

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – MAY 14, 2012

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Councillors: Garbutt, Racicot, Vezina
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

Absent: Mayor Nelson, Councillor Loan

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Garbutt declared an interest in item 16 d) of this meeting and 12b) of the April 23, 2012 meeting as the severance application 1B/11/10 being discussed was her property.

Councillor Racicot declared and interest in items 15 d) iv) and 17 a) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

1. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23, 2012 AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23, 2012, BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Acting Mayor Garbutt asked Mr. Johnson if he wished to address Council on any personal matters and he replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. The Road Department Monthly Report was read. Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department staff are currently grading the roads, dealing with beavers and cleaning culverts. The trapper has been called in. They are also doing some further cleanup on the brushing project on Loghrin road from last year. The outhouses at all locations have been cleaned and they have done a couple of contract jobs.

Mr. Johnson also reported that he has called Ms. Earl back to work.

Item 18 b) on the agenda with regard to the disposal site spring clean up was brought forward on the agenda to discuss with Mr. Johnson. It was agreed to again hire students to come in and cleanup the garbage bags. The Clerk-Treasurer will make the arrangements.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The roads and administration voucher for April 30, 2012 was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR APRIL 30, 2012 TOTALLING \$107,230.84 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for April 30, 2012 was unavailable.

A draft By-law to appoint a second Deputy Fire Chief was discussed. Council would like to discuss this matter further directly with the Fire Chief. This item was therefore deferred to the next meeting.

Consent application decisions were reviewed for applications 1B/09/12 & 1B/10/12 for Wayne Blaikie and 1B/06/12 for Henry and David Posthumus. All applications have been approved with conditions.

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Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) City of Thunder Bay regarding the Ring of Fire: Support for First Nations Determination of Development was filed.
- b) Greater Sudbury – Calling on all levels of government and the Federation of Municipalities to adopt a national dementia strategy was filed.
- c) Township of Wainfleet regarding the minimum setback distance for the construction of all Industrial Wind Turbines was filed.
- d) Durham Region – Source Water Protection Planning Consultation process – regarding comments in response to policies for Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region was filed.
- e) Durham Region – Source Water Protection Planning Consultation process – regarding comments in response to draft plan for Credit-Toronto-Cloca Source Protection Region was filed.
- f) Oxford County – regarding placing a moratorium on any future landfill construction or approval was filed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – copy of letter to Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Ministry of Transportation strongly urging improved legislation for ATV use among children and youth.
- b) Emergency Management Ontario regarding impacts of Federal budget on Emergency Management. Funding to Public Safety Canada will be reduced by 8.5% over the next three years. Two programs have been cancelled including the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) and the Canadian Emergency Management College.
- c) Ministry of Natural Resources – regarding changes to the Bear Wise Program. The program will change from an active management model to one that places a greater emphasis on personal responsibility.
- d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File – April 26, 2012.
ii) Watch File – May 3, 2012.
iii) Watch File – May 10, 2012.
iv) AMO Breaking News regarding rising cost of police services.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

- v) LAS Energy Workshop Sessions – Energy Management Planning Workshop Content – October 30, 2012 – no one will attend.

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- e) Implementing the Plan – OBOA Certification and Maintenance – excerpt from OBOA Journal Article June 2012 regarding the new OBOA Strategic Plan 2012+. This new standard would expand the certification program signifying a level of competency which is over and above the legislated baseline of examination only. It would require a Chief Building Official (CBO) to have 3 years of post-secondary education prior to the CBO legal exam and stream exams. This could be an issue with smaller municipalities being able to find qualified CBO's to do their inspections at a reasonable cost.
- f) Mayors Coalition Steering Committee i) – regarding Affordable Sustainable Accountable Policing letter April 26, 2012.
ii) Follow up email to letter of April 26th requesting financial support for efforts to control OPP policing costs from municipalities. No donation will be provided.
- g) Ministry of the Environment – regarding guidance for those municipalities who provide water services and may have responsibilities related to the Clean Water Act.
- h) North West LHIN – Info Minute – Physician Office Integration Program improves quality and timeliness of patient care in the North West LHIN.
- i) Norm Miller, MPP - News Release – Norm Miller demands answers for Ring of Fire delays.
- j) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport – Announcement of successful candidate for Assistant Deputy Minister, Culture Division, Mr. Kevin Finnerty.
- k) Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) – OGRA Partners with RCCAO and MTO for Wellington County Bridges Study.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

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Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Support for the Canadian Blood Services to remain open in Thunder Bay. Councillor Garbutt presented a draft letter in support. Minor changes will be made and it will be redistributed to Council for further review and comment.
- b) Copy of letter from Mr. Randy Turk regarding the driver training he will provide to our volunteer fire department was read. Mr. Turk will provide driver training as laid out in the Driver's Handbook for the Province of Ontario. Council were satisfied with the list of training that he will provide to the drivers. Council discussed which vehicle the drivers will use for training and testing. It was agreed that training should be done with both trucks so the members are familiar with both vehicles they could be driving. Council would like them to use the tanker for the actual testing at the Drive Test centre.
- c) Thunder Bay Area Emergency Measures Organization – corrected 2012 Municipal Levy was reviewed.

Councillor Garbutt left the room.

- d) Updates regarding Severance application 1B/11/10 and resolution #9 April 23, 2012 Council meeting –
 - i) Memo from Clerk-Treasurer with regard to comments from Lakehead Rural Planning Board.
 - ii) Memo from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer with regard to information from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with regard to the holding provisions.
 - iii) Copy of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, Section 36 regarding Holding Provision By-law.

Council discussed the current information with regard to the application and it was

- 3. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT RESOLUTION #9 OF THE APRIL 23, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING WITH REGARD TO THE PLACING OF A HOLDING ZONE ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AT LOT 6, CONCESSION 5, OWNED BY NICHOLAS TEMPLE IN ORDER TO MEET THE WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/11/10 BE RESCINDED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Carried

Councillor Garbutt returned to the meeting.

- e) Councillor Racicot reported on a used range hood he had found in Marathon. Photos of the hood will be sent to Superior Safety to see if it would meet the new requirements for the Community Centre kitchen or not.

Under New Business, Council discussed

Councillor Racicot left the room.

- a) Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis' email regarding an upcoming meeting to discuss paging system decisions for Zone One and comments from the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. It was

- 4. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE PAGING SYSTEM FOR ZONE ONE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012 IN MURILLO.

**COUNCILLOR GARBUTT
FIRE CHIEF MATTAS
DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT**

Carried

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Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- b) Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services – regarding JEPP Funding. The Townships project for a transfer switch for the new office, which will act as the Emergency Operations Centre in an emergency, has now been approved from the waitlist. The mandatory sign-off form will be submitted.
- c) Mr. Donald Wiltshire - i) letter – regarding his interest in purchasing a piece of the Township's property adjacent to his at 240 Sitch road was read.
ii) A memo from Clerk-Treasurer in this regard and a copy of By-law 2007-21 - procedures for the sale and other disposition of land.

Council discussed the Township's property in which the request was for. Currently the property is zoned "Open Space" and would have to be rezoned if Mr. Wiltshire intends to build on it and use it as residential property. Also the sale of the property may have to be open for public bids. The total area of the lots, if adjoined, will continue to remain below the minimum lot size provided for in the Township's Zoning By-law and he may have issues with regard to the Zone provisions for the minimum front and rear distances, which could then require a minor variance application. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to talk to him about all of their questions and concerns to see if he would still be interested. If so, Council would ask that he attend an upcoming Council meeting to discuss all the options, concerns and expenses.

- d) Government of Ontario – Cost of Policing Services – 2011 Actuals. The Township has received a credit of \$5,130.00 after the 2011 year end reconciliation.
- e) Councillor Loan's report on CPAC Meeting held on May 1, 2012 was read.
- f) Township of Gillies – Thank you letter from Reeve Kieri for the assistance from the O'Connor Fire Department to a recent structure fire in South Gillies.
- g) Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge regarding the Rural Business Expo. Council will not be sponsoring any tables.
- h) Thunder Bay Ventures – regarding Strategic Planning Session to be held in Thunder Bay on May 16, 2012. No one will attend.
- i) Farm Credit Canada – AgriSpirit Fund – Accepting applications between May 7 & June 18th. Council agreed to put in an application for the renovations to the basement kitchen. Announcements of the successful applications will be made in November, 2012.
- j) Hole-In-One Enterprises – regarding Infrared Heating Panels. Council were not interested in these panels.
- k) The Clerk-Treasurer and Councillor Vezina reported on a recent fire and noise complaint, which occurred on May 10th. The matter has been taken care of.

Under further new business, Council noted that the Cornerstone newsletter was still advertising the community centres kitchen rental. It was recommended that this item be removed until the kitchen has been renovated.

Councillor Garbutt reported that at the last Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML) board meeting, Superior North EMS made a presentation addressing the concerns of the Board's resolution with regard to closures of EMS stations. This presentation provided clarity on the rumors that had been circulating and confirmed that at this time no stations will be closing. They did confirm that there will be an increase in the budget for 2012.

At the meeting the decision made by Cliffs for the location of the Ring of Fire ferrochrome plant was also discussed. The members were disappointed with this decision.

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

- a) Rural Health Fair – August 15, 2012. Council agreed to participate again in this years fair by having a booth. It was suggested that we have photos of Cedar Falls, people out walking in the Township to promote healthy living in our Township. Giveaways will also be looked into. It was suggested that we check with the Norwest Community Health to see if we could possibly give away popcorn or cotton candy.
- b) The Disposal site spring clean up was previously discussed with Mr. Johnson.

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- c) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association – Media Release NOMA working to ensure full benefits from mining developments was read.

- 5. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE O'CONNOR DAY
PLANNING MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012 AT
7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 9:54 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer