

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JULY 13, 2015

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Ross Chessell,  
Heather Lex, Administrative Student

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 14a) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

1. Moved by K. Foekens  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Mr. Ross Chessell and Ms. Heather Lex were asked if he wished to address Council on any personal matters and they replied no.

Mr. Chessell was welcomed to the table. Mr. Chessell has retired as the Township's custodian after almost 15 years and Council had requested he attend tonight's meeting so they could express their gratitude for a job well done and extend their best wishes to him and his wife. Mr. Chessell was again thanked for attending and left the meeting.

Ms. Heather Lex was welcomed to the table. Ms. Lex has been hired as the Township's Student Administrative Assistant for the summer. Introductions were made and each Council member proceeded to comment on what was expected of her as an employee of the Township. It was stressed that as an office assistant that confidentiality is a very important aspect of the job and that if she had any questions regarding her job that she not be afraid to ask questions. Ms Lex was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

Mr. Scott Fossum, Summer Student for the Roads Department was not in attendance.

The monthly Road Department Report was read for the period of June 8 to July 10, 2015. Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to scheduled holidays. It was commented that only one student has been hired for the roads department through Youth Employment Services (YES). Council would like the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to inquire about hiring a second student for the Roads Department.

A note from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding the Boundary Agreement with the Municipality of Oliver-Paipoonge for Luckens Road was read. The current agreement has the Township of O'Connor responsible for the summer and winter maintenance of Lucken's road which borders both municipalities. The Municipality of Oliver-Paipoonge currently is responsible for the summer and winter maintenance of the rest of Luckens road, which runs mainly through Oliver Paipoonge only. Leadhand Johnson would like to make changes to the current agreement by asking Oliver-Paipoonge if they would consider being responsible for winter maintenance for the entire road and that the Township of O'Connor be responsible for summer maintenance on the section that it is currently responsible for. Council were in agreement with renegotiating the Road Boundary Agreement with Oliver-Paipoonge.

Council also commented that culvert replacements on Luckens Road should also be addressed during the negotiations.

The Administration and Roads Voucher was reviewed and it was

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2. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JUNE, 2015  
TOTALLING \$125,557.68 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) New Tecumseth regarding electricity rates was filed.  
b) Township of Montague regarding community mailboxes was filed.

Under DSSAB issues Mayor Nelson updated Council on the Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee (LRMC) progress regarding the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB). A letter from Michael Gravelle, MPP to the Minister of Community and Social Services regarding the LRMC ending their working relationship with the Thunder Bay DSSAB was also read.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) i) Letter regarding Superintendent Bedard assuming the role of Commander of the Municipal Policing.  
i) Thunder Bay OPP July newsletter.  
b) Minister of Energy regarding an update on the initiatives the Ontario government is taking to give municipalities more information and control around local energy planning.  
c) Minister of Health and Long-Term Care's Minutes from the Central Ambulance Communication Centre (CACC) meeting held on June 2, 2015.  
d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File for June 25, 2015.  
ii) Watch File for July 2, 2015.  
iii) Watch File for July 9, 2015.  
iv) AMO Communications regarding AMO's Policy Update – Speak up about What's Next Ontario.  
v) AMO Communications regarding AMO's Policy Update – Last Call to Speak up about What's Next Ontario.  
vi) AMO Communications regarding AMO's Policy Update – Municipal Payments for 2015 Blue Box Steward Obligation.  
e) Stewardship Ontario regarding industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the First Quarter of the 2015 Program Year.  
f) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's 2014 Audited Financial Statements.  
g) Bill Mauro, MPP regarding Improving Cardiovascular Services for Patients in Northwestern Ontario.  
h) Thunder Bay Area Food Strategy regarding their Implementation Plan – Priority Projects for 2015.  
i) Kathleen Wynne, Premiere of Ontario, letter acknowledging receipt of Council's endorsed resolution with regard to hydro rates.  
j) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, David Ayotte, Director regarding receipt of Council's letter to the Honourable Bill Mauro regarding black bear management.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

Councillor Racicot left the room.

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the upcoming Legislative Review Consultation scheduled in Thunder Bay on July 15, 2015 and it was

3. Moved by Jerry Loan  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT ATTEND THE MINISTRY OF  
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING CONSULTATION SESSION ON JULY  
15, 2015 IN THUNDER BAY.**

Carried

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Councillor Racicot returned to the table.

- b) Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law review. Council Vezina recommended minor changes that Council agreed with. Deadline for submission of the RFP will be September 30, 2015 and project completion date will be December 31, 2016.
- c) O'Connor Day update. A memo from Clerk-Treasurer Buob was read regarding updates for O'Connor Day 2015. The cleanup of firework debris was discussed. Council would like Mr. Bill Groombridge of London Fireworks contacted to see what would be the charge to clean up a bigger area as the debris is landing on a neighbouring property. If the cost is too high then the possibility of recruiting volunteers will be considered.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Municipality of Tweed's Disaster Relief Committee request for a donation toward their fundraising campaign that was setup after the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing declared the region a "Disaster Area" for the purpose of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program. No donation will be made.
- b) Hannah Neudorf's resignation as the Township's Dog Control Officer was accepted by Council and an advertisement looking for a new Dog Control Officer will be placed in the August issue of the Cornerstone

Under Further New Business, Council Racicot requested that an invitation be sent to Mr. Sean Irwin and his family to attend O'Connor Day. Mr. Irwin had previously worked on funding applications for the Township and has recently moved back to the Thunder Bay area.

Issues brought forward or letter received after the agenda was mailed were discussed as follows:

- a) Letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services was read regarding the development of a Strategy for a Safer Ontario. Enclosed with the letter was a copy of two booklets entitled "Crime Prevention in Ontario: A Framework for Action" and Community Safety and Well-Being in Ontario: A Snapshot of Local Voices"

- 4. Moved by K. Foekens  
Seconded by Jerry Loan

**THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 8:25 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer