

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday May 2nd 2012 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor E Wiersema: Councillors: A Desaulniers, B Jodoin and A Wiersema. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt: H Govier.
- MINUTES** #12-28 DESAULNIERS & JODOIN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 4th 2012, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS** #12-29 WIERSEMA & DESAULNIERS & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$47,996.64 and representing disbursements for the month of April be approved for payment.
- PATULLO** #12-30 WIERSEMA & JODOIN & CARRIED that Council support local efforts to keep the Patullo tower in place by MNR until a satisfactory alternative can be found.
- ELECTION** #12-31 DESAULNIERS & WIERSEMA & CARRIED that Council support the attached resolution to demand the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act by MP Claude Gravelle be passed to keep no less than 10 electoral districts for Northern Ontario.
- INSURANCE** #12-32 JODOIN & DESAULNIERS & CARRIED that Council authorize a joint RFP for insurance coverage.
- BY-LAW 314** #12-33 WIERSEMA & DESAULNIERS & CARRIED that By-law No 314 being a Tile Drainage Borrowing By-law, having been read the required number of times, be finally passed.
- BY-LAW 315** #12-34 JODOIN & WIERSEMA & CARRIED that By-law No 315 being a by-law to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the Township and Union Gas Limited, be given first and second reading.
- GAS** #12-35 DESAULNIERS & JODOIN & CARRIED that 1. This Council approves the form of draft by-law and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of The Municipal Franchises Act. 2. This Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Township of Dawson is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act.
- TVO** #12-36 DESAULNIERS & WIERSEMA & CARRIED that TVO be advised that the Township of Dawson is willing to take ownership of their Pinewood tower at no cost to us.
- OP & ZBL** #12-37 DESAULNIERS & JODOIN & CARRIED that in cooperation with the Council of the Township of Dawson, Council accept the proposal from BrookMcLlroy for the review and update of our Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law. And further that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to seek the approval of AMO to use part of our Federal Gas Tax revenues to fund the project and to sign agreement(s) on behalf of the municipality to access mapping and other data and information from the Province.

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The Rd Supt updated Council on roads being graded, mowers maintenance being complete, the dump being monitored and grass mowing will commence next week. Philip Krahn is working as a temporary fill in due to sickness etc. Rd Supt will undergo knee surgery around May 23rd and R Asselin will fill in due the absence. Gravel needs for the summer were reviewed, patching on north River Rd will be undertaken and no surface treatment is planned for this year. Road staff will be responsible for opening & closings in the cemetery from now on. The Mayor established 5 zones in the municipality with each council member responsible for providing input on roads and other issues within their zone and maps were circulated to the Rd Supt & the Council members. Councillor Jodoin updated on the CBO visit & inspection of the Pinewood hall and the rafters are a sever problem, Council is going to clean out & dispose of the building. Council reviewed the monthly report of the Clerk-Treasurer including updates on the locum doctor house, joint fire committee, & review of proposal received for our OP & ZBL updates. Councillors Desaulniers & Wiersema, the Clerk-Treasurer & Fire Chief will attend a Public Information Officer training in Fort Frances May 10 this will serve as our annual training & exercise for emergency measures. Bell Canada 911 agreement has been renewed for another term. Concern about the future of the relay communication tower at Patullo has been expressed and local efforts are underway to have MNR keep the tower there until a satisfactory solution can be found to relay dispatching for the west end fire departments. A meeting is to be held with Justice Bode in Fort Frances June 1 or 18 and the new judge will sit in Kenora. Councillor Wiersema gave a DSSAB update including the suspension of the extra ambulance levy. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed. Fire Chief was asking for extra funding to attend a conference and Council will not provide the funding.

ADJOURN #12-38 DESAULNIERS & WIERSEMA & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk