

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – DECEMBER 16, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on December 16, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

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

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013 AND THE NOTES FROM THE EMERGENCY TABLE TOP EXERCISE HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Fire Chief Henry Mattas was welcomed to the table and the Fire Department report was reviewed. There was a house fire on Holomego Road. The fire started out as a chimney fire and turned into a house fire. Three members of the department responded to the fire and Mutual Aid was requested. Conmee was unable to respond with their truck, which was out of commission and Oliver Paipoonge did respond with their truck. There were a few issues with equipment that were a result of the cold temperatures.

Fire Chief Mattas attended the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Dam Safety meeting that was held on December 6, 2013. Mayor Nelson was unable to attend due to other commitments. The test for the Dam Safety Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan was held on December 12, 2013.

The Emergency Table Top Exercise that was held on December 10, 2013 was discussed. Council felt that more could have been done for the exercise. Fire Chief Mattas will contact Mr. John Coupland, Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) and arrange a meeting with himself, Mayor Nelson and Mr. Coupland to discuss the exercise.

The Whitefish Valley School Emergency Fire Plan was also discussed. Council would like Fire Chief Mattas to inquire as to what the school's plan is for information purposes.

Fire Chief Mattas reported to Council on the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) maintenance. Five units have been brought to SPI Health and Safety and sent out for testing. All five units had no issues and have been returned and an additional six units have been sent and should be returned by the end of the week.

The department has two new members and it was

2. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S AS A MEMBER OF THE O'CONNOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND/OR FIRST RESPONSE TEAM:

1. DYLAN LAUGHTON
2. SHERI ZAPORZAN

Carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer's follow up memo regarding the Fire Marshal's November 19, 2013 Communique regarding the training strategy to enhance fire safety in occupancies housing vulnerable Ontarians was discussed. It was noted that Ontario Regulation 150/13, which amends the Fire Code, does not apply to use of the Community Centre when NorWest Community Health Centre is using it as a care and treatment centre.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

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The second Administration and Roads Voucher for November was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE SECOND ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2013 TOTTALLING \$88,037.21 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

Additional bills to be paid were reviewed and it was

4. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2013 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE DECEMBER 2013 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

CK#11944	KGS GROUP	\$ 4,548.25
CK#11945	THUNDER BAY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT	\$ 1,174.00
CK#11946	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES CENTRE	\$ 45.50
CK#11947	HYDRO ONE	\$ 769.33
CK#11948	LAKEHEAD ALTERNATOR & STARTER CO	\$ 125.41
CK#11949	WESTRANS COMPANY	\$ 47.84
CK#11950	TRUCK & DIESEL HYDRAULICS	\$ 173.50
CK#11951	CENTRAL CANADA LUBRICANTS	\$ 223.29
CK#11952	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES	\$ 5,197.77
CK#11953	HACQUOIL CONSTRUCTION LTD	\$ 1,528.89
CK#11954	THUNDER BAY ZONE ONE MUTUAL AID ASSOC	\$ 283.00
CK#11955	MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE	\$ 427.11
CK#11956	SPI HEALTH AND SAFETY	\$ 579.46
		\$15,123.35

Carried.

A by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement for the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund's Capacity Funding was reviewed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2013-22 BEING A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE SMALL, RURAL AND NORTHERN MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – CAPACITY FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Lakehead Rural Planning Board's decision was read for Application number 1B/23/13 for Concession 4, Lot 6.

Quotes for the community centre renovations with regard to installation of the dishwasher, painting and wall repairs and cabinets were reviewed. At the December 2, 2013 Council meeting, Council instructed the Clerk-Treasurer get clarification on the quotes received and bring them back to the next meeting for approval. The information was reviewed by Council and it was

6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE QUOTE OF PIPER DOON TO PREPARE AND PAINT ALL AREAS INCLUDING PREVIOUSLY PAINTED CEILINGS, ALL DOORS AND TAPE AND MUD TWO ROOMS IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE AT A COST OF \$9,975.00 PLUS HST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried.

7. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by B. J. Vezina

THAT THE QUOTE OF PAUL DAVIS SYSTEMS TO SUPPLY PLUMBING, GENERAL LABOUR AT A COST OF \$1,062.00 + HST BE ACCEPTED

Carried.

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8. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE QUOTE OF DP CONSTRUCTION TO SUPPLY RENOVATION WORK AS PER ORIGINAL QUOTE AT A COST OF \$4,200.00 + HST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried

The quote supplied by Thompson Accessibility Solutions dated December 5, 2013 was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE QUOTE OF THOMPSON ACCESSIBILITY SOLUTIONS INC. TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL ONE GARAVENTA GENESIS SHAFTWAY MODEL VERTICAL WHEELCHAIR LIFT IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE AT A COST OF \$37,500.00 BE ACCEPTED.

Carried

Quotes for the Barrier Free Renovations were opened and reviewed and it was

10. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE QUOTE OF DCSC LIMITED ARCHITECT + ENGINEER TO SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR BARRIER FREE RENOVATIONS AT A COST OF \$7,790.00 + HST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Township of the Archipelago regarding the Ontario Provincial Police's (OPP) new billing model in 2015 was read and it was

11. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO REQUESTING THAT THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO AND PREMIER WYNNE SCRAP THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE NEW BILLING MODEL IN 2015 IMMEDIATELY BE ENDORSED.

Carried.

- b) Tay Valley Township regarding OPP billing reform was read and it was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TAY VALLEY TOWNSHIP CALLING ON THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, PREMIER WYNNE AND MINISTER MEILLEUR TO CEASE THE OPP BILLING REFORM PROCESS UNTIL THE FUTURE OF THE POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED ITS REPORT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN HAVE BEEN STUDIED AND MUNICIPALITIES HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- c) City of Stratford regarding the Province-wide Standards for Keeping of Exotic Animals was filed.

- d) United Counties of Prescott & Russell regarding the amendment to the Aggregate Resources Act for peat moss extraction was filed.

- e) Township of Mulmur regarding prior years' assessing of properties was read and it was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP

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OF MULMUR ADVISING MPAC THAT IT IS ENTIRELY INAPPROPRIATE AND UNACCEPTABLE TO NOT IMMEDIATELY AND RETROACTIVELY ASSESS A BUILDING THAT HAS BEEN ERECTED WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND UP TO TWO PRIOR YEARS (DEPENDING ON WHEN IT WAS BUILT AND OCCUPIED), AND REQUESTING MPAC TO AUTOMATICALLY AND IMMEDIATELY RE-ASSESS ALL PROPERTIES ONCE THE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED AND APPLY THE RESULTING INCREASE TO THE CURRENT YEAR AND FOR THE TWO PREVIOUS TAXATION YEARS AND TO PLACE THE ONUS ON THE LANDOWNER TO PROVE THAT THE BUILDING DID NOT EXIST FOR THAT ENTIRE TIME PERIOD BE ENDORSED.

Carried.

DSSAB issues were discussed as follows:

- a) An invoice for the Township's share of the development of a Social Services Delivery Model by MNP was reviewed. The Township's share is \$1,804.07 which is over what was originally budgeted. Council agreed that the invoice will be paid.
- b) A copy of a letter to the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Community and Social Services, from Mayor Kevin Holland of Conmee Township was read. The letter is in regard to the presentation made to the Minister on November 18, 2013 for the District Social Services Administration Board model report that was prepared by MNP. Mayor Holland is requesting an update on the Minister's findings regarding the presentation.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ministry of Energy regarding the release of Ontario's updated Long-Term Energy Plan.
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File, December 5, 2013
ii) Watch File, December 12, 2013.
iii) AMO Policy update regarding the new Child Care Legislation Introduced and the Long Term Energy Plan release.
iv) Social Media Campaign to support Bill 91, the Waste Reduction Act
v) AMO regarding Transit Panel Recommendations and Municipal Election Act Bill
- c) Thunder Bay District Health Unit regarding the 2014 Public Health Levy. The Township's Levy for 2014 will be \$14,366.00.
- d) Ontario Good Roads Association's (OGRA) Heads Up Alert regarding the Transit Investment Strategy Advisory Panel report and financing of civic infrastructure and transit systems.
- e) Tay Valley Township regarding a resolution passed by their Council supporting the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards' letter regarding OPP Alternative Billing Consultations.
- f) Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) regarding an update on the 2014 Blue Box Funding Negotiations.
- g) Municipality of Trent Hills regarding the Development Charges Review.
- h) Mosey & Mosey regarding the Employee Group Benefit Plan Renewal Projection for June 1, 2014. The cost of employee benefits will increase by \$200 for 2014.
- i) Canadian Food Inspection Agency regarding an update on the Emerald Ash Borer

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Rural Affairs regarding the Township's application for funding under the Small, rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund Capital Program. The Township was unsuccessful.
- b) Minister of Finance's Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund 2014 workbook was reviewed.
- c) Bill Mauro, MPP regarding his bill for the Return of the Spring Bear Hunt passes.
- d) O'Connor Christmas Party was discussed and it was

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

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR HOLD A 2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR COUNCIL, STAFF, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST RESPONSE VOLUNTEERS AT THE KAKABEKA HOTEL ON FEBRUARY 8, 2013. SPOUSES AND GUESTS WILL PAY FOR THEIR OWN DINNER.

Carried.

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Under New Business, Council discussed

a) The Township's Accessible Customer Service Plan was reviewed and it was

15. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ACCESSIBILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE PLAN DATED DECEMBER 16, 2013. THIS PLAN WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S WEBSITE AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

Carried.

- b) E-mail from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario regarding the Enabling Change Program 2014/15 and the call for Expression of Interest for funding. Council agreed that an Expression of Interest be submitted for Accessible Website and Web Content.
- c) Ontario Power Authority webinar to be held on December 17, 2013. The webinar is being held to review the interim recommendations report as well as the next steps in the engagement and procurement design processes for the FIT Program. Councillor Vezina will try to participate in the webinar.
- d) Minister of Environment regarding the Hydro One Networks proposed amendment to the Class Environmental Assessment and a request for comment on changes. No comment will be submitted.
- e) Autism Ontario letter regarding World Autism Awareness Day. The Township will support the Raise the Flag Campaign again this year by advertising the event in the Cornerstone newsletter and by raising the flag on April 2, 2014, however no reception will be held.

Under further new business:

Councillor Vezina provided information on the Ministry of Natural Resources' (MNR) Modernizing Approvals Project and Introduction to Regulatory Changes. The project will transform and streamline approvals administered across the Ministry.

Mayor Ron Nelson announced that he was invited to provide input on the new on-line course entitled "So You Want to Run for Council". The course will be available to anyone who is thinking about running for election in the 2014 municipal elections and will cost \$24.95. The course is approximately one hour long and will be available in January 2014. Information on the course will be made available to municipalities and the information will be included in Township of O'Connor nomination packages.

Issues brought forward after agenda was mailed were read as follows:

- a) Letter from the Township of Gillies regarding setting up a meeting with the Gillies/O'Connor/Conmee Shared Services Committee was read. Mayor Nelson will attend the meeting on behalf of the Township when a date is set.
- b) Ontario Provincial Police regarding the 2014 Policing Cost Estimates. The Township's estimate for OPP policing costs is \$37,033.00 which up from 2013.
- c) Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities regarding the update on the Renewed Labour Market Agreement was read.

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

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 13, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:45 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer