

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – AUGUST 12, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, August 12, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Racicot, Garbutt
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Leadhand Kelly Johnson

Absent: Councillors: Loan, Vezina

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, JULY 15, 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. The Monthly Road Department report was read. Roadwork in general was discussed, the road employees and students have been brushing intersections in the Township, cleaning the bridges, doing equipment maintenance and cleaning of the shops. The roads are also being graded as needed. Next week they will be starting on O'Connor Day setup.

Information from KGS Group with regard to detailed design and tendering of the Broome Road Bridge over Cedar Creek project was discussed. Council agreed to continue working with the pre-designer of the project and it was

2. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FEE PROPOSAL FROM KGS GROUP FOR DETAILED DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CEDAR CREEK BRIDGE ON BROOME ROAD BE ACCEPTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,700.00 PLUS HST.

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer will check with KGS Group to see when the tendering process will begin.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The Administration and Roads bills for July 2013 were reviewed and it was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JULY 31, 2013 TALLING \$46,557.16 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenses to June 30, 2013 were reviewed.

Consent application 1B/17/13 for a severance of property on Concession 6, N ½ Lot 10 and 11 was reviewed. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the application requires additional information be completed on the form, however Council does not meet prior to the next Lakehead Rural Planning Board Meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer is aware of the correct information and does not see an issue in principle with what is being planned however it is not on the application at this time. Council discussed the application and it was

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4. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/17/13 FOR MARTHA KRAMER FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CON 6 N PT LOT 10 PCL 24058 TBF AND CON 6 PT N ½ LOT 11 PCL 24058 FOR A SEVERANCE OF 56 HECTARES BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPAL, PROVIDED CORRECTED DOCUMENTATION IS RECEIVED AND VERIFIED BY THE CLERK-TREASURER.

Carried

Lakehead Rural Planning Board's decisions were read for Application number 1B/12/13 for Pt Mining Lot Y-1, Part 3, Application number 1B/07/13 for Lot 4, Concession 1, Part 3, Application number 1B/08/13 and 1B/09/13 – Concession 7, S Pt Lot 4.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge – regarding the TBDSSAB's 2012 Operational Surplus. Council passed a similar resolution at the July 15, 2013 meeting.
- b) Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge – regarding the Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority – Watershed Management Futures for Ontario – Conservation Ontario Whitepaper was filed.
- c) Alzheimer Society – requesting support for a National Dementia Strategy. It was

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

WHEREAS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS ARE PROGRESSIVE, DEGENERATIVE DISEASES OF THE BRAIN THAT CAUSE THINKING AND MEMORY TO BECOME SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED;

WHEREAS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS MOST OFTEN OCCUR IN PEOPLE OVER THAT AGE OF 65 BUT CAN STRIKE ADULTS AT ANY AGE; AND

WHEREAS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS AFFECT MORE THAN 500,000 CANADIANS CURRENTLY AND THAT THIS FIGURE IS PROJECTED TO REACH 1.1 MILLION WITHIN A GENERATION; AND

WHEREAS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS ALSO TAKES THEIR TOLL ON HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES AND CARE PARTNERS; AND

WHEREAS AN ESTIMATED FURTHER THREE MILLION CANADIANS FACE THE BURDEN AND CHALLENGES OF PROVIDING CARE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS; AND

WHEREAS THERE IS NO KNOWN CAUSE OR CURE FOR THIS DEVASTATING ILLNESS; AND

WHEREAS THE COST RELATED TO THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IS IN THE BILLIONS AND ONLY GOING TO INCREASE, AT A TIME WHEN OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IS ALREADY FACING ENORMOUS FINANCIAL CHALLENGES; AND

WHEREAS CANADA, UNLIKE MANY COUNTRIES, DOES NOT HAVE A NATIONAL DEMENTIA STRATEGY; AND

WHEREAS THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO PLAN AND RAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS FOR THE SAKE OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE PEOPLE IT TOUCHES; AND

WHEREAS MP CLAUDE GRAVELLE NICKEL BELT HAS INTRODUCED BILL C-356, AN ACT RESPECTING A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DEMENTIA, AS HE WORKS FOR BROAD, ALL PARTY AND NON PARTISAN SUPPORT FOR

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AN ISSUE THAT TOUCHES US ALL. HIS LEGISLATION CALLS FOR A NATIONAL PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIES IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, IN HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, IN BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND CARE PARTNER ENGAGEMENT, INVESTMENTS IN RESEARCH AND OTHER (ADVISORY BOARD, OBJECTIVES, INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH, AND CAREGIVERS AND MORE)

NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR CALLS ON ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES TO ADOPT A NATIONAL DEMENTIA STRATEGY, AND URGES ALL CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITIES TO BECOME MORE AWARE AND ENGAGED CONCERNING THE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS OF THIS DEVASTATING DISEASE.

