

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council and held on Wednesday May 7th 2025 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

PRESENT Mayor D Hartnell. Councillors: B Langner, L Kempf, C Larocque & B Sands. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin. Visitors: R Langlais, G Armstrong, S Books, E Ruff, R Sinninghe.

CONSENT The Clerk-Treasurer reviewed the application 34B2501, outlining notices given on the website and face-book as well as affected agencies. Mr. Langlais spoke in favour of the application and outlined the reasons for the application. No other public comments were received.

#25-24 LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED that Council grants provisional approval to consent application 34B2501 Roger and Gail Langlais subject to the attached 4 conditions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10p.m.

G Armstrong, S Books & E Ruff appeared before Council on behalf of the “Fix-It” club seeking support and possible application for a senior’s club grant application. Council advised that they need to ensure they can get insurance coverage and location prior to a commitment from Council.

Mr. Sinninghe was following up on his request, August 2024, to remove a cross culvert on Byrnes Road and Worthington #2. He advised that he understood that the culvert was to be removed to cut of water from north of Byrnes Rd and out-letting in the Kaunamaekauk Drain as owners did not want to pay into the drain. Not withstanding the understanding no written record exists of the commitment to remove the culvert and Council fears flooding north of Byrnes in the spring before the east/west ditches are clear of snow, therefore no plans to remove the culvert.

MINUTES #25-25 SANDS & KEMPF & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 2nd 2025, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #25-26 LANGNER & KEMPF & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$125,327.68 and representing disbursements for the month April 2025, be approved for payment. And further that the March disbursements total be reduced to \$94,124.23.

SPRAYING #25-27 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that Council accepts the proposal from Mark Jodoin to conduct a drain and roadway spraying program pursuant to the attached listing.

GRAVEL #25-28 LAROCQUE & LANGNER & CARRIED that Council accepts the proposal from C Sharp Construction for the Gravel Supply, Haul & Spread 25-02 and this being the lowest of four proposals received. This subject to a satisfactory test being provided by the contractor.

BY-LAW 483 #25-29 LANGNER & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that By-law No 483, being the Council Remuneration By-law, be enacted.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on spring grading operations, the 720-grader brake booster needs repairs, the work on the bay doors of the garage has been completed, the annual road patrol is scheduled for May 26th, a quote was received for repairs to the eavestrough & fascia but Council will not proceed with that proposal, minor repair will be undertaken including the header over the oldest garage door. The Road Supt was to encourage one of the road employees to complete some leadership/management courses for potential promotion to the Road Supt position. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the next fire board meeting, property taxes outstanding balances, the education tax sharing ratio, preparation for the 2025 tax sale, OMPF payment of \$118,100 was received, the proposed fire board budget was circulated as well as the RR District Community Safety & Wellness Report. A report on minimum tax adjustments was reviewed and Council discussed a potential 5% tax rate increase for the year 2025, the budget will be finalized at the June meeting. The monthly CBO report was received. The Clerk-Treasurer advised of retirement in 2027, a search for internship grants will begin and then a search will be undertaken to seek a candidate for the position of Clerk-Treasurer. The Road Supt advised as well that he is going to retire around the same time.

ADJOURN #25-30 LAROCQUE & KEMPF & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk