

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday April 5th 2017 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT** Mayor B Langner. Councillors: D Drennan, D Hartnell, B Jodoin and V Murray. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin. Visitors: K Ruff, A Ruff & M Jodoin.

Amy Ruff appeared before Council on behalf of some owners to see if Council would cost share on the transfer of the Baseline Road allowance between Morrison Rd & Hwy 619.

Council received 4 letters of concern with use of herbicides to control brush along municipal roads. K Ruff one of the people that sent a letter advised Council of her concern with the uses of chemicals and their effects on the environment. M Jodoin a local contractor that we use to apply the herbicides offered information on their use from his understanding. Council will look to phase out herbicides and consider purchase of a brushing machine to cut the roadsides and do our own brushing.

**MINUTES #17-26 JODOIN & DRENNAN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held March 1st 2017, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #17-27 HARTNELL & MURRAY & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$78,665.14 which representing disbursements for the month of March, be approved for payment.

**BY-LAW 385 #17-28 MURRAY & DRENNAN & CARRIED** that By-law No 385 being the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Policy & Plan By-law, be enacted.

**BASELINE #17-29 HARTNELL & DRENNAN & CARRIED** that pursuant to the proposal by a couple of owners along Baseline Road to have the roadway surveyed and transferred to the Township, Council agree to pay 1/3 of the cost to survey the Baseline Road between Highway 619 and Morrison Road. This is provided that two of the owners along the road agree to cover the other 2/3 of the survey costs.

**WE OWN IT #17-30 MURRAY & DRENNAN & CARRIED** that Whereas public services are, by their very definition, open to all members of the public and therefore of benefit to all members of the public;  
And whereas the management and oversight of privatized services are, by their very definition, private and therefore of benefit primarily to investors; And whereas there is ample evidence that privatized public services provide lower quality services to fewer members of the public; And whereas there is also ample evidence that privatized public services cost more because of their need to generate profit for wealthy investors; And whereas proposals to privatize public services have a consistent track record of breaking promises to maintain or even improve quality while reducing costs; And whereas a growing number of communities around the world are reaping significant benefit by in sourcing services that had been previously privatized or outsourced; Be it resolved that the Township of Dawson recognizes that the public delivery of public services ensures more transparency and

accountability to the public, democratic oversight and control of public service delivery by our community's elected representatives, and avoids the diversion of public funds into profits for private corporations. Be it further resolved that the Township of Dawson call a moratorium on privatizing or outsourcing any of its public services without first undertaking a rigorous, credible and fully public and transparent review of the privatization or outsourcing proposal Be it further resolved that the Township of Dawson review current privatized and outsourced services with a view to in sourcing them in order to lower costs and/or improve services.

**BRIDGES #17-31 MURRAY & JODOIN CARRIED** that Council engage our engineer K Smart Associates Limited, to conduct the bi-annual bridge inspection of our four culvert structures. Estimated cost is \$2,900.00. plus HST.

**NOMA #17-32 MURRAY & DRENNAN CARRIED** that the Mayor Bill Langner & Doug Hartnell be authorized to attend the annual NOMA convention in Thunder Bay April 26-28 2017.

**OTHER** The Rd Supt/Fire Chief gave his verbal report on equipment maintenance and preparation for spring grading and numerous bumps at culverts were filled with gravel temporarily until the frost is out. Road Patrol will be held On April 19<sup>th</sup>. Council discussed requiring a permit for any property owner wishing to use a road ditch as an outlet for their water. The Rd Supt was to talk to a few identified owners that have ditched their fields into out road ditches without authority to do so. The Fire Department responded to a chimney fire and search & rescue training is planned for this upcoming weekend. The Drain Supt report contained recommendation on a few drains to be maintained this year. The CBO monthly report was received. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items such as the annual Council Remuneration Report, EI premiums refunds, POA payment. The education rates for 2017 were released and the Clerk-Treasurer is working on a draft budget. The RRDSSAB 2017 budget and levy was received. Council took no action on RRFDC levy request and the request to financially support the proposed Rainy River West News. The Clerk-Treasurer will have a letter sent to an owner operating a scrap yard in Sleeman in the Commercial Zone which is not a permitted use and further request payment from a contractor for scrap taken from our landfill site.

**ADJOURN #17-33 HARTNELL & JODIN & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk