

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Loan declared an interest in item 18 a) as his daughter has applied for the position of Dog Control Officer. Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 15 c) 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, JANUARY 28, 2013 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 Report from January 11 to February 8, 2013 was read. Council asked for more detail with regard to the frozen waterline. Mr. Johnson informed Council that during the recent electrical work for the backup power into the new office the end of the underground trench was dug up and, with the recent extremely cold weather, the water line froze. It has been fixed and the trench has been covered with more material to prevent any future freezing.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The road employees have been plowing snow and brushing the sides of the roads with the backhoe. The recent snowstorm on Sunday night was discussed.

A letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs was added to the agenda and read with regard to the Township's recent Expression of Interest for Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) Capital Program. The Township is now eligible to move forward to the application phase of the MIII Program. The application form and instructions will be provided shortly and the Township will have a minimum of 45 days to complete the application. Mr. Johnson was asked to start the Request for Proposal process for the engineering of the bridge replacement project as soon as possible. The Clerk-Treasurer will confirm what other information will be required.

Item 15d) regarding the Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012 was briefly discussed with Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson will read through the document and inform the Clerk-Treasurer if he has any concerns with this new Act. Councillor Racicot informed Mr. Johnson that he has mapped out the generator's underground cable with Hydro One and will provide proper steel posts to mark this cable.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

Bills to be paid were passed around the table and it was

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

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JANUARY 31, 2013 TOTTALLING \$89,097.34 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

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A resolution for endorsement from the City of Kenora regarding the proposed Endangered Species Act regulations on the EBR and correspondence from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) were read and it was

3. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF KENORA REGARDING REAL SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORTING THE EBR POSTING #011-7696 BE ENDORSED.

Carried

A letter was read from the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) requesting a 10" by 13" scenic unframed photograph from our area. It was

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

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR PROVIDE A SCENIC UNFRAMED PHOTOGRAPH FROM OUR AREA TO THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD TO BE DISPLAYED IN THEIR BOARDROOM.

Carried

It was suggested that a photo of the three Sisters Mountains be sent, possibly the one which was used on the cover of the Township of O'Connor's 100th Anniversary History book.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Superior North EMS (SNEMS) – i) 4th Quarter Levy for 2012
 - ii) Norm Gale – email regarding 2013 Operating Budget Proposal
 - iii) SNEMS Strat Plan Report Feb 2013 and SNEMS 2013-2017 Strategic Plan
 - iv) SNEMS Non-Urgent transportation report
- b) Ontario Provincial Police – February Newsletter. Council would like some of this information in the next issue of the Cornerstone. Councillor Loan will also contact S/Sgt James Graham to find out when the next Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting will be held as he was unable to attend the last meeting.
- c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – i) Watch File January 31, 2013
 - ii) Watch File February 7, 2013
 - iii) AMO Breaking News – Here's what Premier-Designate Kathleen Wynne has said so far about her priorities
 - iv) AMO Breaking News – Social Assistance Transformation in Ontario – Next Steps
- d) Renewable Energy Facilitation Office – Ontario Ministry of Energy – re: "Renewable Energy Development Guide – A guide for Municipalities has been released
- e) Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) – Allison J. Stuart – EMO Status update #11.
- f) Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) – i) eBulletin – Policy Survey Results and OMERS review report
 - ii) eBulletin – Perilous PSAB Changes and Helpful Asset Management Tools
- g) Municipal Employee Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO) – OMERS Governance Review Report Released

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Thunder Bay Ventures – A donation of \$500.00 for the O'Connor Community Centre renovations has been received from Thunder Bay Ventures and a thank you letter has been sent.
- b) Council discussed the renovations of the O'Connor Community Centre, the next steps and timeframe for the work. Council asked the Clerk-Treasurer to pull out the information that was submitted in the funding applications to confirm what work was applied for. First Council would like to again walk through the building to confirm the work that will be done. Next they would like to invite the local kitchen suppliers to come out and look at what is being proposed to ensure that it will work, a plumber

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and an electrician will be brought in ensure that the proposed setups will be compatible with what is there. It was agreed to do the walk around at 6:30 p.m. on February 25, 2013 prior to the Council meeting.

Some of the Fire Department Auxiliary and Community Club members will be invited to attend for their input on the design as well. It was suggested that an electric stove not be reinstalled.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Thunder Bay District Municipal League – 2013 budget & levy was reviewed. The amounts remain the same as 2012.
- b) North Superior Workforce Planning Board – Invitation to “Think Globally, Act Locally” to be held in Thunder Bay on February 19, 2013. No one will attend.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

- c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - 2013 Town Hall Sessions – in Thunder Bay April 24, 2013. It was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE LAS/AMO 2013 TOWN HALL SESSION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2013 IN THUNDER BAY.

REGISTRATION: NO CHARGE

**COUNCILLOR VEZINA, RACICOT
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB
DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT**

Carried

The Township office will be closed on this day.

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- d) Ministry of Consumer Services – regarding Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012 – looking of comments on the consultation paper from the organizations impacted by the Act.

Council read the report and made note that the pricing schedule for all municipal Members were only until December 31, 2014. Currently the service costs are at \$0.00 other than for additional hours or customized reporting. Council are concerned that after this date new fees could be implemented. Council felt that the length of time for the locate was adequate. Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, will be asked if he has any comments about working with these regulations and they will be submitted by the deadline.

- e) Thunder Bay District Veterinary Services Committee – Annual Meeting February 28, 2013. It was

- 6. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY VET SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2013 IN ROSSLYN.

COUNCILLOR LOAN

Carried

- f) Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario – Waiver of Notice to the Assessment Review Board. It was agreed that the Township will waive its involvement and does not intend to participate in appeals.

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- g) Kevin Conway, Autism Ontario – regarding Raise the flag on World Autism Awareness Day. Council agreed that they will Raise the Flag on April 2, 2013.
 h) Council discussed setting meeting dates for O'Connor Day 2013 planning. It was
7. Moved by Bishop Racicot
 Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR AN O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING. TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013 AT 7 P.M.

Carried

Council would like a notice drafted for the upcoming Cornerstone with regard to O'Connor Day 2013 for the next meeting. The notice will be requesting anyone interested in volunteering to attend the meeting or the event will be again cancelled.

- i) Insurance – renewal due in April. Council agreed that Request for Proposals will be sent out for insurance coverage prior to the upcoming renewal. Proposals will be submitted by March 11, 2013 and opened later that evening at the Council meeting, with acceptance of the coverage being approved at the next Council meeting held on March 25, 2013 to allow staff to review and compare submissions.

Under further new business, Councillor Racicot informed Council that at the last Lakehead Rural Planning Board (LRPB) meeting the members were informed that their Township's insurance does not cover them as a representative of the LRPB because they are an independent board even though they are representing the Township. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the Township's insurance company to confirm this information and if it is so see what will be required.

Council also discussed the new Ontario Liberal party cabinet and the Ministers appointed.

For information purposes no building permits have be approved since the last meeting.

Councillor Loan left the meeting.

8. Moved by J. Vezina
 Seconded by Bishop Racicot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 9:27 P.M.

Carried

Council reviewed the application for Dog Control Officer. Only one application was received.

9. Moved by Bishop Racicot
 Seconded by J. Vezina

TIME BEING: 9:36 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

Resolution #14 from the January 14, 2013 meeting was discussed. The list of entry level wage positions in error excluded the Dog Control Officer. It was agreed that the intent was to include all positions as listed above in the resolution and it was

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10. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT RESOLUTION #14 OF THE JANUARY 14, 2013 MEETING REGARDING SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR NON-UNION STAFF BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE DOG CONTROL OFFICER IN THE LIST OF ENTRY WAGE POSITIONS.

Carried

11. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT LAURA LOAN BE HIRED AS THE DOG CONTROL OFFICER.

THE RATE OF PAY FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE SET AT THE ENTRY LEVEL WAGE AS PER RESOLUTION #14, JANUARY 14, 2013 AS AMENDED FEBRUARY 11, 2013.

Carried

12. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:41 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer