

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – AUGUST 13, 2012

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

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 B. Jerry Loan

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Acting Mayor Vezina asked Mr. Johnson 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 was read. Roadwork in general was discussed. Mr. Johnson reported that the accessible ramp for the rink shack has been built and installed by the summer students, the roads are being graded, they will be working on the bridge deck on Smith road by Garbutt road next week. They also have a couple of culverts to install.

An email from Councillor Racicot with regard to some used plow/sander trucks that were available through a private sale were discussed. As these trucks are only for winter maintenance and not dump boxes it was agreed that these vehicles would not suit our needs. Council asked that this information be forwarded to the Township's of Conmee and Gillies as they are currently looking into newer vehicles.

The Roads and Administration voucher for July 31, 2012 was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by G. Garbutt
 Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JULY 31, 2012 TOTALLING \$84,280.76 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Financial Statements for the Township of O'Connor for the year ended December 31, 2011 from Grant Thornton were provided for Council. An electronic version will be posted on the Township's website.

By-laws were read and it was

3. Moved by B. J. Loan
 Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2012-16 BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF MONIES AND TO REPEAL BY-LAW 2010-19 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

4. Moved by G. Garbutt
 Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2012-17 BEING A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ONTARIO ELECTRONIC STEWARDSHIP AS IT RELATES TO AN APPROVED COLLECTION SITE

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FOR ACCEPTABLE WEEE BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Consent application 1B/17/12 from Kim and Laura Kydd was read and it was

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/17/12 FOR KIM AND LAURA KYDD FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CONCESSION 6, PT S1/2 LOT 8 PCL 26711 TBF FOR ONE 7.13 HA SEVERANCE BE APPROVED.

Carried

The Request for Proposals for the dump/body spreader for the Township truck #7 were reviewed. Mr. Johnson previously opened the three applications that were received and went through each package. Mr. Johnson explained the differences and provided Council with his recommendation. It was

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

THAT THE QUOTE FROM GIN-COR TRUCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,325.00 PLUS HST FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMBINATION DUMP BODY/SPREADER BE ACCEPTED AS PER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

Carried

Time Being 7: 40 p.m. the quotes for the Structural Inspection of four bridges within the Township of O'Connor were opened. Four applications were received. It was

7. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE QUOTE OF GENIVAR TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE STRUCTURAL INSPECTION OF FOUR BRIDGES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AT A COST OF \$2,970.00 + HST BE ACCEPTED PENDING CLARIFICATION OF INCLUSION OF DISBURSEMENTS AND OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES.

Carried

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

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) City of Thunder Bay regarding the Ontario Convenience Stores Association (OCSA) – Contraband Tobacco was filed
- b) Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake urging the Province to direct Stewardship Ontario to provide full compensation for costs of collection and disposal of Municipal Household or Special Waste was filed.
- c) Monte McNaughton, MPP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex requesting the passing of Bill 76, Ensuring Local Voices in New Casino Gambling Development Act, by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario was filed.
- d) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) regarding the suspension of the Ontario Power Generation project to convert the Thunder Bay Generating Station from coal to natural gas until they get a power purchase agreement from the Ontario Power Authority. It was

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

WITH RESPECT TO SUSPENSION OF THE ONTARIO POWER GENERATION PROJECT TO CONVERT THE THUNDER BAY GENERATING STATION FROM COAL TO NATURAL GAS UNTIL THEY GET A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ASK THE

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MINISTER OF ENERGY TO DIRECT THE OPA TO IMMEDIATELY FINALIZE A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH OPG SO THAT THE TIMELY CONVERSION OF THE THUNDER BAY GS IS COMPLETED TO MEET THE PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS BY JANUARY 1, 2015;

AND THAT THE MINISTER OF ENERGY, THE MINISTER OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES, THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND LOCAL MPP'S BE ADVISED OF COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION IN THIS MATTER.

Carried

A letter and invitation to the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board grand opening of their new headquarters was read. It will be held on Wednesday, September 26 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

A letter was read from Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis, Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge confirming that, with a unanimous decision, the Area 1 Municipalities have decided to have Reeve Kevin Holland, Township of Conmee, as the representative for the 2013-2014 term on the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Area 1 Meeting
 - i) Minutes July 19, 2012 meeting
 - ii) Email from Mayor Kloosterhuis regarding upcoming meetings
 - b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File – July 12, 2012
 - ii) Watch File – July 19, 2012
 - iii) Watch File – July 26, 2012
 - iv) Watch File – August 2, 2012
 - v) Watch File – August 9, 2012
 - vi) Notice of Voting Delegates regarding the proposed AMO By-law No. 2
 - vii) AMO Breaking News - Policing Update
 - c) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) - i) regarding MPAC Concurrent Session to be held at AMO Conference
 - ii) Market Snapshot report on residential sale price trends over the past four years
 - d) Bill Mauro, M.P.P. – Atikokan Conversion Creates Northern Jobs, Clean Energy
 - e) Media Release – regarding the Town of Atikokan preparing for better economic times
 - f) Ontario Power Generation - Update on Thunder Bay Generating Station Conversion
 - g) Township of Conmee – Pat Maxwell CAO/Clerk – report on Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Round-table Planning Session held in Toronto, June 19, 2012.
 - h) Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs – OAFC updates August 9, 2012 – Ruling on the Occupational Health & Safety Act charges against the Meaford and District Fire Department. Council would like Fire Chief Mattas to look further into what the department did wrong in this case as this report does not say.
 - i) Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition regarding the 2012 report. They are requesting that this report be considered during the review of official plans etc.
 - j) Ministry of the Environment - Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund Launched.
- The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Finance – reply to the Township of O'Connor's concerns with regard to Farmland and Managed Forest component of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). Council are not satisfied with this reply and would like another letter forwarded to the Minister.
- b) Draft application – Feddev Ontario Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF). Pricing is still required. The Clerk-Treasurer will try to contact two suppliers to see if they will come out and give a complete quote for the work that would be required. A resolution from Council supporting the project is also required and it was

9. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR APPLY TO THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUND (CIIF) FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

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RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES. THE AMOUNT TO BE REQUESTED WILL BE DECIDED ONCE AN ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES IS DETERMINED. APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 24, 2012.

Carried

- c) Memo regarding Mr. Ian Robson, By-law Enforcement and POA Officer's visit verifying use of a building. The building in questions is only being used as storage which is allowed. A letter will be forwarded to the complainant informing him of this.
- d) Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) – funding has been approved for the Emergency Generator. The Clerk-Treasurer will have the project started.
- e) "Welcome to O'Connor" highway sign was discuss. It was agreed to go forward with this project and the Clerk-Treasurer will follow up with the purchase of the sign.
- f) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association – Draft agenda for Regional Conference.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Draft Shared Services Committee Meeting Notes – July 17, 2012 were read.
- b) As per the minutes of the Shared Services Committee meeting a draft letter to Brad Welyki and Kevin Schooler, Fire Protection Advisors from the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) was read with regard to a proposed shared position of fire administrator. Council agreed to send this letter as it requests the OFM to provide assistance in the process of moving forward with a shared fire administrator position.
- c) An email from Mr. Rick Bodnar regarding tax increase for 2012 was read.
- d) Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML) – requesting information with regard to the Fire and First Response invoicing Hydro One for their assistance with calls with downed power lines. Currently the Township of O'Connor does not charge Hydro One. Councillor Garbutt will forward this information on at the next TBDML meeting and the Clerk-Treasurer will forward it to the Secretary-Treasurer.
- e) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – information collection for Minister McMeekan – Agriculture – Council did not have any input at this time.
- f) Grant Thornton – regarding Canada Revenue Agency filing of T2 corporation income tax returns. Council agreed to wait for a correspondence request from Canada Revenue Agency on this matter.
- g) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – regarding Designated Officers for Emergency Service Workers. Council would like Fire Chief Mattas or a Deputy Fire Chief, if he is not available, and Ms. Leanne Coderre, our First Response coordinator to attend if possible. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact the Fire Chief on this.
- h) EcoSuperior – regarding a conference call September 14th to deliver information about hosting a one day collection event for household hazardous waste. The Township will participate in this call.
- i) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – regarding the Broader Public Sector setting out the government's collection bargaining expectations as outlined in the 2012 budget. This information will be kept in mind for the upcoming union negotiations.
- j) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – i) a letter was read regarding a new interim acting Detachment Commander for Thunder Bay Detachment – Detective Staff Sergeant Mark Hutchinson.
 ii) Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) fall seminar in Toronto – September 13 & 14, 2012 – no one will be attending.
 iii) Municipal Policing Bureau of the OPP – response to a commitment by the Minister in 2011 to improve communication between AMO and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.
- k) Slate River Plowing Match – invitation to participate in the Celebrities class. Mayor Nelson or Councillor Racicot will try to attend.
- l) Reagan Breeze, City of Dryden & Graham Warburton, Township of Atikokan - requesting donation for Muscular dystrophy. Council would like this information put into the Cornerstone to see if anyone would like to make a personal donation. The information will also be passed on to the Fire Department to see if they would like to help out in anyway.

Under further new business Councillor Racicot asked for permission to borrow the Township's sleigh tables for the Kakabeka Street Fair. Council agreed to allow him to use them.

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The Rural Health Fair would like participants to have a free draw at their tables. Council agreed to have a Township History book as our table's prize.

For information purposes a building permit was approved for a garage at 295 Sitch Road.

10. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by B. J. Loan

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 8:55 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer