

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – JULY 12, 2010

Minutes of the meeting held on July 12, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Councillors: Garbutt, Nygard, Racicot, Vezina
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot

Visitors: Leadhand Kelly Johnson

Acting Mayor Racicot called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

2. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

THAT MAYOR NELSON BE MARKED ABSENT FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

Carried

Acting Mayor Racicot asked Mr. Kelly Johnson if he wished to address Council as a resident of the Township and he replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. Timesheets for the period of June 16 to June 26, 2010 were reviewed. Roadwork in general was discussed. Three miles of roadways, Luckens Road and Connolly Road, have been resurface during this past week.

Mr. Johnson reported to Council on three of the graders that the Township had received quotes on. One of the graders that had been brought in to try out had a few issues that would need to be address if the machine were to be purchased. One of the grader quotes that was passed over at the Council meeting held on June 28, 2010 was revisited by Mr. Johnson. The grader is a 2008 Volvo G960, which was thought to be too big, however upon further investigation Leadhand Johnson has determined that it does meet the Township's needs. The grader is currently in Markham, Ontario and Strongco Equipment has indicated that they would be willing to fly Mr. Johnson down to inspect the grader on site. Council agreed to have Mr. Johnson do so and he will contact Strongco to make arrangements.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending the meeting.

3. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JUNE 30, 2010 TOTALING \$97,031.97 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The By-Law to authorize the borrowing of money to fund the purchase of both the 1999 Fire Truck and the grader was discussed and it was

4. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-17 BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF MONIES BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried.

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The quote for the 1999 Freightliner Fire truck was discussed and it was

5. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

THAT THE QUOTE FROM HOMEWOOD COLONY FARMS LTD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,000.00 PLUS GST FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE 1999 FREIGHTLINER FIRE TRUCK, BE ACCEPTED.

Carried.

The quote for the 2008 Volvo G960 Grader was discussed and it was

6. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE QUOTE FROM STRONGCO EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000.00 PLUS HST FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2008 VOLVO G960 GRADER, PENDING INSPECTION BY LEADHAND K. JOHNSON, BE ACCEPTED.

Carried.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) i) Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding the Canadian Postal Service Charter and cuts to public postal service and jobs was filed
- ii) Canadian Union of Postal workers regarding the People's Postal Declaration was filed
- b) The Town of Atikokan regarding a review of the Off Roads Vehicle Act and utility vehicles was filed
- c) NOMA regarding Bill 13: Water and Wastewater Systems was filed.

The 2009 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administrative Board were reviewed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) AMO Watch File for June 30, 2010 and July 8, 2010
- b) NOMA media release regarding NOMA outlining their position on the proposed Forest Tenure Reform.
- c) OMERS Employer update regarding the plan changes to support the funded status of the OMERS Primary Plan. Temporary contribution rates will increase on average by 1% for 2011, 1% for 2012 and 0.9% for 2013.
- d) A news release from the Ontario Power Authority regarding the new price category proposed for microFIT Ground-Mounted Solar PV Projects.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The Township's participation in the Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) project that involves the Township of Gillies, Conmee, and the Municipalities of Oliver Paipoonge, Neebing and Shuniah was again discussed. The Township of Gillies has taken the lead in an application for funding and has asked Council to reconsider their decision to not participate in the project. The project through the CIF would be to have Trow Engineering, the company that developed the Moving on Diversion: A Recyclable Material Diversion Plan for the six municipalities, now develop a Cooperative and Integrated Communication and Public Engagement Program. Funding through CIF is available for up to \$15,000, which represents 50% of the total cost of the project. The remaining \$15,000 of the project cost would be split among the six municipalities at a cost of \$2,500 for each. The proposed project would gather recycling information pertinent to each municipality and would assist in the development of a Waste Recycling Strategy that the Township will have to implement in order to receive maximum funding in the future through the Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) and Stewardship Ontario. It was noted that funding will be available up to 75% for the development of this strategy if the Township were to develop it's own or up to 90% if a joint strategy were to be developed with the other municipalities. It was

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7. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SURROUNDING MUNICIPALITIES AND WASTE DIVERSION ONTARIO AND STEWARDSHIP ONTARIO THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COOPERATIVE AND INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM. THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR COMMITS UP TO \$2,500.00 FOR ITS PORTION OF THE PROJECT.

Carried.

and it was

8. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

THAT THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE DISPOSAL SITE RESERVE TO BE USED AS THE TOWNSHIP'S SHARE OF THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT FUND JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES AND CONMEE AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE, NEEBING AND SHUNIAH TO DEVELOP A COOPERATIVE AND INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Carried.

- b) TBDML email from Ken Taniwa, Secretary Treasurer regarding a banner that is to be made up with all member communities listed on it rather than using their logos. Council had no issue with this.

Under further old business the Township's current fire truck was discussed. It was decided that the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer would send a letter to the Township of Gillies offering to sell the fire truck to them for the amount of \$12,000.00 with payment made in two installments, one in 2010 and the second in 2011. The letter should also indicate that the Township of O'Connor would be open to offers on the purchase of the fire truck.

Under New Business, Council discussed:

- a) The Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) requires that the Township pass a resolution that designates O'Connor Day as a significant event in order to obtain a Liquor Permit. It was

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

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR DESIGNATES O'CONNOR DAY, HELD ANNUALLY ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF AUGUST, AS A SIGNIFICANT EVENT AS PER THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD OF ONTARIO (LCBO).

Carried.

- b) A letter from the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge regarding the withdrawal of their membership from the Thunder Bay Area Emergency Measures Organization was read.
- c) Registration for the upcoming 20th Annual Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference to be held on September 29th and 30th and October 1st was reviewed. This item will be brought back to the next meeting of Council.
- d) Municipal Delegate Registration for the upcoming Firefighting 101 track to be held during FireCon 2010 was reviewed. This item will be brought back to the next meeting of Council.
- e) An e-mail from NOMA regarding the Ministry of Northern Development Mines and Forestry's Youth Connect website. They are looking for names of outstanding youth in Northern Ontario who's biographies can be featured on their website. No names will be put forward.

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- f) A letter from the Township of King regarding the proposed provincial regulation to exempt from the provisions of the Planning Act a Gas Fired Peaking Electricity Generating Power Plant in the Township of King. The Township of King is asking to support their objection the to Provincial Governments proposal. Council did not support their objection.
- g) E-mail from NOMA regarding an invitation to Dryden's 100th Anniversary celebration. No one from Council will be attending.

Under further new business Council discussed looking into funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for possible road resurfacing projects. The Deputy-Clerk will look into it.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) E-mail from Linda Braun of the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry. A Funding Awareness Forum will be held in Thunder Bay on August 24th. This item will be brought back to Council once more information is available.
- b) Ontario Heritage Trust letter addressed to Mayor Anne Krassilowski, President of NOMA, regarding the 2010 Volunteer Recognition Programs and request for nominations. No names will be put forward.

Building permits were approved as follows: An HVAC installation at 197 Holomego Road and a garage at 1138 Hwy 588.

- 9. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:08 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer