

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JUNE 24, 2015

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Mattas

Absent: Councillor Racicot

Mayor Nelson 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 J. Vezina

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report from May 24 to June 20, 2015 was read. On the report there was one fire related call since the last report. Fire Chief Mattas noted that since the report was sent one First Response call was also received. Fire Chief Mattas reported that the joint fire training with the Township of Gillies and Nolalu has been shut down for the summer. He also noted that when it starts up again in the fall, for the next session to be held in O'Connor, he has requested that the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) come and talk to the members about what the members can and cannot do while responding to a call.

The Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) positions for the Township were discussed. At the Emergency training exercise earlier today, John Coupland, the Township's current alternate CEMC, suggested that perhaps he could be appointed the primary CEMC and Fire Chief Mattas be moved to the alternate as Fire Chief Mattas does not have all the required training set out by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, which is required by December 31, 2015 and Mr. Coupland is the primary for most of the surrounding municipalities already. As Fire Chief Mattas had also recently asked Council to add two members of the Fire Department to the alternate position all changes will be made at once and it was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BE APPOINTED AS THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S DESIGNATED COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS (CEMC) AS REQUIRED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL PROTECTION ACT.**

**CEMC – JOHN COUPLAND  
ALTERNATE CEMC – HENRY MATTAS, MORRIS DOUGLAS, MONICA BUDISELIC**

**AND THAT RESOLUTION #18 OF THE AUGUST 8, 2002 COUNCIL MEETING AND RESOLUTION #6 OF THE JUNE 11, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING BE RESCINDED.**

Carried

The Emergency training exercise held in Murillo with the surrounding municipalities early today was discussed. A presentation was made from Alexandra Lawless with regard to the Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (HIRA), an emergency table top exercise was held along with training on note taking and continuity of operation planning. Mayor Nelson, Fire Chief Mattas, Clerk-Treasurer Buob, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot, Kelly Johnson, Leadhand and Road Employees Brent Dennhardt

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and Catriona Earl all attended. As this exercise and training session meets the Ministry's requirements for the year, it was agreed that the Township of O'Connor will not hold its own emergency table top exercise this year.

Mayor Nelson reported that the doublehatter issue with regard to employed Fire Fighters volunteering on volunteer teams has been settled in court and they will be allowed to volunteer and there will be no repercussions.

Fire Chief Mattas left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

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

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

<b>CK#12991</b>	<b>MIKE STEVENS (REPLACEMENT CHEQUE)</b>	<b>\$ 108.48</b>
<b>CK#12992</b>	<b>MINISTER OF FINANCE MTO (CVOR)</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>CK#12993</b>	<b>HYDRO ONE NETWORKS</b>	<b>\$ 636.45</b>
<b>CK#12994</b>	<b>KELLY JOHNSON</b>	<b>\$ 88.00</b>
<b>CK#12995</b>	<b>LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</b>	<b>\$20,853.22</b>
<b>CK#12996</b>	<b>THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC DIST SCHOOL BD</b>	<b>\$ 2,015.52</b>
<b>CK#12997</b>	<b>CSDC DES AURORES BOREALES</b>	<b>\$ 127.26</b>
		<b>\$23,878.93</b>

Carried

The quotes for weeding cutting on the sides of the Township of O'Connor roads were opened. Two quotes were received. It was

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

**THAT THE QUOTE OF A & L AUTO SERVICE AND DALE COOK TO CUT THE WEEDS ON THE SIDES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ROADS AT A COST OF \$2,400.00 & HST BE ACCEPTED. WORK TO BE DONE BY JULY 31, 2015.**

Carried

Under DSSAB issues Mayor Nelson reported that the new board is scheduled to meet on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ministry of Transportation – regarding news affecting off-road vehicle (ORV) use in Ontario. Now that the new regulations are in place the Township of O'Connor will look into passing a by-law allowing off-road vehicles to use municipal roads.
- b) Association of Municipalities – i) Watch File – June 18, 2015.
  - ii) Accessibility in Ontario.
  - iii) AMO Report to Member Municipalities Highlights of the June 2015 Board Meeting.
- c) Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) – regarding WDO Board of Director's Decision on 2015 Blue Box Funding for Municipalities.
- d) Office of the Prime Minister – thank you letter regarding Council's endorsed resolution with regard to community mailboxes.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Official Plan review – Draft request for proposal was read. Changes will be made and forwarded to Council for final approval before being sent out.
- b) Cows running at large was further discussed. Notes from the Clerk-Treasurer were read and copies of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and the Township of Gillies By-laws were read. A draft By-law for the Township of O'Connor in this regard for Council's review was read. Changes will be made and the Clerk-Treasurer will collect further information with regard to fees. The By-law will be brought back to Council for final approval.

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Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – i) Letter from Minister Ted McMeekin regarding the announcement of the review of four pieces of municipal legislation.
- ii) Legislative Review Consultation in Thunder Bay on July 15, 2015. It was

- 5. Moved by B. J. Loan  
Seconded by K. Foekens

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ATTEND THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING CONSULTATION SESSION ON JULY 15, 2015 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**MAYOR NELSON, COUNCILLOR VEZINA AND RACICOT**

Carried

- b) O'Connor Day was briefly discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk-Treasurer's name will go on liquor permit for this event.

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

- a) Ian Haley, Northern 911 inquiring into whether or not the Township has any false alarms by-laws or policies. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to notify Mr. Haley and inform him that currently there is nothing in place by Council will be considering one in the future.
- b) A concern from Theiann Scherby with regard to Fireworks debris found in her pasture from previous O'Connor day fireworks was discussed. Council discussed the issue and noted that the fireworks company does come back the next day and clean up the area every year but perhaps did not realize how much was landing on her property. Council would like Ms. Scherby to provide written permission to the Township to allow the fireworks team to enter onto her property the next day to cleanup the debris.
- c) Bill Mauro, MPP – News Release regarding Infrastructure Consultations Coming to North Western Ontario. It was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ATTEND THE INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTATIONS COMING TO NORTH WESTERN ONTARIO ON JULY 23, 2015 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**MAYOR NELSON, COUNCILLOR VEZINA, RACICOT**

Carried

For information purposes building permits were approved as follows:

2015-07– 359 Garbutt Road – new house, 2015-08– 389 Hwy 595 – addition to shed, 2015-09– 47 Winslow Road–horse barn, 2015-10-77 Whittaker Road – addition, 2015-11- 61 Strom Road – house, 2015-14 – 877 Hwy 590 - garage, 2015-13- 40 Pool Road – deck.

- 7. Moved by K. Foekens  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**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: 9:15 P.M.**

Carried

The applications for the casual janitor position were reviewed. Two applications were received.

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- 8. Moved by K. Foekens  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**TIME BEING: 9:23 P.M.**

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

Carried

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

**THAT TRINA SCHEUERMAN BE HIRED AS THE CASUAL RELIEF FOR THE JANITOR POSITION.**

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

Carried

As Mr. Chessell's last day of work is June 30, the staff will present him with a small going away gift at 1:00 p.m.. Council would also like Mr. Chessell to attend the July 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to say their goodbyes as they cannot attend on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 10. Moved by B. J. Loan  
Seconded by K. Foekens

**THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 9:25 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer