

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council held on Wednesday October 7th 2020 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

PRESENT Mayor B Langner. Councillors: D Hartnell, B Jodoin, C Larocque. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief R Asselin. Gajith Jinadasa the EDO updated Council on his last year's activities and he discussed his proposal for the youth grant program.

MINUTES #20-51 JODOIN & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held September 2nd 2020, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #20-52 HARTNELL & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$126,819.05 and \$131,783.44 representing disbursements for the months of July and August respectively be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR JODOIN declared a conflict on the August disbursements as her spouse had payment for work completed for the Township.**

YOUTH #20-53 HARTNELL & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that Council agrees to provide up to \$500.00 to support the West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant. The project will give an opportunity for youth in the area to serve communities by supporting the student's own initiatives.

CULVERT #20-54 JODOIN & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that pursuant to the request of the owner of part of Lot 10 Conc 3 Spohn the field culvert be removed. The culvert will be used at another location.

RESILIENT #20-55 JODOIN & HARTNELL & CARRIED that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation under the Resilient Communities Fund. The project is to make the community more accessible and provide services more remotely. The application could be in cooperation with the Township of Lake of the Woods.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on truck and trailer safeties, the trailer will need significant work next year, brushing on Blue Rd 3 is to be undertaken, a recent tractor fire and removal caused damages to Nelles-Dilke roadway, a farm culvert on the Spohn drain as noted above is to be removed and reused on Wilson Creek Road, work on winter sand will start soon. Transport Canada report showed the CN has work to complete on a few crossings in the Township. Council review a request for funding of a youth grant program but needs more information prior to a decision. Councillor Jodoin reported on a recent locum house meeting, mold continues to be a problem in the garage. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on the budget, 2021 OPP costing reducing from \$81,026 to \$79,969, the expected refund from NWHU of \$2031.16 due to a delay in funding changes. Council reviewed the 2019 Building Permit report was compared to the 2018 report. 2021 WSIB rate is to be \$3.00. Dawson was again one of the first 15 municipalities to file their FIR and was awarded recognition of that by MMAH. Canada is putting the lake sturgeon on the Species at

Risk List. The executed EDO agreement has been received. A communique from the Fire Marshall on fire staffing levels and safety was received. The Ombudsman annual report was received. Regulation change means we do not have to have an exercise in 2020 to comply for EMO purposes. Mayor Langner reported on recent zoom meetings with MP Rickford and a potential public announcement on funding for a new school in Rainy River.

ADJOURN #20-56 LAROCQUE & HARTNELL & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk