

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – APRIL 28, 2014

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Racicot, Vezina
Clerk-Treasurer Buob
Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas
Absent: Councillor Loan

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m..
Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014 AND THE BUDGET MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report from March 18 to April 25, 2014 was read. There have been five First Response calls in that time period. Council asked Fire Chief Mattas how the combined training with the Gillies and Nolalu Departments have been going. He reported that they are not getting full attendance, only a few at each event. Next week they will be doing power saw training and in mid-May the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) will be doing the MNR grass fire training which will be hosted by the Township of Gillies. The Township 4 x 4 for grass fires is setup and ready to go if required for a call.

Fire Chief Mattas reported that Fire Captain Greg Biloski has received his DZ licence and volunteer firefighter Stefan Derech has now taken the classroom portion of the training.

Fire Chief Mattas discussed the CO Alarm requirements which will be in effect shortly. He provided Council with a diagram of where the alarms should be located in the home as well as common sources of carbon monoxide. This information will be put in the May issue of the Cornerstone.

A date for the 2014 Table Top Exercise was discussed and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR A TABLE TOP EXERCISE: TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 AT 7 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas will contact Mr. Coupland to discuss a possible scenario. Council are requesting that it be with regard to weather.

An email from Ontario Power Generation with regard to an upcoming Kaministiquia River System Stakeholder Update Meeting and site tour of Kakabeka Falls Generating Station was read and it was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ONTARIO POWER GENERATION KAMINISTIQUE RIVER SYSTEM STAKEHOLDER UPDATE MEETING AND SITE TOUR OF KAKABEKA FALLS GENERATING STATION TO BE HELD ON MAY 22, 2014 IN KAKABEKA FALLS.

REGISTRATION: N/C

MAYOR RON NELSON, CLERK-TREASURER BUOB, FIRE CHIEF MATTAS

Carried

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The Emergency Services Co-Ordinator position was discussed. The Township of Gillies has now passed a resolution to share the costs of this position with the Township of Conmee and O'Connor. Council would like to see a meeting called with the Township's Head of Council, Fire Chief and Clerks to go over the position and then have Mr. Kuiper attend the meeting and meet everyone involved. The Township of O'Connor is willing to host the next meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer will send out an email to the Townships to see when they would be available.

An email from Alexandra Lawless, Field Officer Amethyst Sector from the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management was read. The 2014 Emergency Management Program compliance forms were reviewed along with the Annual Maintenance checklist. This must be submitted by December 31, 2014. Mr. John Coupland from the Emergency Measures Organization does respond on the Township's behalf.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending.

By-law Number 2014-09 was reviewed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2014-09 TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO FOR THE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GAS TAX FUNDS BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario Guide to the Municipal Funding Agreement for the transfer of Federal Gas Tax Funds April 2014 was also reviewed. The Agreement will provide funding between 2014 and 2018 and Canada has introduced changes that will benefit the municipalities.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) City of Thunder Bay – regarding the CBC Underfunding. It was

5. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded Bishop Racicot

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY ENDORSING AN INCREASE OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (CBC) AND CANCELLING ALL PLANNED STAFF AND PROGRAMMING CUTS AT THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO CBC STATION BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- b) City of Peterborough requesting amendments to the Police Services Act and it was

6. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH REQUESTING AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICE SERVICES ACT BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- c) Township of Muskoka – regarding the Land Titles Electronic Registry System was filed.

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) letter regarding the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario Program Ontario Renovates – 2014/15 Allocation was read. The program will be advertised in the May issue of the Cornerstone. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact the TBDSSAB to clarify some of Council's questions with regard to the program.

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Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – i) Watch File April 17, 2014.
ii) Watch File April 24, 2014.
iii) AMO OPP Billing Update and Additional Webinar.
iv) Premier Announces \$29 Billion for Transit and Transportation Infrastructure.
- b) Ontario Provincial Standards (OPS) review, details of this Comprehensive review will be available in the near future.
- c) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – regarding the 2013 Annual Report and Financial Statements.
- d) Ministry of Energy – Minister Bob Chiarelli regarding the update on the initiatives Ontario's government is undertaking.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) – regarding the Proposed Bear Management Pilot Program. Due to a court challenging the Province's decision to implement the proposed bear management pilot program may be delayed. They intend to defend their position but the proposed hunt could be prevented from starting on May 1st as planned.
- b) Ministry of Northern Development and Mines – regarding the Summer Jobs Service Program approval letter. The Township has been approved for one office assistant and one labourer through this program. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact the office to discuss the Township's plans for this year's summer student and using the YES employment program for the labourer position.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Township of Gillies – regarding the Provincial Policy Statement. Ms. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk for the Township of Gillies has reviewed the document and presented a report to her Council. Their concern with the document will also be discussed at the upcoming Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee meeting to be held on April 29, 2014. The comments were to be in to the Ministry by April 25, however the Mayors have asked Minister Mauro for an extension.
- b) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – Minutes of March 19, 2014 meeting and comment with regard to teleconference participation were discussed. Councillor Garbutt has not been able to attend these meetings in person and Council was concerned with the Township's of O'Connor and Conmee not having someone at the table. Councillor Garbutt committed to attending in person for the upcoming meetings.

Under further new business, Councillor Garbutt asked about the Township's website and whether or not it was going to be accessible by the January 1, 2015 deadline. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that TBayIT has the Township's website ready for upgrading and is waiting to come out and do some training with the staff for managing it.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Ministry of Rural Affairs – release of The Rural Roadmap: The Path Forward for Ontario.
- b) Ministry of Education – regarding the Release of How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years.
- c) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – Township of O'Connor - 1st Quarter Report. Sergeant Reppard, in his email, also asked if Council would like a representative to attend an upcoming meeting and present the report. Council would like someone to attend and discuss the new billing model and how the Township would be charged based on the call information in this report. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact the OPP office and make the arrangements.

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
TIME BEING: 8:43 P.M. Carried**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer