

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday September 8th 2021 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

- PRESENT Mayor B Langner. Councillors: B Jodoin, D Hartnell, C Larocque & B Sands. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin.
- MINUTES **#21-54 JODOIN & SANDS & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held July 7th 2021, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS **#21-55 HARTNELL & SANDS & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amounts of \$101,705.67 and \$214,206.96 and representing disbursements for the months July and August 2021, respectively, be approved for payment. **Councillor Jodoin declared an interest as her spouse had a payment in the August listing.**
- BY-LAW444 **#21-56 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that By-law No 444, being the Public Works Garage ICIP Agreement By-law, be enacted.
- KRAHN TILE**#21-57 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED** that Council approves the Tile Drainage Loan application by Calvin & Chrissa Krahn for a maximum of \$50,000.00, subject to the Drainage Superintendent's inspection reports and 2021 Tile Loan Program funding. This application covers the SW ¼ Sec 3 Curran, roll number 5934410-00427700.
- LIBRARY **#21-58 JODOIN & HARTNELL & CARRIED** that Council authorizes a payment to Rainy River Public Library Board in the amount of \$6,550 for 2021.
- LAS EPT **#21-59 LAROCQUE & HARTNELL & CARRIED** that Council not renew our subscription for the LAS EPT toolkit. Staff will use spreadsheets to capture the energy use for each of the township facilities.
- MDW **#21-60 JODOIN & HARTNELL & CARRIED** that due to Ontario Good Roads Association ceasing support for the MDW asset management software, Council authorizes a subscription of ISI asset management software. The estimated annual cost is \$1000.
- BENEFITS **#21-61 JODOIN & HARTNELL & CARRIED** that Council authorizes a change to have Victor provide all coverage for the group benefits rather than the present coverage by Sun Life and Chubb.
- OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work, including, grading, gravelling completed, will start brushing again, a watering tank was created to wet the fresh gravel to keep the dust down and prepare for calcium. Extra gravelling will be completed to utilize the balance of OCIF funding and Gas Tax revenues. The Rd Supt will attend a demonstration of a reclaimer unit to attach to our grader to mulch sod for the edge of roads. Council discussed Hydro One requested to spray their right-of-way and Council did not agree as we presently do not allow spraying along our roadways. The Fire Chief is to get the work completed on the well water supply for Dawson South Fire Hall. A ratepayer had advised of his concern with the operation at our landfill, he was unable to attend the meeting. Council instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to write D Haner and advise that prepayment is required for the use of our landfill site and that only material from Dawson was to be disposed of in our landfill and material from other jurisdictions was to be disposed of there, also the zoning non compliance was to be rectified. Councillor Hartnell brought forward the name of an individual that would do by-law enforcement and the Clerk is to obtain information and documentation that could bring about the appointment of a by-law officer and to see if other jurisdictions were interested in such a service. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including a budget update, 1 tax sale file paid up, agreement for the ICIP project has been submitted, various

proposals for group insurance coverage were considered, an updated list of future Federal Gas Tax was received, direct deposits for payroll will be used for employees/council members who are Alterna Savings customers, payments of \$124,875 OMPF & \$3,118.21 POA and a refund of \$3,629.70 for 2020 RRDSSAB surplus were received. Our NOHFC application for a salt shed was not approved. KPMG report on asset management was received. The 2021 budget of the RR Library and a request for increased funding was received. An award notice for Dawson being one of the first 15 municipalities to file their FIR was received from MMAH.

ADJOURN **#21-62 HARTNELL & SANDS & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk