

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JANUARY 26, 2015

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas, Deputy Fire Chief Ian Hamilton,  
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – Staff Sergeant Jim Graham,  
Sergeant Pamela Ford

Due to a power outage in the area the start of the meeting was delayed and Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in items 9a) and 15c)i) & iii) 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 12, 2015 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Mr. Hamilton was asked if he wished to address Council on any personal matters and he replied no.

Staff Sergeant Jim Graham and Sergeant Pam Ford from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were welcomed to the table. Sergeant Ford is a Contract Analyst from the Municipal Policing Bureau in Orillia and has come to answer Council's questions with regard to the new OPP Billing Model. Sergeant Ford explained the difference between a Section 5.1 and 10 of the Police Services Act. Currently the Township of O'Connor is covered by Section 5.1 which does not include a specific contract. A Section 10 is a contract with the OPP for specific services. Under the new billing model the costs will be the same under either section unless Council want to enhance the service provided. The difference between the two options was described. The new billing model was also described. The OPP will be using a four year rolling average for the number of calls that the Township receives and will be billed for. Council's questions and concerns were addressed. With a contract under Section 10 a Police Services Board must be created with one Ministry representative, one Council member and one resident, if we remain under a Section 5.1 we can continue with a Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) which includes one Council member from each of the surrounding municipalities covered under Section 5.1. Under a contract Council may be able to apply for grants for extra programs such as the RIDE grant.

Council was provided with a copy of a draft Agreement for the Provision of Police Services under Section 10 of the Police Services Act, R. S. O. 1990, c. P.15 as amended, as well as a comparison chart and a copy of a power point presentation illustrating the differences between a Section 10 and 5.1 Policing Agreement.

Council informed Staff Sergeant Graham and Sergeant Ford that we are currently talking with the City of Thunder Bay Police for a price and options for the Township's protection requirements.

Council would like to hold a public meeting with our residents to give them information with regarding to the new higher policing costs for 2015 and explain to them ways to help keep these costs down. Sergeant Ford or someone from her office would be willing to attend that meeting, however she will need three months' notice. Council will discuss a possible date and let her know.

Staff Sergeant Graham reminded Council that there is a CPAC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2015 at 6 p.m. and Councillor Loan confirmed that he will be in attendance.

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Staff Sergeant Graham and Sergeant Ford were thanked for attending and left the meeting at 8:55 p.m..

Fire Chief Henry Mattas and Deputy Fire Chief Ian Hamilton were welcomed to the table.

The Fire Department report from December 21, 2014 to January 21, 2015 was read. There was a small barn fire this year which had eight personal attend. The press were also there at the scene.

Fire Chief Mattas reported on a meeting he had with Mr. Kip Miller from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) with regard to the Township's Fire Agreement with them which comes due this year. Mr. Miller will come to an upcoming Council meeting to discuss the Agreement. Fire Chief Mattas suggested to Mr. Miller that perhaps the area of Concession six and seven, Lots one and two could be designated in the agreement as the responsibility of the MNR and requested a price for this service. Fire Chief Mattas expressed his concern if a fire were to start in this area and the risk that it would pose to so many homes. The MNR would have to be called in and we would receive an invoice for their services. If this area was designated as their responsibility the Township would pay an annual fee as per the agreement only, the Township Fire Department would still assist and we would not have to pay a significant bill from the MNR. Council agreed that they would like to discuss this further with Mr. Miller and he will be scheduled to attend an upcoming meeting.

Years of Service on the O'Connor Fire and First Response Department certificates were discussed. Five members of the Fire and First Response Team will be receiving certificates at the upcoming Christmas party. Fire Chief Mattas will also be receiving an award for Forty years of service at Fire Con in September. The Township will have to make the nomination on his behalf.

The Fire Department inspection reports of the Township of O'Connor's garage, community centre and office were reviewed. The Clerk-Treasurer noted that the office report stated that there were no exit signs illuminated during occupancy. She contacted Mr. Gammond, the designer of the building and he confirmed that for the size and occupancy of the building they are not required and he provided the section of the Building Code which states the requirement. Council asked Fire Chief Mattas if the capacity of the community centre has changed due to the new accessibility lift being installed and he replied no.

An email was read from the Township of Gillies informing Council that Mr. Kuiper, the gentleman that was hired to be the Fire Services Contractor has resigned from the position. At this point no work was completed and no money had been paid out.

Fire Chief Mattas reported that the Nolalu, Gillies and O'Connor Fire Teams are still training together and the next training will be held in O'Connor. He also reported that he has had a couple new members join the team.

Deputy Fire Chief Hamilton informed Council and the Fire Chief that he will be stepping down from the position of Deputy Fire Chief due to personal matters, he will however remain on the team. Council thanked him for his time as Deputy Fire Chief. Fire Chief Mattas will have to now consider who to appoint in this position.

Fire Chief Mattas was reminded that a budget meeting will be coming up soon and both Fire Chief Mattas and Mr. Hamilton were thanked for attending.

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

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by K. Foekens

**THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE JANUARY 2015 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.**

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CK#12719	JERRY LOAN (HONOURARIUM)	\$ 125.00
CK#12720	AMO (MCEP REGISTRATION – FOEKENS)	\$ 450.87
CK#12721	O'CONNOR FREE METHODIST CHURCH	\$ 89.75
CK#12722	LAKEHEAD CONSERVATION FOUNDATION	\$ 100.00
CK#12723	HYMERS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (AD)	\$ 60.00
CK#12724	TBAYTEL (TELEPHONE)	\$ 374.15
CK#12725	HYDRO ONE	\$ 760.75
CK#12726	JERRY LOAN (HONOURARIUM)	\$ 145.00
CK#12727	KELLY JOHNSON (MEDICAL/DENTAL)	\$ 81.00
CK#12728	HENRY MATTAS (DEC HONOURARIUM)	\$ 400.00
CK#12729	ROSS CHESSELL (JANITORIAL SUPPLIES)	\$ 95.84
CK#12730	CANADA POST (POSTAGE STAMPS)	\$ 136.59
CK#12731	CITY OF THUNDER BAY (EMS)	\$9,694.00
CK#12732	ONTARIO AGGREGATE RESOURCES CORP	\$ 321.41
CK#12733	USTI CANADA INC (TAX PROGRAM)	\$ 819.25
CK#12734	RECOOL CANADA INC.	\$ 372.90
CK#12735	STAPLES (OFFICE SUPPLIES)	\$ 35.26
CK#12736	THUNDER BAY DSSAB	\$6,197.00
CK#12737	AMCTO – ZONE 9 (MEMBERSHIP)	\$ 100.00
CK#12738	NORTH OF SUPERIOR PUBLIC WORKS ASSOC.	\$ 70.00
CK#12739	MEPCO (2015 EMPLOYEE MUN CONTRIBUTION)	\$ 29.66
CK#12740	LINDA RACICOT (OFFICE SUPPLIES/DENTAL)	\$ 117.08
CK#12741	KELLY JOHNSON (MEDICAL/DENTAL)	\$ 35.00
CK#12742	BRENT DENNHARDT (MEDICAL/DENTAL)	\$ 1278.67
CK#12743	ALS ENVIRONMENTAL (WATER TESTING)	\$ 48.00
CK#12744	RECEIVER GENERAL (2014 CPP & EI)	\$ 6.33
		<b>\$21,943.51</b>

Carried

The draft Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to December 31, 2014 were reviewed. The final documents will not be presented until the audit is complete. Transfers to reserve funds were discussed and it was

3. Moved by K. Foekens  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE FOLLOWING RESERVE/S.**

FEDERAL GAS TAX -	\$15,572.47
TURNOUT GEAR -	\$ 1,500.00
DISPOSAL SITE -	\$ 2,500.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING -	\$10,000.00
ROAD EQUIPMENT -	\$15,000.00
WORKING FUND -	\$ 6,000.00

Carried

Councillor Racicot left the room.

The Policy for Administration Benefits was reviewed. It was suggested that the dental/medical benefit coverage amount be reviewed at budget time. At this time no changes will be made to this policy.

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

A resolution for endorsement was read from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers with regard to saving Canada Post and to stop the cuts. This resolution was filed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – News Update Winter 2015
- Bill Mauro, M.P.P. – Press Release regarding Building Bridges Tour, Minister McMeekin & MPP Mauro meet with local Mayors. Mayor Nelson did meet with the Ministers and noted that the main topics of concern were the DSSAB and PLT reform.

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- c) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – regarding the 2014 Municipal Performance Measures Program. There are two significant changes to the reporting requirements.
- d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watchfile January 15, 2015  
ii) Watchfile January 22, 2015  
iii) Do Lower Gas Prices Mean Lower Federal Gas Tax Fund Payments?  
iv) 2015 Pre-Budget Submission
- e) Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) – i) Heads Up Alert – A Superior Court decision over Road Salt use sets a dangerous precedent for Ontario municipalities  
ii) Heads Up Alert – OGRA Board Approves multi-prong Approach in Response to the Superior Court Ruling
- f) Ontario Provincial Police – February Newsletter
- g) MPAC News – Monday, January 19, 2015 issue
- h) Draft Constitution for the Community Schools Alliance – Conference call held January 22, 2015. Mayor Nelson sat in on the teleconference and reported to Council on what they are trying to get organized. The meeting notes will be forwarded to all of Council.

The balance of the correspondence were passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee – i) September 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes  
ii) October 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes  
iii) ORION Solutions Inc. presentation held on January 15, 2015. Council discussed the pros and cons of this opportunity and it was agreed to forward the Municipality of Neebing a letter informing them that at this point in time the Township of O'Connor cannot commit to transporting our garbage to their facility.
- iv) City of Thunder Bay Police Services Board meeting held on January 20, 2015. A copy of the letter sent to the Police Service Board from the Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee (LRMC) was read. Councillor Racicot and Clerk-Treasurer Buob attended this closed meeting of the Board. At this point the board has heard the committee's request for costs for service but has not commented on whether or not they will proceed with the committee's request.

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

**TIME BEING: 10:30 P.M. THAT THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING CONTINUE.**

Carried

Under further old business, Council discussed the option of CN or CP Police protection for the Township. Councillor Loan will look into this to see if it could be another option.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Post-Election Accessibility Report – the Township of O'Connor 2014 Municipal Election was presented to Council.
- b) Oliver Paipoonge Library – 2015 Contract for Service. Council were in agreement to continue with this service for our residents and it was

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

**THAT THE LIBRARY CONTRACT FOR THE YEAR 2015 WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE LIBRARY BOARD FOR LIBRARY SERVICES BE SIGNED.**

Carried

Councillor Racicot left the room.

- c) Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML) – i) Annual Meeting and Conference February 27 & 28, 2015 conference topics. Attendance at the conference was discussed and it was

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6. Moved by K. Foekens  
Seconded by B. J. Loan

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27 & 28, 2015 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**REGISTRATION: \$160.00**

**MAYOR NELSON  
COUNCILLOR LOAN, VEZINA, RACICOT  
DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT**

Carried

- c) iii) Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot is interested in running for the position on the TBDML as the Administrative member of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Representatives Committee. Council discussed the opportunity and agreed to endorse her nomination and it was
7. Moved by B. J. Loan  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER LINDA RACICOT'S NOMINATION TO SIT AS THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S (TBDML) ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEMBER ON THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (NOMA) REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE.**

Carried

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- c) ii) TBDML 2014 Executive and Committees – indicating the incumbents and the current vacancies for the TBDML.  
iv) The NOMA and TBDML Levy for 2015 was reviewed
- d) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Annual Planning Workshop – March 25 & 26, 2015. Council would like this item brought back to the first meeting in March to see who would like to attend.
- e) Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – invitation to attend the 2014 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence. Mayor Nelson is unable to attend and it was
8. Moved by K. Foekens  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT COUNCILLOR VEZINA ATTEND THE 2014 PREMIER'S AWARD FOR AGRI-FOOD INNOVATION EXCELLENCE IN THUNDER BAY ON JANUARY 27, 2015.**

Carried

Under further new business, Mayor Nelson informed Council that Mayor Kloosterhuis is now the Area One representative on the DSSAB and she has also been appointed to the Executive of the Board.

Issues brought forward or letters received after the agenda was mailed were read as follows:

- a) Ontario Provincial Police – regarding the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Program . Only municipalities with courthouses in their municipality will be charged for court security costs based on the cost required to provide designated court security activities. The prisoner transportation cost is calculated provincially and allocated to all municipalities on a per property count basis.
- b) Superior North EMS – regarding the Emergency Medical Services – 2014 4th Quarter Levy amount. All adjustments have been made to reconcile the levy after the issues affecting the 2014 budget. The Township of O'Connor's levy is slightly higher than budgeted.

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c) Nipissing University regarding the Bio Economy Strategy was read.

9. Moved by K. Foekens  
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: 11:00 P.M.**

Carried

The hiring of the Casual Disposal Site Caretaker position was discussed. Two applications for the position were received and reviewed.

10. Moved by K. Foekens  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**TIME BEING: 11:12 P.M.**

**THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

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

**THAT MATTHEW DE ROOVER BE HIRED AS THE CASUAL RELIEF FOR THE DISPOSAL SITE CARETAKER.**

**RATE OF PAY WILL BE THE ENTRY WAGE OF \$ .**

Carried

12. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by K. Foekens

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

**TIME BEING: 11:14 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer