

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – August 10, 2015

Minutes of the meeting held on August 10, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

Absent: Councillor Foekens

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 15 a) and b) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

1. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
JULY 13, 2015 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 welcomed to the table. The monthly road department report from July 13 to August 7, 2015 was read. Roadwork in general was discussed. Mr. Johnson reported that they are still working on the flooded areas from July 13th and 14th storm. The backhoe is in need of some repairs which they are working on. The culvert projects still need to be completed, however the culverts have been picked up. The disposal site will need a new hole soon.

The applications are now open through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund. The applications are due on September 11. Funding is available to build and repair critical infrastructure, like roads and bridges. Council and Mr. Johnson discussed the projects they would like to see on the application.

Mr. Johnson informed Council that two helipad cones were stolen from the O'Connor helipad between July 31 and August 1. Council would like a flyer sent out informing the residents of this incident and asking them to let the Township know if they have any information regarding the loss.

Mr. Johnson also reported on the inspection from the Ministry of Environment at the garage. There were two minor infractions found with regard to the storage of subject waste for a period greater than 24 months without the required Environmental Compliance Approval. The regulation requires that notice be given to the Regional Director for subject waste stored for greater than 3 months. Mr. Johnson is now aware of this regulation and will notify the Ministry as required in the future.

Item 13g) Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change regarding the Proposed Hazardous Waste Fees Increase was moved forward to discuss with Mr. Johnson. The rate is doubling from the current rate in 2016 and will increase again by the same amount in 2017.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The Administration and Roads Voucher for July 2015 was reviewed and it was

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2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by B. J. Loan

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JULY 2015
TOTALLING \$87,640.33 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen – Opposed to the Sale of Hydro One and it was

3. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVELOCK-BELMONT-METHUEN ENDORSING THE COUNTY OF PETERBOROUGH CALLING ON THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO HALT THE SALE OF ANY PART OF HYDRO ONE, AND MAINTAIN HYDRO ONE AS A WHOLLY PUBLIC ASSET FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL ONTARIANS; AND TO STRENGTHEN HYDRO ONE BY INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORKERS AND UPGRADING AGING INFRASTRUCTURE BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- b) Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth-Wellington Constituency Office – regarding a resolution for fairness in Provincial Infrastructure Funds was filed.
- c) Haldimand County – regarding the Vacancy Rebate Program was filed.

DSSAB issues were discussed as follows:

- a) Ministry of Community and Social Services – Reply letter to Mayor Kloosterhuis with regard to the concerns with the governance structure of the TBDSSAB and the Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee's (LRMC) proposal to separate from the TBDSSAB to form an independent Social Services Board. The Ministry has decided to assist the parties by hiring a third party to lead a dispute resolution process.
- b) District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board 2014 Annual Report.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ministry of Finance – regarding OMPF - third quarterly payment received
- b) Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee Minutes
 - i) Minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting
 - ii) Minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting
 - iii) Municipal/NFPP medical response-request for meeting. A meeting has been scheduled for August 20, 2015 to discuss the signing of an agreement to continue to receive calls from Central Ambulance Communication Centre (CACC) for first response calls. Mayor Nelson, Fire Chief Mattas and Clerk-Treasurer Buob will attend the meeting.
- c) EMO Quarterly Newsletter April – June 2015
- d) Thunder Bay O.P.P. – August Newsletter. Council would like the information with regard to the scams included in the next issue of the Cornerstone.
- e) AMO – i) Watchfile – July 16, 2015
 - ii) Watchfile – July 23, 2015
 - iii) Watchfile – July 30, 2015
 - iv) Watchfile – August 6, 2015
 - v) AMO Policy Update - AMO's Submission to the Provincial Consultations on the Update of the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy
 - vi) AMO Policy Update - Infrastructure Funding referring to the 2015 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)
- f) AMCTO- Chimes in on Municipal Elections Act Review
- g) Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change regarding Proposed Hazardous Waste Fees Increase was previously discussed with Mr. Johnson.
- h) Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care – News – Ontario Expanding NorWest Community Health Centres Thunder Bay location on Simpson Street. Construction is now underway.

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- i) Ministry of Natural Resources – i) Regarding Crown Land Acquisition Opportunities to Support Cottage Lot Development in the North
- ii) information sessions will be held on July 28 and August 5, 2015 by webex.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Hydro One Networks – Reply Request for bike Donation for O'Connor Day. Unfortunately they have declined the opportunity. Councillor Loan has agreed to go into Thunder Bay and pick up a bike for the free draw with other donation monies.
- b) Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management – Regarding O'Connor Day and the Township's invitation for them to participate, however they are unable to attend.

The Clerk-Treasurer also reported that the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the NorWest Community Health would not have a display this year either.

- c) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Thank you letter regarding Council's support of the two-year black bear management pilot program was read.
- d) Minister of Transport – Thank you letter regarding Council's resolution with regard to Canada Post Corporation was read.

Under Further old business the Clerk-Treasurer reported that no applications for the Dog Control Officer position were received. It was agreed to continue looking and another advertisement will be put in the September issue of the Cornerstone.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) AGCO – Invitation to Lottery Licensing Training – September 2, 2015. It was

- 4. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ALCOHOL AND GAMING COMMISSION OF ONTARIO LOTTERY LICENSING TRAINING SESSION TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 IN OLIVER PAIPOONGE.

CLERK-TREASURER BUOB

REGISTRATION: N/C

Carried

- b) Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management - Training in Amethyst Sector and it was

- 5. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE BASIC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSE (BEM) TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 25 AND 26, 2015 IN THUNDER BAY.

DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT

REGISTRATION: N/C

Carried

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- c) North Superior Workforce Planning Board – requesting support letter of commitment to partner in LEPC

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6. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR SUPPORT THE NORTH OF SUPERIOR WORKFORCE PLANNING BOARD (NSWPB) ON THEIR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FOR THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT PLANNING COUNCIL (LEPC) BEING PILOTED IN THUNDER BAY.

Carried

- d) NOMA – request from Forum North to declare November 3rd as Health and Safety Day in Northwestern Ontario. It was

7. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR DECLARE NOVEMBER 3RD AS HEALTH AND SAFETY DAY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Carried

- e) Places to Grow – Implementation Fund invests in projects that promote the policies and goals of the Places to Grow Act. No application will be made at this time.
f) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport – invitation to attend a Cultural Heritage Conservation Workshop. No one will attend.

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

- a) AMCTO Definition of Practice for Municipal Management was read.
b) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) regarding Conservation Authorities Act Review engagement session dates. Councillor Vezina will be attending on behalf of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.
c) Office of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Management – Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal. Fire Chief Mattas will be nominated for 40 years of service.

8. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:25 P.M.

Carried

Council was also reminded of the upcoming O'Connor Day planning meeting scheduled for August 13, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer