

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2011

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 10 b) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

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

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2011, BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

As Mayor Nelson was absent from the previous meeting he asked for clarification of information in the minutes with regard to Staff Sergeant Dan Peters' visit at the November 14, 2011 meeting, as well as the Ontario Provincial Police's decision on whether or not they would be interested in using the old Municipal office as a satellite office. Staff Sergeant Peters noted at that meeting that in order for them to be able to use the office a hard line for internet would be required. The Clerk-Treasurer reported to Council that the old office currently does not have a hard line for internet and the phone line is shared with the community centre. Councillor Loan will inform Staff Sergeant Peters at the Community Policing Meeting to be held on December 6, 2011 of this and see if they would be interested in covering the monthly expense of the phone and internet line if the office was made available to them.

Mayor Nelson 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. Mr. Johnson updated Council on what has been happening with regard to the road department and roadwork in general. The road crew have been plowing and sanding as needed. They have been working on the hinge and the box on Truck #7. They changed over the hot water tank in the community centre and have installed the double door in the rink shack. To date K.A. Vanderzwaag has only completed the groundwork on the steel beam guide system on Smith road. The turn around at the end of Smart road was discussed. Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

Bills to be paid were reviewed and it was

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2011 TOTTALLING \$57,115.91 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILL FOR DECEMBER 2011 BE PAID – THIS BILL WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE DECEMBER 2011 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

CK#10569 LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - \$14,232.85

Carried

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By-laws and Policies were discussed as follows:

a) Safety Mission Statement and it was

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

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR SAFETY MISSION STATEMENT BE ENDORSED.

Carried

Councillor Racicot left the room.

b) The Policy for Administration Benefits was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE BENEFITS BEING A POLICY TO ESTABLISH COVERAGE UNDER THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE CLERK-TREASURER AND DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER BE ENDORSED.

Carried

This policy will be again reviewed in January as stated in the policy.

Councillor Racicot returned to the table.

c) The Policy for an Employee and Family Assistance Program was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S POLICY TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR ENROLMENT AND ACCESS TO AN EMPLOYEE AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EFAP) WHICH WILL ASSIST EMPLOYEES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND FIRE AND FIRST RESPONSE MEMBERS WHEN DEALING WITH PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES THAT MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THEIR JOB PERFORMANCE AND ATTENDANCE BE ENDORSED.

Carried

d) By-law 2011-15 – Being a By-law to execute an agreement with St. Joseph's Care Group, Thunder Bay was reviewed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2011-15 BEING A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AND ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP, THUNDER BAY TO IMPLEMENT AN EMPLOYEE AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer will contact the staff and Fire Department to see who will be interested in the program and the agreement will be submitted.

The Health and Safety Policy for the Township of O'Connor was reviewed and it was agreed that only one minor typing error will be corrected in section 3.2, item 3.2.1, the word "and" in the third bullet should be "any".

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The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing confirmed today that a Code of Conduct for Council is not enforceable without an Integrity Commissioner. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Mr. Ian Robson, the Township's Municipal Enforcement/POA Officer to see if he would be interested in this position.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Municipality of Shuniah – regarding the Representation on the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board (TBDSSAB). As this resolution was submitted prior to the November 30, 2011 Area One DSSAB meeting and a new resolution is on the agenda with regard to the representation this resolution was filed.
- b) Board of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit regarding petitioning the Premier of Ontario to develop a comprehensive Ontario Food and Nutrition Strategy – was filed
- c) Municipality of Tweed – regarding the position of Municipal Livestock Valuers being transferred to the Province was discussed and it was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF TWEED SUGGESTING THAT MUNICIPALITIES NO LONGER BE INVOLVED WITH THE LIVESTOCK VALUATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND THAT APPLICATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- d) Township of Muskoka – regarding Municipal Planning Authority for Renewable Energy Projects was filed.

Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board Area One meeting held on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 was discussed. Councillor Racicot reported on the meeting. Council were concerned with the items that were discussed which were not originally on the agenda and therefore did not have full Council's input, including reference to the group name, accusations made against the chair of the board, Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund shortfalls as well as surplus' being held by the board.

The board's representation was the only item on the November 30, 2011 agenda and a resolution in this regard was presented to Council for approval. This resolution was

- 9. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

WHEREAS the Township of O'Connor shares one representative on the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board (TBDSSAB) through Area One municipalities which is made up of six Municipalities, being the Township of O'Connor, Township of Gillies, Municipality of Neebing, Township of Conmee, Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and the Municipality of Shuniah;

AND WHEREAS Area One Municipalities contribute a higher annual levy than all the other areas within the TBDSSAB, with the exception of the City of Thunder Bay;

AND WHEREAS the distribution of representation does not truly reflect the annual levy contribution of the local Municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of O'Connor does hereby support amending the TBDSSAB to reflect the representative structure as follows:

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Municipality	No. Of Reps	Assessment	Annual Levy	(%)
City of Thunder Bay	7	\$8,581,930,448	\$18,198,781	74.21%
Unincorporated	1	858,796,465	1,821,158	7.43
Manitouwadge & Marathon	1	174,025,260	369,037	1.50
Terrace Bay & Schreiber	1	153,680,488	325,894	1.33
Greenstone	1	532,271,147	1,128,730	4.60
Nipigon, Red Rock, Dorion	1	150,388,046	318,912	1.30
Oliver Paipoonge, Conmee	1	463,140,563	982,133	4.00
Shuniah, O'Connor	1	438,367,344	929,599	3.79
Neebing, Gillies	1	211,822,304	449,189	1.83
Totals	15	\$11,564,422,065	\$24,523,431	100%

Carried

Council again discussed the representation at the DSSAB Area One meetings and it was

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

ALL FURTHER DSSAB JOINT MEETINGS OF AREA ONE SHALL BE ATTENDED BY WHOLE OF COUNCIL, IF AVAILABLE.

Carried

Council would also like a copy of the minutes from the November 30, 2011 meeting.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – i) Watch File December 1, 2011
ii) AMO Breaking News – Waste Diversion should be among the Province's top environmental priorities
iii) AMO Report to Members on November 2011 Board Meeting
b) The Premier of Ontario – Dalton McGuinty – reply to Council's resolution regarding Lyme disease.

The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

Under further Old Business, Council discussed giveaways for the Township at special events, such as the Rural Health Fair, O'Connor Day etc. The Clerk-Treasurer will start to round up information in this regard for the new year.

Also under further old business Council would like a resolution for the next meeting stating that the Township of O'Connor will be reviewing our Official Plan in the new year.

Under further New Business, Council discussed the Fire Department and First Response team's effort to collect food items from our Township resident's for the Rural Cupboard Food Bank during the month of November. Council would like to send them a thank you letter for the great job they did. It was also noted that the Rural Cupboard Food Bank is looking for a new location as they have outgrown their current one.

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

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:45 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer