

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2014

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Nelson  
Councillors: Garbutt, Racicot, Vezina  
Clerk-Treasurer Buob  
Visitors: Mr. Kelly Johnson, Leadhand  
Absent: Councillor Loan

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in items 16 a) and 20. as his spouse is an employee of the Township. Councillor Vezina declared an interest in item 11 a) as he is an employee of one of the companies placing a bid to supply the culvert. Mayor Nelson declared an interest in item 9b) i), ii), and iii) as he is an employee of Ontario One Call.

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

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

The notes from the O'Connor Day planning meeting held on March 25, 2014 were read.

Mr. Johnson was asked if he wished to address Council on any personal matters and he replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the meeting. The Monthly Road Department report was read. Roadwork in general was discussed. Mr. Johnson informed Council that he has closed Main Street at Forest Hill on April 1, 2014 and it will remain closed until further notice. Mr. Johnson would like to see this hill discussed in the next road agreement with the Township of Gillies. This road is in need of ditching and tree removal is required and will have to be negotiated with the property owner. The agreement with the Township of Gillies may need to be changed.

Mr. Johnson reported that they have had some minor water issues which they are staying on top of. There is some ice buildup in the Whitefish River which they will keep their eye on. They have brought some gravel into the municipal yard in case of flooding.

Mr. Dennhardt has graded the snow off of the road detour for the bridge replacement on Broome road to help it dry up quicker.

A Township inspection was discussed. It was agreed to defer an inspection this year to the fall and a date will be set later in the year.

The Administration and Roads Voucher was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR MARCH 31, 2014 TALLING \$190,770.69 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to March 31, 2014 was reviewed.

By-laws were reviewed and discussed as follows:

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a) As the Township of O'Connor has a cemetery and due to the changes in the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, c. 33 the Township of O'Connor has to increase the amount of monies that go into the Care and Maintenance account for the sale of each plot sold in our cemetery, which in turn means that the cost of the plots must increase. It was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2014-06 BEING A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE O'CONNOR CEMETERY BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

Notice of this proposed By-law to control the O'Connor Cemetery will be posted at the entrance of the cemetery. As well it will be posted in the Township's newsletter, the Cornerstone, in the May 2014 issue and on the Township's website and bulletin board. This By-law is subject to the approval of the Registrar, Cemeteries Regulation Unit, Ministry of Consumer Services.

Mayor Nelson left the room and Councillor Vezina took the position of chair.

b) i) A letter was read from the Ministry of Consumer Services with regard to the implementation of the Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012.  
ii) A letter was read from ON1Call advising that the Regulation under the Act is now in force.  
iii) Due to the passing of the Bill 8, Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012 and Schedule 2 to By-law No. 2 of Ontario One Call, being the Terms and Conditions of membership, Section 31, Transition from Service Agreements reads: "The Members acknowledge that all services agreements that the Corporation and its Members have entered into prior to these terms and conditions coming into force are terminated or cancelled. It was

4. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2014-07 TO RESCIND BY-LAW NUMBER 2013-18 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH ONTARIO ONE CALL AND THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

Mayor Nelson returned to the meeting and resumed the position of chair.

c) An Agreement of Purchase and Sale was reviewed for the sale of the Township's property on Sitch road and it was

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2014-08 TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH DONALD RICHARD WILTSHIRE FOR THE SALE OF LANDS BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

The decision from the Lakehead Rural Planning Board for Consent Application 1B/06/14 for John Molcan was read.

Councillor Vezina left the room.

The Tenders for the supply of the Broome Road Culvert and a summary report from KGS Group were reviewed. Two tenders were received one from Atlantic Industries Limited and one from Armtec. A second quote from Armtec for an optional bridge-plate sheeting wall was also discussed. It was

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6. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE TENDER OF ARMTEC BE ACCEPTED FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A CORRUGATED STEEL BOX CULVERT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR FOR THE CEDAR CREEK (BROOME ROAD) RIVER CROSSING PROJECT AT A COST OF \$59,115.00 PLUS HST.**

Carried

The order for the structure will be placed with Armtec. Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

Councillor Vezina returned to the room.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows: a) i)Niagara Region calling on Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario to take immediate action against hydro rate increases was filed.

ii) Township of Wainfleet – regarding Long Term Energy Plan was filed.

b) Town of Minto – requesting immediate action to prevent hydro rate increases from being implemented was filed.

c) Town of Penetanguishene – Call for a review of funding for small town Ontario schools. It was

7. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE CALLING FOR A REVIEW OF FUNDING FOR SMALL TOWN ONTARIO SCHOOLS AND REQUESTING A MORATORIUM ON ALL SCHOOL CLOSURES UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS ON ACCOMMODATION REVIEWS IS COMPLETED BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BE ENDORSED.**

Carried

d) Wollaston Township – regarding Provincial direction regarding development of private roads was filed.

e) West Lincoln requesting the Province put an immediate moratorium on all Industrial Wind Turbines was filed.

f) City of Timmins – requesting that the federal government direct Canada Post to maintain its current levels of service was filed.

g) Township of Front of Yonge petitioning the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to institute a deposit/return system for plastic water bottles. It was

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

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF FRONT OF YONGE PETITIONING THE ONTARIO MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO INSTITUTE A DEPOSIT/RETURN SYSTEM FOR PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES AND TO BAN THE USE OF POLYSTYRENE FOAM PEANUTS IN ONTARIO BE ENDORSED.**

Carried

h) Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs – Proclaiming June as Seniors' Month. It was

9. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**WHEREAS SENIOR'S MONTH IS AN ANNUAL NATION-WIDE CELEBRATION;  
WHEREAS SENIORS HAVE CONTRIBUTED AND CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE IMMENSELY TO THE LIFE AND VIBRANCY OF THIS COMMUNITY;**

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**WHEREAS SENIORS CONTINUE TO SERVE AS LEADERS, MENTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND IMPORTANT AND ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY;**  
**WHEREAS THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS PAST AND PRESENT WARRANT APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION AND THEIR STORIES DESERVE TO BE TOLD;**  
**WHEREAS THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF SENIORS IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL AND FURTHER ADDS TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY;**  
**WHEREAS THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE SENIORS PASS ON TO US CONTINUES TO BENEFIT ALL;**  
**I, MAYOR RON NELSON, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 1 – 30, 2014 SENIORS' MONTH IN THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR SENIORS.**  
**DATED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2014.**

Carried

i) Town of Petrolia – regarding Long Term Energy Plan hydro rate increases

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

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWN OF PETROLIA CALLING ON PREMIER WYNNE AND THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST HYDRO RATE INCREASES FROM BEING IMPLEMENTED BE ENDORSED.**

Carried

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Lakehead Rural Planning Board – copy of Authorizing By-law between the Board and the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and a copy of the invoice for 2014 Planning Services.
- b) Emergency Measures Organization – EMO Quarterly Newsletter January - March 2014 and 2014 invoice. Mr. Coupland in the report also asked when Council would like to hold this year's emergency table top exercise and suggesting earlier in the year due to the upcoming Municipal Election. Three dates in June were suggested and will be sent back to Mr. Coupland to see if any of them are available. The information will be brought back to the next meeting.
- c) Stewardship Ontario – Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for 2013 Program Year – fourth quarterly payment received. The total for the year was \$3,944.89.
- d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario
  - i) Watch File - March 27, 2014.
  - ii) Watch File – April 3, 2014.
  - iii) Watch File – April 10, 2014.
  - iv) AMO Breaking News – New Accountability and Transparency Act for Broader Public Sector with Proposed New Requirements to be imposed on Municipal Government.
  - v) Ontario Cabinet Shuffle Announced.
  - vi) New Building Canada Fund Announced – Agreement with Provincial Government Required to Allocate Funding in Ontario.
  - vii) AMO Report to Members – Highlights of the March 2014 Board Meeting.
  - viii) Integrated Service Delivery – Realigning and Repurposing School Space for Effectiveness and Efficiency.
  - ix) Bill 69, The Prompt Payment Act Put Aside; Government Announces Construction Liens Act Review.
  - x) AMO's Interest Arbitration update.
  - xi) Breaking News – New AMO Task Force on Police Modernization Advice from AMO OPP Billing Steering Committee.
  - xii) Release of AMO OPP Billing Steering Committee's Final Report.
- e) AMCTO the Municipal Experts – March 31, 2014 AMCTO Legislative Express - What's New.
- f) Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) – i) OGRA's Position on Joint and Several Liability.  
 ii) OGRA enters into MDW partnership with Marmak

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- g) Ontario Provincial Police – April Newsletter. Information on distracted drivers and seatbelt fines from this issue will be included in the next issue of the Cornerstone.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) AMCTO ZONE 9 Spring Meeting - After reviewing the agenda and speaking with the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer the Clerk-Treasurer requested that she also attend the meeting. It was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE AMCTO ZONE SPRING MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 6 & 7, 2014 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**REGISTRATION: \$100.00 + HST  
DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT**  
Carried

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- b) Update on Community Centre renovations – Final Revenue and Expenditure comparison sheet was reviewed. It was noted that additional expenses for the renovations will be included in the 2014 budget, including the painting of the lift doors, new blinds for the windows of the hall and old office, matting, etc. A possible grand reopening of the community centre was discussed. If the lift is up and running and after final inspections the date of May 24 was suggested. A spaghetti dinner was suggested, with an official cake for cutting for dessert. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Thompson Accessibility Solutions (TAS) to see if they have a date for when the TSSA inspection will be done and the lift will be ready for use.
- c) Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration – Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat – Nomination Acknowledgement. The Township of O'Connor has nominated two members of the First Response Team and one Fire Department Auxiliary member for this award. A ceremony will be held on May 29, 2014 at the Vahalla Inn, Mayor Nelson and Clerk-Treasurer Buob have also been invited to attend.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) YES Employment Services – regarding their Jobs for Youth Program. It was

12. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR APPLY FOR 3 STUDENTS THROUGH THE YES EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR THE ROADS DEPARTMENT AND ONE STUDENT FOR THE OFFICE.**

**START DATE WILL BE JULY 7, 2014.**  
Carried

- b) Ontario Provincial Police – 2013 Reconciled Policing Costs – The Township will receive a \$2,453.00 credit for the second half of 2013. The new billing model was briefly discussed.
- c) Northwest Insurance Group Inc. – 2014 Insurance renewal information. Mr. Wallace has recommended a separate insurance policy for O'Connor Day due to the additional risk. Council would like a price for this before making that decision. It was also noted that the User Facility insurance will be coming as a separate policy and is not included in the current renewal at this time.
- d) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – letter to public hall operators with recommendations when using or renting the hall for food-related events. This information will be used as a reference only when someone is renting the kitchen facilities.

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- e) County of Haliburton – regarding OPP Billing Reform Call to Action. A Day of Action is being considered for May 1, 2014. This information was filed.
- f) Seniors Community Grant Program – As part of the Action Plan for Seniors, a grant program is being introduced. The Township is eligible to apply for this funding, representing seniors groups or to offer programs or services which directly benefit seniors living in Ontario. It was agreed that a notice of this funding will be put in the next issue of the Cornerstone requesting suggestions as to what the seniors in our municipality might be looking for. Applications are being accepted until June 30, 2014 with projects are to be completed by March 31, 2015.

Under Further New Business, Councillor Racicot informed Council that currently at Habitat for Humanity there is a hose that could possibly be used for flooding the outdoor skating rink. Council asked Councillor Racicot to inquire into how long the hose is and what the price would be.

Issues brought forward or letters received after the agenda was mailed were read as follows:

- a) Ontario Good Roads Association – Heads Up Alert informing its members of Premier Kathleen Wynne's announcement regarding \$29 billion in spending on transit and transportation infrastructure.

Councillor Racicot left the meeting.

- 13. 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 LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.**

**TIME BEING: 9:15 P.M.**

Carried

A letter from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot regarding her position and wage negotiations was discussed.

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

**TIME BEING: 9:37 P.M.**

**THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

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

**THAT AFTER A PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND A WAGE EVALUATION THE DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RECEIVE A WAGE INCREASE OF \$1.95/HR EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2014.**

Carried

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 9:40 P.M.**

Carried