

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Leadhand Kelly Johnson

Absent: Mayor Nelson, Councillor Loan

Acting Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, MARCH 25, 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

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

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was then welcomed to the table. The Monthly Road Department report was read. Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department has started burning the brush piles on the Harstone road. Truck #9 will be going in for service soon.

Snow removal from in front of the man doors at the fire hall was discussed. It was suggested that the road department remove the snow from these doors. Mr. Johnson informed Council that they are busy with the roads and municipal yards and will ensure that the main vehicle doors are clear. It was suggested that this be discussed further with the Fire Department at the next meeting.

Workplace Inspection report from March 27, 2013 was discussed.

The draft MIII Capital Project application for Bridge #5, over Cedar Creek on Broome Road replacement was reviewed and discussed. Section 5 – Financing Tools of the application was discussed with Council. The Pre-Design report submitted by KGS Group was reviewed. The application for funding will be submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure by 5 p.m. April 9, 2013. A resolution supporting the project was discussed and it was

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**COUNCIL DECLARE THAT THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND CAPITAL PROGRAM APPLICATION  
FORM FOR THE MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE  
FOR OUR PROJECT – CEDAR CREEK/BROOME ROAD BRIDGE  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS FACTUALLY ACCURATE;**

**AND THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR IS COMMITTED TO CREATING A  
COMPREHENSIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT WILL INCLUDE ALL  
OF THE INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS DESCRIBED IN BUILDING  
TOGETHER: GUIDE FOR MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS BY  
DECEMBER 31, 2013.**

Carried

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

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The Road and Administration Voucher for March 2013 was reviewed and it was

3. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR MARCH 31, 2013  
TOTALLING \$123,026.52 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Township of Adjala – Tosorontio requesting a committee be established to work with the LHIN's and hospital boards to establish parameters and procedures to include hospitals under the Development Charges Act was filed.
- b) Ontario Small Urban Municipalities – supporting the Mayors' Alliance call to the federal Minister of Agriculture to consult with industry and community leaders on the repeal regulations with regard to local food processors adopting American size and format packaging was filed.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – 2013 Annual Repayment Limit
- b) Ontario Provincial Police – April Newsletter. Council would like the information regarding trespassing and the Hydro Corridor including in the Township's next newsletter.
- c) Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario – eBulletin – Should Ontario municipalities be required to budget for post-employment benefits, landfill closure and post-closure costs and amortization expenses? More information relating to this matter will be discussed under new business later on the agenda.
- d) Stewardship Ontario – regarding Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for 2012 Program Year. The Township of O'Connor has received the fourth quarterly payment for 2012 in the amount of \$888.27.
- e) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – NOMA says budget should include investments that facilitate Mining Growth.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported to Council that Tbaytel has recently upgraded their spam filtering system and several emails were not received by the office including documents from AMO and AMCTO which have now been included on this agenda.

- f) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) –
  - i) AMO Report to Members – Highlights of the March 2013 Board Meeting
  - ii) AMO's 2013 Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
  - iii) Interest Arbitration – Private Members' Bill Tabled Today
  - iv) Watch File – March 14, 2013
  - v) Watch File – March 21, 2013
  - vi) Watch File – March 28, 2013
  - vii) Watch File – April 4, 2013
- g) AMCTO the Municipal Experts February – regarding New Premier, New Cabinet & A Throne Speech – February 26, 2013
- h) Firedog Communications Inc. – Stephanie Ash – regarding Northwestern Ontario Immigration Portal – Content Enhancements. Offering a final call for additions or changes to our municipal content on their website.
- i) Government of Canada – regarding Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards. No names will be put forward at this time.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Councillor Racicot sent pictures to Council from the Township of Schreiber for reference with regard to equipment used in their community's kitchen. This will be discussed further at another meeting.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – soliciting interests from municipal stakeholders to review the Ontario Regulation 284/09 – Budget Matters. The Clerk-Treasurer will request additional information on this session and bring it back the information to the next meeting to see if anyone from the Township should attend.

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- b) Dutchak Scrap Metal – regarding Waste and Recycling from the Landfill Site and asking to purchase the Township’s scrap metal. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact them to see what they are offering and compare it to previous information collected from other companies.
- c) Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency – regarding increasing challenges livestock farmers face in dealing with predators and livestock guardian dogs. Currently the Township of O’Connor does not have any issues or restrictions with regard to their concerns as referred to in the letter.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Ministry of Finance – 2012 OPP reconciliation. The Township will receive a credit for the second half of 2012 as a result of the reconciliation in the amount of \$3,596.00.

For information purposes no building permits have been approved. It was brought to the Clerk-Treasurer’s attention that there is currently an addition being built along Highway 590. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into this and contact the Chief Building Official.

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

**THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 8:13 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer