

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday May 6th 2015 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

- PRESENT Mayor L Armstrong. Councillors: D Hartnell, B Jodoin, B Langner & V Murray. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt/Fire Chief: Randy Asselin.
- MINUTES **#15-35** HARNTPELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 1st 2015, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS **#15-36** MURRAY & LANGNER & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$57367.03 which representing disbursements for the month of April, be approved for payment.
- BY-LAW361 **#15-37** MURRAY & LANGNER & CARRIED that By-law No 361 being the 2015 Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW362 **#15-38** MURRAY & LANGNER & CARRIED that By-law No 362 being the Tax Ratio By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW363 **#15-39** MURRAY & JODOIN & CARRIED that By-law No 363 being the Pinewood Streetlight Replacement Agreement By-law, be enacted.
- MIN TAXES **#15-40** HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that after considering various options and reviewing costs of services Council authorize an increase in the minimum tax billing amount to \$100.00 effective for the year 2015.
- DONATIONS **#15-41** MURRAY & LANGNER & CARRIED that Council authorize donations of \$100.00 each for the Chem-Free Graduation 2015 at Rainy River High School and the Relay for Life event.
- REMPEL DRN **#15-42** MURRAY & HARTNELL & CARRIED that K Smart & Associates be hired to produce a Drainage Act Section 65 report on the Rempel Drain. The report is to address the change of use on two properties which have had solar farms constructed on them. The cost of the report will be the responsibility of the affected owners.
- OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including using the disc to work up and widen numerous roads, this will continue as weather permits. MSO has inspected the area of River Rd needing surface treatment and will submit a quote soon with work to be completed late June or early July. The crew continues to deal with beaver dams in numerous locations. Rd Supt will investigate cost to replace one of our graders. The annual road patrol was completed. Council discussed moving a culvert on Hanson Lane to address some drainage issues, the owner proposing the work would be responsible for some costs and this project would require a mutual agreement drain as the outlet would be across private property. Fire Department responded to 5 grass fires and a house fire in the past month. The Fire Committee will meet on May 13th to review draft department guidelines. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed there were no new permits issued. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items: including that the fire board meeting of April 8th, dump user fees, the Worthington Rd 4 crossing grant has been received, POA & OMPF funding receipts, a discussion on the minimum tax amount, the tax capping and tax ratios implications and a review of a draft for 2015 budget, further options are to be developed and a significant increase in the tax rate is required to meet increased cost especially the OPP & RRDSSAB levies. Real Term has submitted an updated streetlight proposal. Councillor Langner updated Council on DSSAB. The Rd Supt, the Clerk-Treasurer and Councillor Hartnell attended drainage training April 14-15 in Fort Frances. Councillor Hartnell reported on his attendance at the recent NOMA convention. Upcoming training includes Note taking for Emergency Measures, annual emergency training & exercise in Barwick May 26 with all members of Council, the CEMC and Rd Supt/Fire Chief attending. CANWARN training in Emo June 16. The Clerk-Treasurer to write a letter reminding a local farmer that he is responsible to remove mud when tractor deposit it on our roadways and not to use his track tractor on our new surface treatment on River Rd.
- ADJOURN **#15-43** HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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