Carried

d) Municipality of Middlesex Centre opposing the requalification of Municipal Building Officials. It was

6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF MIDDLESEX CENTRE SUPPORTING THE SOUTHWESTERN CHAPTER OF THE ONTARIO BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION OPPOSING THE RE-QUALIFICATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS UNDER THE ONTARIO REGULATION 332/12 AND THE ONTARIO BUILDING CODE BE ENDORSED.

Carried

e) Premier of Ontario – reply letter to Council's endorsed resolution regarding revenue tools for funding public transit and infrastructure renewal was read.

DSSAB Issues were discussed as follows:

- a) Copy of reply letter to Township of Gillies regarding the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board 2012 Surplus.
- b) Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board approved portion of 2012 levy surplus to be distributed to municipalities. The Township of O'Connor will be receiving \$2,119.00 back from the Board.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Grant Thornton – i) Copy of Annual Audit Questionnaire for the Township of O'Connor for the year ended December 31, 2012
ii) Township of O'Connor 2012 Financial Statements
- b) Ornge – payment for the 2012 helipad maintenance contract has been sent out to municipalities.
- c) Ministry of Finance – third quarter payment of the 2013 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) has been received.
- d) Ontario Provincial Police – i) 2nd Quarter Report April to June 2013
ii) August Newsletter. Council would like the construction zone information to be put in the September issue of the Cornerstone.
- e) City of Thunder Bay Court Services – 2012 Financial Statements, 2012 Reconciliation and 2013 Partial Payment – Court Services. The reconciliation for the Township of O'Connor for 2012 has resulted in an overpayment with a negative impact on the 2013 budget. Council have agreed to lower the estimate for 2014's budget to \$3,500.00 rather than use their estimated numbers.
- f) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File – July 18, 2013
ii) Watch File – July 25, 2013
iii) Watch File – August 1, 2013
iv) Watch File – August 8, 2013
- g) Minister of Labour – Copy of letter to AMO regarding unpaid internships in Ontario.
- h) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – July 8, 2013 update from MPAC
- i) Township of O'Connor – O'Connor Day planning meeting minutes – i) May 6, 2013
ii) July 22, 2013
- j) St. Joseph's Care Group – 2012/2013 Annual Report

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The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Information with regard to a programmable thermostat for the municipal office. It was agreed that the purchase will be made in the new year.
- b) The Clerk-Treasurer provided an O'Connor Day update. The T.O.P.S. group asked if they could have a yard sale during the day and if so would there be a charge to them. Council agreed that they would allow them to setup a table and there would not be a charge. The Fire Department will be asked if they can setup in the Fire Department tent area. Setup for O'Connor Day will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday night. A flyer will be sent out to the surrounding area as well as O'Connor residents.
- c) Community Centre renovations update was discussed. The options for the accessible lift were discussed. Mr. Cooke, the Township's Chief Building Official provided some proposed options. One option included narrowing the main stairway to 4 feet and Council agreed this is not an option. Council discussed three different options that they would like to consider and the Clerk-Treasurer will contact Jeremiah Gammond to see if he would be interested in costing out the options for us.
- d) Norwest Community Health Rural Health Fair will be held on Wednesday, August 14. The Township have been asked to support the event this year and will have a display. Clerk-Treasurer Buob will man the booth. The Township's summer students have been asked to help with setup and take down and we will also provide tables for the displays. Ron Biloski will be setting up a couple of his carnival games in the kids area as part of O'Connor's participation and has asked if the Township would sponsor some of the prizes. Council agreed to cover the cost of approximately \$45.00. Councillor Garbutt will also assist with parking and other duties throughout the day.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) The New Municipal Infrastructure Program, Clerk-Treasurer Buob and Councillor Vezina attended a consultation meeting hosted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on August 7, 2013. The Discussion Guide and workbook were reviewed. Mayor Nelson gave an update on the information as to what the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is proposing and it was agreed not to add any additional comments.
- b) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – information request for AMO submission regarding proposed "Protecting Public Services Act". The Township's information has been provided to NOMA for their presentation. Council is concerned that if this draft bill is passed the Policing costs for the Township of O'Connor will increase significantly.
- c) The appointments to the Thunder Bay District Municipal League and Thunder Bay District Health Unit. Councillor Garbutt was asked if she was going to be able to continue to fulfill her position on these boards and she replied yes she would.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Emergency North Training – FireCon 2013 – Program List. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to check with the Deputy Fire Chief to ensure that the members of the Fire Department are aware of these courses and check with him to see if anyone will be attending. Council would also like to know if all the bunker suits have been distributed to the members.
- b) Emergency Management Organization – Quarterly Report April – June 2013.

No building permits were approved since the last meeting.

7. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:55 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer