

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – AUGUST 11, 2014

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Racicot, Vezina
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Absent: Councillor Loan

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

The notes from the O'Connor Day Planning meeting held on July 28, 2014 were also reviewed.

Mr. Ryan Wallace of Northwest Insurance was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. but was not in attendance. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact him and reschedule for another meeting.

The Administration and Road Voucher was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JULY 31, 2014 TOTALLING \$104,588.79 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for July were unavailable.

Consent applications were reviewed and it was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/31/14 FOR CARL & TRINA SCHEUERMAN FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CON 4 PT N ½ OF THE N ½ LOT 6 FOR A SEVERANCE OF 5.46 HECTARES BE APPROVED.

Carried

4. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/32/14 FOR CARL & TRINA SCHEUERMAN FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CON 4 PT N ½ OF THE N ½ LOT 6 FOR A SEVERANCE OF 5.8 HECTARES BE APPROVED.

Carried

5. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/33/14 FOR RICHARD O'LOUGHLIN FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CON 1 PT MINING LOT 145T & Y1 FOR A SEVERANCE OF 18.229 HECTARES BE APPROVED.

Carried

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Quotes for the Township of O'Connor's three bridge inspections were opened. The quotes were received and it was

6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE QUOTE OF KGS GROUP TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE STRUCTURAL INSPECTION OF THREE BRIDGES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AT A COST OF \$2,150.00 + HST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer will send thank you letters to all who submitted quotes informing them of the successful bidder.

A resolutions for endorsement was read from The Regional Municipality of Halton and it was

7. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON REQUESTING THAT THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACT, 2014 BE SUPPORTED BY THE PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS AND THAT BILL 83 BE RE-INTRODUCED FORTHWITH IN THE LEGISLATURE BE ENDORSED.

Carried

A reply letter from the Premier of Ontario with regard to Council's endorsed resolution with regard to hydro rates was read.

A letter was read from the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) requesting a meeting with Council to discuss the current year budget, the strategic plan and other decisions of the board. The Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee (LRMC) has been trying to setup a meeting with the TBDSSAB and full Council all together to discuss these items and Council agreed that they would like to have one meeting with the six municipalities and the Board rather than individually. The Clerk-Treasurer will respond to the Board informing them of this.

A letter was read from the TBDSSAB to Mayor Kloosterhuis with regard to the LRMC's request to meet with the Board. The response stated that the Board, as a whole, is unable to attend the LRMC meeting scheduled for August 28, 2014. The letter then requested that the Chair and the Chief Administration Officer meet with Mayor Kloosterhuis to discuss the Committee's concerns.

An email from Mayor Kloosterhuis responding to the LRMC municipalities on this letter was read. She is requesting a resolution from each municipality that she will forward to them requesting a meeting with the Board in September, 2014 to discuss these items as a group. It was

8. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

AS PER THE LETTER DATED JULY 31, 2014 ADDRESSED TO MAYOR KLOOSTERHUIS REGARDING THE LRMC THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT A JOINT MEETING WITH TBDSSAB AND LRMC AND FULL COUNCIL TO DISCUSS BUDGET, PROGRAMS AND DSSAB STRUCTURE.

Carried

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Ontario Provincial Police – August Newsletter. The information with regard to self-reporting will be included in the September Cornerstone.
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - i) Watch File - July 17, 2014
 - ii) Watch File – July 24, 2014
 - iii) Watch File – July 31, 2014
 - iv) Watch File – August 7, 2014

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- v) Policy Update – The 2014 Provincial Budget
 - vi) AMO President Russ Powers will speak to municipal infrastructure needs at the Council of the Federation's Building Canada Up summit.
 - vii) Community School Alliance Meeting at AMO – draft minutes from conference call minutes.
 - viii) AMO Policy Update – Energy August 6, 2014.
 - c) Ontario Good Roads Association – No surprises as Government re-introduces budget.
 - d) Waste Diversion Ontario – 2014 Interim Blue Box Payout to Municipalities Payments 1 & 2.
 - e) Stewardship Ontario – Interim Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the 2014 Program year. The Township has received its first quarterly payment for 2014 in the amount of \$671.00.
 - f) OMERS Update – July 15, 2014 – No support for Employer Sponsor OMERS Plan Changes.
 - g) Ernie Hardeman, MPP – official critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing - invitation to attend the Ontario PC Caucus reception at the AMO conference.
- The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Councillor Vezina reported on the cutback of forest roads and informed Council that it is the Crown Forest Roads Program that is being cut by 25%. Mayor Nelson also reported that the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) is aware of this, as well as Jamie Lim from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and they are fighting against this.
- b) Municipality of Neebing – copy of their resolution supporting the Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee's request for day care subsidy support for the Little Lions Daycare and ongoing support of the Committee.
- c) Municipal Finance Officers Association (MFOA) regarding the Investment options sessions to be held in Thunder Bay on October 16, 2014. – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot will be on holidays at this time so no one will attend the session.
- d) O'Connor Day – i) update – The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the status of planning to date and the draft schedule of events was reviewed.

Under further old business Council asked if there was any issue with the claim through the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation for the recent cougar kill in the community pasture that Mr. Noy, Livestock Valuer, reported on to Council,. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the reimbursement has come through and the farmer has been reimbursed for his loss.

Council was also provided an update on the Cedar Creek bridge replacement project. The road is now closed for the construction.

A discussion was held with regard to whether or not Council should be notified of any digging of the roadway by an outside utility. It was agreed that Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, would deal with this and it was suggested that he request a directional line boring rather than a full digging out of the road. Mr. Johnson will be notified of this and can discuss it with Council at his next meeting.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Setting a date for a fall Township inspection and it was

- 9. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR A TOWNSHIP INSPECTION,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2104 AT 8:30 A.M.**

Carried

- b) Township of Conmee – regarding the AMO Conference delegation requests that they have submitted on behalf of the Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee.
- c) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority – regarding the Annual Conservation Calendar. It was agreed not to advertise in their calendar.

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- d) Rodney Swarek – Township of White River regarding Via Rail Canada. Mr. Swarek is informing everyone that the Budd Car service between White River and Sudbury will be providing passenger service 3 days a week in both directions. Mr. Swarek is suggesting that the Thunder Bay District Municipal League or the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association should start to approach Via Rail Canada to continue this service on the Thunder Bay. Council would like this added to the next TBDML agenda and request that someone from Via Rail attend the next conference of the League to discuss this possibility.
- e) Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge – regarding the Grand Opening of the Founders' Museum and Pioneer Village. No one will be available to attend.
- f) Town of Penetanguishene – requesting a media release similar to the one presented regarding community schools alliance be submitted. Council agreed not to submit one at this time.
- g) North of Superior Workforce Planning Board – invitation to attend the 2013-2014 Annual General Meeting – September 25, 2014. Councillor Garbutt will be attending as the Thunder Bay District Municipal League representative.

Issues brought forward of letters received after agenda was mailed a) Slate River Plowman's Association inviting a member of Council to participate in the celebrities class of the Slate River Plowing Match to be held on September 6, 2014. Councillor Vezina has agreed to participate on behalf of the Township.

For information purposes a building permit was issued for an addition at 197 Sitch Road.

Mayor Nelson requested that the meeting move to a Closed portion.

- 10. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS A PERSONAL MATTER ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(E) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 8:25 P.M.

Carried

An issue with regard to participation at meetings was discussed.

- 11. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

TIME BEING: 8:35 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

- 12. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:36 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer