

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on June 8, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Nygard, Racicot, Vezina
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Leadhand Kelly Johnson, Cheryl Maki, Chief Building Official
Jeremiah Gammond, Rod Allan,
Brian Wiese and Robin McCabe arrived at 7:50 p.m.,
Darren Henderson arrived at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
MAY 25, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Mayor Nelson asked the visitors if they wished to address Council. They replied no.

Jeremiah Gammond and Cheryl Maki were welcomed to the table to discuss the new municipal building. Mayor Nelson informed Mr. Gammond that it was announced on Friday, June 5, 2009 that the township's application for funding for a new municipal office and council chambers was approved and the project will proceed. The geotechnical investigation test pits for the slab will be done on June 9th. It was suggested that if the soil conditions were unfavourable for the slab that a cost comparison for a ½ basement construction with crushed rock could be looked into. Energy efficient options for the building were discussed. It was noted that the Council chambers will be in the back of the building and exterior lights will have to be added as the current light post will be removed. A cost for air conditioning will be looked into. As per the Township's procurement policy an invitation to tender will be used for the building. The possible use of a performance and labour bond was discussed. It was noted that some smaller contractors may not be familiar with these procedures and a pre-meeting could be arranged to describe the process. Mr. Gammond has previously completed the design drawings for the building and a proposal from Mr. Gammond for the architectural services for the construction documentation and contract administration phase was discussed. It was

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

**THAT JEREMIAH GAMMOND'S PROPOSAL TO PERFORM THE SERVICES
DURING THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTATION PHASE FOR A LUMP
SUM FEE OF \$6,500.00 FOR THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING BE
ACCEPTED.**

Carried

A verbal response for the results of the geotechnical investigation should be available in a couple of days and Mr. Gammond can then proceed with the construction documentation immediately and prepare an invitation to tender. He anticipates approximately four weeks before bid. Construction services can be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Maki will work on the energy audit for the buildings.

Mr. Gammond and Ms. Maki were thanked for attending.

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Mr. Darren Henderson of Taranis Contracting was welcomed to the table to discuss the status of the Strom road agreement and the Township's objection to the Class A Aggregate Pit Licence for their pit in the Township of Conmee. Council informed Mr. Henderson that Council is currently working on the agreement and there is still some housekeeping to do, which we are discussing latter in the meeting. It will then be forwarded to the lawyer for final review. Mr. Henderson was informed that in order for Council to remove their objection to the Class "A" licence the hours of operation would have to be incorporated into their pit licence. Those hours being 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday and no Sunday hauling. This issue was discussed and Mr. Henderson agreed to this stipulation as long as he did not have to go back to the Ministry and reapply for the change. Mayor Nelson was speaking to the Ministry and he was told that the Township would have to pass a resolution stating what they want added to the Rock Solid Holdings licence and they would not have to reapply to make the change. Council will pass a resolution later in the meeting and it will be forwarded to Mr. Henderson in the morning. The Clerk-Treasurer will submit this information and a copy of the resolution to Mr. Hovi, Aggregate Technical Specialist, Ministry of Natural Resources. The Township also received copies of acknowledgement for support from nine Township of O'Connor residents and property owners, including four from Strom road.

Mr. Henderson was thanked for attending.

Mr. Brian Wiese and Ms. Robin McCabe were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Wiese asked if a copy of the Strom road agreement was available for review. Council informed Mr. Weise that a copy of the agreement could be reviewed after both parties have signed off on it.

Ms. McCabe asked about the draft noise by-law on the agenda. Council informed her that currently it is only a draft and it would be discussed later in the meeting but it is not ready for passing at this time.

Mr. Wiese and Ms. McCabe were thanked for attending.

Mr. Johnson was welcomed to the table. Timesheets for May 3 – 16 and May 17 – 29, 2009 were reviewed. Council asked Mr. Johnson about the beaver problems in the township. The beavers are very busy and the road department has been trying to keep up with them. Mr. Johnson reported that Mr. Zschetzsche had captured five today.

The Township's application to the Infrastructure Stimulus fund for Bridge #1, on Blaikie road was also successful. JML Engineering will be notified and the tender process for the work will begin.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department has been grading the roads and doing maintenance on the equipment. New culverts have been picked up for the roads and they will be starting calcium soon.

It was agreed to move the closed portion of the meeting forward to continue discussing the Strom road agreement with Mr. Johnson. It was

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(E) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 9:06 P.M.

Carried

The Strom road agreement was discussed.

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4. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**TIME BEING: 10:12 P.M.
THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

The bills to be paid were passed around the table. It was

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR MAY 31, 2009
TOTTALLING \$47,765.59 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

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

**THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS
VOUCHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THROUGH THE ONTARIO
DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MAY 31, 2009
TOTTALLING \$10,179.75 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to May 31, 2009 were read.

The draft noise By-law to prohibit and regulate noise was deferred to the next meeting.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Township of South Stormont request for simultaneous dispatch for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and Fire Response was filed.
- b) Town of Smiths Falls petitioning the Province to increase its annual grant to 15% of library revenue was filed.
- c) Oxford County requesting that the Province of Ontario enact legislation to grant municipalities the authorization to eliminate capping in any or all of the protected classes was filed.
- d) Town of Fort Erie petitioning the Province to include hospitals under jurisdiction of Ombudsman was filed.
- e) Town of Caledon regarding Mayors Support Free Trade When It's Fair Trade was filed.
- f) City of Pickering regarding the Harmonized Sales Tax. It was

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

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM CITY OF PICKERING APPEALING TO THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO TO STOP THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PROPOSED PROVINCIAL HARMONIZED SALES TAX UNTIL MORE PUBLIC
CONSULTATION AND INPUT IS RECEIVED BE ENDORSED.**

Carried

- g) Town of Hawkesbury regarding economic climate, investment and jobs. It was

8. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWN OF HAWKESBURY LOBBYING
THE FEDERAL AND ONTARIO GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE THAT
INVESTMENTS MADE BY CANADIANS IN INDUSTRIES BE PROTECTED IN
A LONG TERM BASIS AND BE SECURED AGAINST BEING MOVED
OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY OR BEING PERMANENTLY CLOSED WITHOUT
CONSULTATION WITH CANADIAN INVESTORS BE ENDORSED.**

Carried

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The Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board 2008 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements was available for review.

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

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

Carried

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) AMO –
 - i) Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance offers Regional Sport Tourism workshops
 - ii) Reminder of the labour mobility survey. Council will not complete this survey.
 - iii) AMO Comments on Long Term Care Homes Act proposed regulations
 - iv) Needle Safety Regulatory review
 - v) Government announces consultation process on long term affordable housing strategy
 - vi) Federal and Provincial Governments commit \$2.3 billion to Municipal Infrastructure in Ontario
- b) NOMA & MMAH – Regional Conference list of potential sessions
- c) North West Local Health Integration Network – Share your Story, Shape your Care – report release. This report is available online.
- d) Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the updated Natural Heritage Reference Manual which is posted for public review on the Environmental Registry
- e) Ministry of Natural Resources regarding Endangered Species Act informing the Township that the MNR is contacting specific landowners and land managers within the municipality about the proposed content for a habitat regulation under the ESA for Peregrine Falcon.
- f) Retirement Party for John Stadlander, MMAH, June 11th and 20th, 2009
- g) City of Pickering supporting the Town of Ingersol's resolution regarding Bill 221 Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act

The balance of the correspondence was passed around table

Under Old business, Council discussed

- a) The O'Connor Women's Institute 100th Anniversary tea – June 13th from 1-4 p.m.. All of Council will be in attendance, the gift and plaque presentations will be made.
- b) A copy of the final 2009 Budget was reviewed.

Under New business, Council discussed

- a) The Township of O'Connor's Infrastructure Stimulus Funding announcement. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Bill Mauro, M.P.P. to ask him if he would be available on Saturday, June 13th for a ground breaking ceremony for the new municipal office during the Women's Institute Tea.
- b) A notice from the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge regarding Sharron Martyn accepting the part-time position as Planner/Secretary-Treasurer for the Lakehead Rural Planning Board for a six month contract was read. Councillor Racicot, as a member of the board was not aware of this and would like the Clerk-Treasurer to check the agreement made with the board and the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge to see if this position would be hired by the Municipality or the board.
- c) EcoSuperior Environmental Programs – Well Aware Workshop June 29, 2009 in Thunder Bay. It was

10. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ATTEND THE ECOSUPERIOR WELL AWARE WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2009. COUNCILLOR VEZINA AND GARBUTT AND CLERK-TREASURER BUOB. REGISTRATION IF FREE.

Carried

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- d) Hydro One Networks power outage and emergency contact numbers. The Clerk-Treasurer will confirm that the numbers are correct in the Township of O'Connor's Emergency plan.
- e) Ministry of Natural Resources invitation for applications for land securement funding to the Greenlands Challenge, a competitive funding program. No application will be submitted.
- f) Ministry of Natural Resources regarding establishing committees under the Endangered Species Act. A request for applications is posted on their website. Councillor Vezina would be interested in this and will apply to be on the committee.
- g) Wallaceburg Disaster Relief Committee requesting funding for disaster relief. No donation from the Township of O'Connor will be made.
- h) MMAH – affordable housing strategy consultations launched

Under further new business the resolution for the removal of the objection to Rock Solid Holdings "A" licence was discussed. It was

- 11. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR SHALL REMOVE THEIR OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION OF THE CLASS "A" AGGREGATE PIT LICENSE, CONMEE TOWNSHIP – ROCK SOLID HOLDINGS INC. PROVIDED THAT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS BE INCORPORATED INTO SAID LICENSE. HAULING ON THE ROAD SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. DAILY MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. THERE SHALL BE NO HAULING ON SUNDAYS. ANY HAULING OUTSIDE OF THESE HOURS SHALL ONLY BE PERMITTED WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF O'CONNOR COUNCIL. O'CONNOR UNDERSTANDS THAT FROM TIME TO TIME CONTRACTURAL OR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WILL ARISE AND MAY PERMIT EXTENDED HAULING HOURS FOR A DESIGNATED PERIOD OF TIME.

Carried

Special meetings starting at 6:00 p.m. or earlier were discussed. It was decided that whenever meeting start this early that food be brought in as there is not enough time for Council to eat prior to the meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into doing up a policy for this.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) A request from Whitefish Valley School for the use of tables for their grade eight graduation to be held in the school gym on June 24, 2009 was discussed. Council were in agreement to allow the school to use the hall tables.
- b) Community Adjustment Fund deadline June 12th. Councillor Garbutt informed Council that the Common Voice committee is applying for this funding and she will look into the application further to see if the Township could apply.
- c) A letter from Welby Soares, Account Manager for Bell regarding the investigation and addressing the delay in scheduling the replacement of the existing FFR repeaters at Hazelwood and South Gillies was read. They are pressuring the teams to have the installation completed by June 26th. He will continue to keep everyone informed.

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

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 11:23 P.M.

Carried