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on winter roads, scrapping & sanding operations underway, the new plow truck has been received. The AM Plan was discussed and suggested maintenance and renovation items are to be undertaken and Rd Supt to develop a work plan for the suggested items and Council directed that the pavilion at Pinewood ball diamond be removed. Council discussed roadside cutting and spraying operation including possible drone spraying, the Rd Supt is to report back to council on this. An to be placed in FF Times and other site to notify of old plow truck for sale. Council discussed the Locum House operations and recent developments on doctor coverage at the clinic and hospital. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the next fire board meeting, property taxes outstanding balances, a budget update was distributed, yearend adjustments are necessary and audit is to take place the week of Jan 27th, MPAC levy if \$21,231.34, NWHU levy is \$27,722.66, the rain gauge agreement has been renewed, no action on AMO

membership, Library grant of \$1644 was received, awaiting grant application from engineer for Krahn Petition MD The grant was applied for NOHFC fire water system project. The monthly CBO report was received we are still awaiting the updated AMP and OP, an interim audit will be on December 9th. Mayor Hartnell reported on operations at the RR Medical Clinic and hospital doctor coverage. Councillor Kempf reported on the OPP Board meeting and proposed budget was received but Dawson will only approve it if it is amended to include per diems for municipal reps. The Clerk reported on a ratepayer's abrupt and disrespectful reception at the library when making inquiries about their operation and their new librarian.

ADJOURN **#25-08 SANDS & LANGNER & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m. And the next meeting be held on March 5th 2025.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk