

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday March 5th 2014 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor Absent A Wiersema acted as Head. Councillors: A Desaulniers, B Drennan & B Jodoin. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt/Fire Chief R Asselin. Guest: OPP Insp. Shouldice reviewed the 2013 Police Activity Report the level of services and various stats for the year. He also answered question from Council on the report and proposed new funding formula.
- MINUTES** **#14-08** JODOIN & DRENNAN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 8th, 2014, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS** **#14-09** DESAULNIERS & DRENNAN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$83,305.88 and \$99,214.07 which representing disbursements for the months of January and February respectively, be approved for payment.
- LANEWAY** **#14-10** DESAULNIERS & DRENNAN & CARRIED that Council accepts the request to acquire the laneway between Lots 8 & 11 SM15 from Jeff & Peggy Germain. The laneway had encroachments on it at the time the Germain's purchased the property. The laneway has been closed by a previous by-law. The Germain's would be responsible for all associated costs to effect the survey and transfer of the said laneway.
- BY-LAW 342** **#14-11** DESAULNIERS & DRENNAN & CARRIED that By-law No 342, being the LAS Fuel Program Agreement By-law, be enacted.
- WAGES** **#14-12** JODOIN & DESAULNIERS & CARRIED that pursuant to the published CPI increase for Dec 12 to Dec 13 being 1.5% and our Human Resources Policies the wages and salaries be increased January 1 2014 by 1.5%.
- CHEM FREE** **#14-13** JODOIN & DESAULNIERS & CARRIED that Council authorize a donation of \$100.00 in support of the Chem-Free Graduation 2014 at Rainy River High School.
- STATEMENT** **#14-14** DRENNAN & JODOIN & CARRIED that Council receive the audited Financial Statements for the year 2013.
- AG STATION** **#14-15** DESAULNIERS & JODOIN & CARRIED that Council instruct the Clerk-Treasurer to write a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Food indicating the Township's support for the Emo Agricultural Research Station. The research station is extremely important to the agricultural sector in the area. With the recent NOHFC funding for land clearing and tile drainage, the area could see expansion in the agricultural industry.
- LED LIGHTS** **#14-16** DRENNAN & DESAULNIERS & CARRIED that Council having received a LED Street Light Proposal from Realterm Energy, now expresses an interest in proceeding to the design stage of the project.
- OTHER** The Rd Supt gave his oral report and with all the snow lately snowplowing is all they have been doing, contractors have been hired to push back the worst snowbanks, some equipment has been repaired as well. A proposal for a GPS system for the equipment was given to Council members. Minutes and budget reports of the Fire Committee the Feb 27th meeting scheduled were reviewed and Council is in general agreement with the capital items presented. A request to purchase a back lane in Pinewood was received and there also may be a possibility to have excess groundwater from the property diverted to the Dawson South Fire Hall for filling a reservoir. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed. The Clerk-Treasurer updates Council including AMP capacity building agreement and funding being received, MMAH will have their 20 pages of comments on the draft OP ready shortly, the Clerk-Treasurer has tried to make contact with the consultant to see how they wish to proceed to update and revise the OP as well the new PPS is

effective April 1st which means we must go to that standard. The Clerk recommended a solution to the funding for the Locum House that Council will bring to the next meeting. Education rates were reduced to .203% residential and BET 1.22%. First ¼ OMPF funding and final 2013 POA revenues were received, the Clerk registered for notifications of railway transportation of dangerous goods thru the municipality, work on the solar farms has started, a number of government reports were filed. No action taken on FCM membership, the Clerk is planning on a vacation in August. Audited financial statements were received for review and approval. Patullo tower project is proceeding. NOMA convention is in Fort Frances April 23 to 25 and RRDMA will use surplus funds to assist with convention costs. The LAS Fuel program agreement is ready to submit once fuel tank info is received from the Rd Supt. This program is flexible and we can use it whenever we wish once enrolled, we would not be locked in. Council received an invitation for the Town of Rainy River to attend a joint meeting with LOW to discuss various budget items and possible joint co-operation. Council declined the invitation.

ADJOURN #14-17 JODOIN & DRENNAN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m. And the next meeting be held on April 9th, 2014.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk