

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETING – MARCH 9, 2015 AT 7 P.M.

Absent, if any, please call

1. Call to order
2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof
3. Minutes – Council Meeting February 23, 2014 – enclosed
4. Visitors, if any
5. Any person who requested to be on the agenda – to date of mailing
  - a) 7:00 p.m. - Grant Thornton – Rosy Brizi and Lindsey Halow to present the Township of O'Connor's - 2014 Financial Statements – Draft enclosed
  - b) 7:30 p.m. - Mr. Kip Miller, Ministry of Natural Resources – with regard to the Fire Agreement – draft agreement and mapping enclosed
6. 8:00 p.m. – Fire Chief Henry Mattas
  - a) Fire Department i) report and ii) issues
  - b) NorWest Community Health Centres – Rural Health Fair – coinciding with Emergency Preparedness Week - discuss display and giveaways – letter enclosed
7. Administration and Roads Voucher - Bills to be paid passed around the table
8. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - unavailable
9. By-laws and Policies – **a) By-law Number 2015-05 - Being a By-law authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources – on table**
10. Consent applications – none at time of mailing
11. Resolutions for endorsement – a) Town of Aurora re: Bill 52, the Protection of Public Participation Act – enclosed
  - b) Township of South Stormont – requesting that the Federal Government dedicate 1% of the annual Goods and Services tax collected be dispersed among the Municipal Governments of Canada on a per capita calculation. - enclosed
12. DSSAB ISSUES – a) Copy of letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne from Robert Katajamaki, Chair of the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board re: Endorsement of Northern Ontario Service Deliverer's Association letter - enclosed
13. Correspondence – copies of letters enclosed
  - a) Councillor Bob McMaster - Thunder Bay District Health Unit Board meeting Report – February 18, 2015
  - b) Thunder Bay District Municipal League – Executive and Committees 2015-2017
  - c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) AMO – Watchfile –Feb 26, 2015
    - ii) Watchfile - March 5, 2015
    - iii) AMO's Member Update – Municipal leaders from Ontario's rural communities gathered today at the 2015 OGRA/ROMA Conference in Toronto
    - iv) AMO Communications – Government Introduces Changes to Land Use Planning and Development Charges Legislation
    - v) Gas Tax Case Study – State of Ontario's Roads and Bridges – on table**
    - vi) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – Board of Directors Position Call for Expression of Interest – on table**
  - d) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – i) re: Introduction of Bill 73 – the Proposed Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015.
    - ii) News – Development Charges Act Proposals
    - iii) re: Long-standing Service Award
  - e) Ministry of Labour – reply letter to Council's endorsed resolution regarding “double-hatter” firefighters.
  - f) Mike Relf, Manager, Commission Secretariat, Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission Secretariat – reply to Council's endorsed resolution regarding chicken farmers of Ontario small flock policy

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13. Correspondence (con't)

- g) Ontario Human Rights Commission – re: Applying a Human Rights lens in Zoning, licensing and municipal decision making.
- h) Balance of the correspondence to be passed around table

14. Old business

- a) Ministry of Northern Development and Mines - Funding opportunities from February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting – Councillor Loan to report
- b) Ontario Provincial Police – Municipal Policing Bureau – reply letter to Council's request to have Sgt. Pam Ford attend a second meeting in O'Connor regarding the OPP Billing Model.
- c) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – re: Annual Planning Workshop for Northwestern Ontario to be held in Thunder Bay on March 25 & 26, 2015. Who will attend?
- d) Further old business

15. New business

- a) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – i) Draft agenda for Annual Meeting & Conference to be held April 22, 23 and 24, 2015 - enclosed
  - ii) Registration – who will be attending
  - iii) First Call for Nominations for Offices of President & Executive Vice President - enclosed
- b) AMCTO the Municipal Experts – i) AMCTO Upcoming Professional Development – Zone 9 - enclosed
  - ii) AMCTO Corporate Training for Councils and Senior Management - enclosed
- c) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority – re: 2015 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Levy Request – enclosed
- d) Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – i) re: OMAFRA's Draft Revised Minimum Distance Separation Formulae 2015 – inviting comments until May 20, 2015 – document available via email
  - ii) 2015 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program – deadline for applications is April 10, 2015 - enclosed
- e) Set dates for budget meetings
- f) Set date for an O'Connor Day Planning Meeting
- g) Discuss Official Plan Review
- h) Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML) – i) Email from Councillor Loan re: TBDML Constitution for review – enclosed and emailed
  - ii) Email from Beth Stewart re: Constitution and Policies - enclosed
- i) Further new business

16. Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed – copies will be available at the Council table

- a) Reply from Premier Kathleen Wynne reply to Council's endorsed resolution re: Chicken Farmers of Ontario Exempt Flock Limit**
- b) Township of Conmee – report re: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with the Community School Alliance at the OGRA/ROMA Conference**
- c) Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. – re: Proposed Changes to the Development Charges Act.**
- d) Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford PC Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing – re: New bill on affordable housing and accountability**

17. Information purposes: Building permits were approved as follows: 2015-01 Demolition Permit – 610 Highway 595 – old house

18. Closed Portion – no issue at time of posting

19. Open meeting

20. Adjournment      DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7 p.m.