

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday February 1st 2017 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor B Langner. Councillors: D Drennan, and B Jodoin. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin.
OPP Officer Scott Gobeil delivered the 2016 statistical report on policing. He answered Council questions on the matter.

MINUTES #17-12 JODOIN & DRENNAN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 7th 2017, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #17-13 DRENNAN & JODOIN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$83,123.05 which representing disbursements for the month of January, be approved for payment.

OCIF #17-14 JODOIN & DRENNAN & CARRIED that Council accepts the recommendation of the Road Superintendent and apply to use our \$50,000.00 OCIF funds to undertake the following project for 2017: surface treat single coat on River Road approximately 2.5km.

RAILWAY #17-15 JODOIN & DRENNAN & CARRIED that WHEREAS it has been identified that Railway Companies in the province of Ontario, do not pay a proportionate share of municipal property tax as compared to other properties in their class, or compared to any other municipal tax class; and WHEREAS in other provinces and jurisdictions the railway companies do remit a more equitable share of taxes to the local tax base; and WHEREAS taxes in other jurisdictions for railway properties are calculated using a ton-mile concept; and WHEREAS said fees are reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis according to inflation and ongoing current conditions; and WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has continued to fall further and further behind in their approach to railroad property taxation over the past 112 years; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Dawson call upon the Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario to implement a new system of municipal property taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on utilizing a per ton-mile concept; and FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance of Ontario, our local MPP and MP, RRDMA, NOMA, AMO and FONOM.

CPI #17-16 DRENNAN & JODOIN & CARRIED that pursuant to the recently published CPI for Dec 2015 to Dec 2016 showing a 2.0% increase and to our Human Resources Policies, the wages and salaries be increased January 1 2017 by 2.0%.

RIVER FRONT #17-17 JODOIN & DRENNAN & CARRIED that Council accepts the offer to purchase from Ken Woods to purchase the road allowance fronting his property at 82 Hammond Drive. The purchaser is responsible for all costs associated with the sale including but not limited to survey, legal costs and HST on the purchase price.

OTHER The Rd Supt/Fire Chief gave his verbal report on the recent winter storms and road plowing operations including scrapping ice pack off roads after the recent thaw, nothing to report on fire and the landfill site is being pushed regularly. Randy recommended surface treatment of a portion of River Rd for the OCIF program and he is to follow up with MNR on their change of acreage in the protection areas which may require us to pay MNR annually. The CBO monthly report was received. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including a budget update after year end adjustment from recent audit, progress on sale of Blk 5-1-1 in Pinewood, receipt of 1st OMPF payment, CPI increase of 2% for 2016.

ADJOURN #17-18 JODOIN & DRENNAN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk