

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Councillors: Foekens, Loan, Racicot,
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot

Absent: Mayor Nelson, Councillor Vezina

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas, Fire Fighter Paul Phillips (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: None.

1. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 9, 2015 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Fire Chief Henry Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department Report was reviewed and Fire Chief Mattas answered questions regarding the various calls. In total there was one fire related call, two first response calls and two Fire/CO Alarm calls. At present there are no Fire Department issues. Fire Chief Mattas did report that the O'Connor Fire Department Auxiliary has purchased a new door opener for the second bay door of the fire hall.

Mr. Paul Phillips, the Fire Departments newest member was welcomed and introductions were made. Mr. Phillips was asked if he wished to address Council regarding any personal issues and he replied no.

A new map has been provided by Mr. Kip Miller of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The map is more detailed and outlines options for a Crown Protection Area. The map and the agreement will be brought back at the March 9, 2015 Council meeting that Mr. Miller will be attending for further discussion. Fire Chief Mattas will attend the meeting.

The position of Deputy Fire Chief was discussed. Fire Chief Mattas is still looking into the issue and will update Council when he has something to report.

An e-mail received from Ms. Alexandra Lawless, Field Officer, Amethyst Sector for the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, was reviewed. There is additional training required for Community Emergency Management Coordinators (CEMC). Fire Chief Mattas informed Council that he is aware of the training requirements, however has not signed up for the training course yet. Fire Chief Mattas is the Townships CEMC and Mr. John Coupland is our alternate. An e-mail was also received from Ms. Alexandra Lawless commenting that May 3rd to the 9th marks the 20th anniversary of Emergency Preparedness Week. She has offered any support we require with the planning of any activities or events in O'Connor. It was noted that the Township will be taking part in this year's Annual Rural Health Fair that will provide a venue for individuals and families to learn about personal emergency preparedness and provide an opportunity to start building their own emergency kit.

Item 13 a) was brought forward to discuss with Fire Chief Mattas. Council, at the February 9th meeting asked the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Mr. John Coupland with an alternative date for a combined Education/Emergency Exercise that would involve the surrounding municipalities. Mr. Coupland explained that he was not the one responsible for setting the date in May. Council agreed that they would participate in a May exercise.

Chief Mattas was thanked for attending and left the room with Mr. Phillips.

Bills to be paid were passed around the table. It was

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

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THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2015 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE FEBRUARY 2015 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

CK#12784	RECOOL CANADA INC	\$ 372.90
CK#12785	WILSON'S BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 166.78
CK#12786	SPECTRUM GROUP	\$ 50.85
CK#12787	TBAYTEL (TELEPHONE)	\$ 374.29
CK#12788	STAPLES	\$ 217.53
CK#12789	MINISTRY OF FINANCE	\$ 3,397.33
CK#12790	TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR (PETTY CASH)	\$ 50.68
CK#12791	BRENT DENNHARDT (MEDICAL/DENTAL)	\$ 1,150.67
CK#12792	HYDRO ONE	\$ 804.53
CK#12793	KAKABEKA FALLS MOTOR HOTEL	<u>\$ 1,171.58</u>
		<u>\$ 7,757.14</u>

Carried.

The By-law to appoint a Closed Meeting Investigator was discussed and it was

3. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2015-04 BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT A CLOSED MEETING INVESTIGATOR FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Resolution from the Township of Gillies regarding the Chicken Farmers of Ontario Exempt Flock Limit and it was

4. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES CALLING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE QUOTA SYSTEM OF THE CHICKEN FARMERS OF ONTARIO'S CURRENT EXEMPT LOCK LIMIT FROM 300 BROILER BIRDS TO 4,000 BROILER BIRDS BE ENDORSED.

Carried.

- b) Resolution from the Town of Ingersoll regarding the Canada Post Corporation's proposal to eliminate home delivery service was filed.
c) Resolution from the Township of Eanturel regarding the Province of Ontario implementing an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) billing method for properties in unincorporated territories. The resolution was filed as the issue has been brought forward with no results from the Province.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) i) AMO Communications regarding the One Investment Program 2014 Annual Report which is now available on-line.
ii) AMO Watch File from February 12, 2015.
iii) AMO Watch File from February 19, 2015.
b) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) regarding the Expansion of Natural Gas Distribution.
c) Superior North Emergency Medical Services (SNEMS) regarding the Report by Mr. Norm Gale, Chief of EMS, on paramedic response times.
d) NorWest Community Health Centres regarding the Rural Health Fair concept sheet 2015.
e) Hydro One regarding Emergency Preparedness Fact Sheet 2015 and municipal contact numbers.
f) Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) regarding the launch of a Online Consultation Tool that gives the public the opportunity to provide input and ideas on how the government should deliver on Ontarian's priorities while meeting fiscal savings targets.

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- g) Community School Alliance e-mail regarding the Final Constitution of the Community School Alliance.
- h) Randy Pettapiece, MPP regarding his continued push for municipal liability insurance reform.
- i) Daniel Murray regarding Immigration Watch Canada's latest Bulletin.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business

Item 13 a) was brought forward on the agenda and was already discuss with Fire Chief Henry Mattas.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) An e-mail was received from Ms. Beth Stewart with regard to the upcoming Annual Spring Meeting and Conference. Ms. Stewart is requesting a raffle prize from every municipality and it was

- 5. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR DONATE AN O'CONNOR HISTORY BOOK, O'CONNOR HOODIE AND BALL CAP TO THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S ANNUAL SPRING MEETING AND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27TH AND 28TH IN THUNDER BAY.

Carried.

- b) An e-mail from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding the Draft Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas for review and input. Deadline to comment is May 13, 2015. Council will not be making comment.
- c) An e-mail from Ms. Linda Braun, Northern Development Officer, Regional Economic Development Branch, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines was received. Ms. Braun shared a resource list of Provincial Economic Development Funding Support programs that are available. Councillor Loan will look further into the funding opportunities and this item will be brought back to the March 9th meeting.
- d) An e-mail from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) regarding the Ministry's Client Survey. The survey will be available in the near future and the Ministry is asking that Council respond by Tuesday, March 2nd.

Under further new business Council discussed passing a resolution with regard to Councillor Loan's absence from Council meetings for a three successive month period and it was

- 6. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ABSENCE OF COUNCILLOR LOAN FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR A THREE SUCCESSIVE MONTH PERIOD DUE TO WORK.

Carried.

- 7. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 20:05 / 8:05 P.M.

Carried.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer