

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – MAY 24, 2011

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Ms. Shaun Pierce, Norwest Community Health  
Clerk-Treasurer Lorna Buob

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: None

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

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 9, 2011  
AND THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2011  
BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Mayor Nelson asked Ms. Buob if she wished to address Council as a resident of the Township. She replied no.

Mr. Norm Gale of Superior North Emergency Medical Service (SNEMS) was scheduled to make a presentation regarding SNEMS Strategic Planning at 7:00 p.m.. Mr. Gale was not present.

Ms. Shaun Peirce, Community Health Worker for the Norwest Community Health Centres was welcomed to the table. Introductions were made. Ms. Peirce presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding a Rural Health Fair to be held at the Norwest Recreation Centre in the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. The goal of the Fair is to increase visibility of health and wellness resources available within the rural areas south and west of City of Thunder Bay and to encourage local rural residents to shop and access rural services surrounding them.

Ms. Peirce will be forming a Community Working Group that would be made up of a Council or Service Board Representative from each of the six communities involved which include the Townships of Gillies, Conmee, O'Connor, the Municipalities of Neebing and Oliver Paipoonge and the community of Nolalu. Councillor Garbutt will represent the Township of O'Connor. It was also suggested that a meeting with Ms. Peirce, Mr. Doug Heath of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) and Councillor Garbutt be set up to further discuss possible resources for the Rural Health Fair. Councillor Garbutt was asked to set up the meeting as she is the current TBDHU representative for the Township of O'Connor and Conmee.

Ms. Peirce presented Council with a sample application form that local business and service providers, who want to participate in the Rural Health Fair, can fill out. The form will also be available in a fillable PDF format online. The event will be free to participant and there will be no admission fee for the public. The Fair will be advertised in the Township's newsletter as well as on the Township's website. Participants will also be asked to fill in a form detailing information about their service. This information will be included in a "Passport" that will be handed out to everyone who attends the Fair and can be kept for future reference.

Ms. Peirce informed Council that the monthly health clinic that is held in the O'Connor Community Centre is doing well and is supported by residents of the Township of Conmee and Gillies and, at times, the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge.

Ms. Peirce thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to do a presentation on the Rural Health Fair and Council in turn thanked her for attending the meeting.

Fire Chief Henry Mattas was unable to attend the meeting. There was no Fire Department Report to discuss and no issues were brought forward at this time.

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

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by B.J. Loan

**THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR MAY 2011 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE MAY 2011 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.**

CK#10167	G. GARBUTT (HONORARIUM)	\$ 110.00
CK#10168	G. GARBUTT (HONORARIUM)	411.00
CK#10169	RESTORE	226.00
CK#10170	J. LOAN (HONORARIUM)	114.02
CK#10171	TBAYTEL (TELEPHONE)	371.97
CK#10172	HYDRO ONE	392.98
CK#10173	RECOOL CANADA INC.	508.50
CK#10174	KAMTECK ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION(POWERBITZ)	145.21
CK#10175	STAPLES BUSINESS DEPOT	157.61
CK#10176	VANLENTH AUTO SERVICES	735.23
CK#10177	SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA	940.90
		<u>\$4,113.42</u>

Carried.

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to April 30, 2011 were reviewed.

The Administrative Report to Council concerning the required disclosure of the impact of the exclusion of Amortization, Post-Employment Benefits and Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post- Closure costs from the Annual Budget as set out in Ontario Regulation 284/09 was reviewed and it was

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

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT DATED MAY 24, 2011 ENTITLED REQUIRED DISCLOSURE REGARDING BUDGET IMPACTS AS PER ONTARIO REGULATION 284/09 BE ADOPTED AS READ.**

Carried.

By-law and Policies were discussed as follows:

- a) By-Law number 2011-10, a By-law to amend by-law 95-11, the Zoning By-Law, with respect to Zoning Amendment Application number 2011-01 to have the Industrial Extractive zoning changed to Rural was reviewed and it was

4. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2011-10 BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 95-11, THE ZONING BY-LAW, BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried.

- b) By-law 2011-11 the tax rate By-law was reviewed and it was

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

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2011-11 BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE ESTIMATES OF ALL SUMS REQUIRED DURING THE YEAR 2011 FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AND TO STRIKE THE LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2011 AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF TAX RATES AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENT THEREOF FOR 2011 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried.

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Consent Application number 1B/06/11 for William and Mary Mazurkewich, Concession 3, North ½ Lot 9, was reviewed and it was

6. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/06/11 FOR MARY AND WILLIAM MAZURKEWICH FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CONCESSION 3, N PT LOT 9, RP 55R1920 PART 6, FOR ONE 19 ACRE SEVERANCE BE APPROVED.**

Carried.

The Consent application number 1B/08/11 was deferred until further information can be submitted by the applicant.

A letter regarding the decision of the Lakehead Rural Planning Board with respect to the consent application number 1B/01/11 for Sharon Loghrin for the creation of a new lot from the property known as Concession 7, South Part Lot 1 was reviewed. The board has approved the application upon Council approval of the Zoning Amendment application and compliance with all conditions listed in the Board's resolution.

Quotes for the three cable guide rail systems, the steel beam rail replacement for bridge #2 on Smith Road and the eave work to be done on the Municipal garage and community centre were received and opened at the Council meeting held on May 9, 2011. The quotes were discussed at the Budget meeting that was held on May 19, 2011 and Council decided that the three cable guide rail systems, the steel flex beam guide rail system and the repairs to the fascia at the municipal garage would be included in this year's budget and it was

7. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE QUOTE OF WILCO CONTRACTORS SUPERIOR INC TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL A THREE CABLE GUIDE RAIL SYSTEM ON GARBUTT ROAD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$4,720.00 PLUS HST AND TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL A THREE CABLE GUIDE RAIL SYSTEM ON HOLOMEGO ROAD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$5,840.00 PLUS HST AND TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL A THREE CABLE GUIDE RAIL SYSTEM ON EARL ROAD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$3,760.00 PLUS HST BE ACCEPTED.**

Carried.

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

**THAT THE QUOTE OF K A VANDERZWAAG CONSTRUCTION INC. TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL A STEEL FLEX BEAM GUIDE RAIL SYSTEM AT BRIDGE #2 ON SMITH ROAD OVER WHITEWOOD CREEK FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$24,420.00 PLUS HST BE ACCEPTED.**

Carried.

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

**THAT THE QUOTE OF LEX CONSTRUCTION TO SECURE EXISTING WOOD FASCIA BOARDS AS REQUIRED AND BEND AND INSTALL NEW ALUMINIUM FASCIA AND DRIP EDGE FOR THE BUILDING PERIMETER AT THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.00 PLUS HST BE ACCEPTED.**

Carried.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Niagara Region resolution requesting that the Provincial Government fix the broken arbitration system and to revisit the Police Act was filed.

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- b) The Town of Thessalon regarding the Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009 and ground mounted solar systems was filed.
  - c) The Township of Woolwich regarding directing a portion of the revenue derived from HST charged on gasoline and diesel sales and it was
10. Moved by B.J. Loan  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH, IN SUPPORT OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA, REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO CONSIDER DIRECTING A PORTION OF THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM HST CHARGED ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL SALES TO A NEW PREDICTABLE FUNDING MECHANISM THAT WILL ALLOW ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES TO MAKE CRITICAL INVESTMENTS NEEDED TO BE EFFECTIVE STEWARDS OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BE ENDORSED.**

Carried.

- d) The Township of Amherstburg regarding the shipment of radioactive materials from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission through the Great Lakes was filed.

A letter was received from the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) regarding a meeting to be held involving Area 1 member municipalities and the Thunder Bay DSSAB. The meeting is being held to answer question and concerns with respect to the Thunder Bay DSSAB and it was

11. Moved by B.J. Loan  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE AREA ONE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES MEETING WITH THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD (TBDSSAB) TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011 AT 6 P.M. IN THE CONMEE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**COUNCILLORS JIM VEZINA, JERRY LOAN, GWEN GARBUTT, BISHOP RACICOT, DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT, CLERK-TREASURER BUOB.**

Carried.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Superior North Emergency Medical Services regarding the first quarter levy for 2011
- b) Thunder Bay Area Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) quarterly newsletter, January to March 2011.
- c) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) media release regarding Municipal Leaders recommendation that the Northern Policy Institute must be independent.
- d) Letter from the Honorable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry regarding the modernization of the forest tenure and pricing system.
- e) E-mail from Mr. Randy Hillier, MPP and Ontario PC Party Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry Critic regarding McGuinty's untested and experimental forest tenure legislation, Bill 151.
- f) E-mail from Ms. Shannon Dodd Smith, Manager of Community Planning and Development regarding clarification on the Planning Act changes to housing.
- g) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File May 12, 2011  
ii) Watch File May 19, 2011.
- h) Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO) regarding the 2011 OMERS Specific Plan Change Proposals.
- i) Letter from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit presenting their 2010 Audited Financial Statements.
- j) Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry regarding updates to the Northern Growth Plan Progress.

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The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The flyer to be handed out to truck drivers at the weigh scales in Strom Pit owned by Taranis Contracting Group was reviewed by Council. Councillor Jerry Loan will inquire as to whether or not the flyers were handed out by OPP officers.
- b) An e-mail was received from Mr. Roger Lord, Field Officer, Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) regarding the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) funding and the possible funding for a transfer switch for the emergency generator to feed the new Municipal office. Councillor Vezina will look into pricing for a generator transfer switch for the Township's emergency backup generator that will bring power to the Municipal office.
- c) A letter from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry regarding the Township's application for funding under their Summer Job Service Program. The Township has been approved for one Labourer and one Office Assistant. An ad will be placed in the June issue of the Cornerstone requesting applications for Summer Students.

Under further old business Council discussed:

- a) The blue compactor truck located at the disposal site. This truck has an air lift pup axel which enables the truck to carry more weight. It was suggested that this truck may be used as a water tanker for the fire department in the future.
- b) The purchase of a portable air conditioner for the Municipal office was discussed. This item was discussed at the budget meeting. Leadhand Johnson will be instructed to pick up a unit for the office as soon as possible while they are still available.
- c) The DSL for the Fire Department was discussed. Councillor Vezina has confirmed that the existing line that the Municipal office uses for high speed internet cannot be shared with another location. The Fire Department will use the Community Centre when they need to use high speed internet for training.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) The Regional Economic Development Planning Zones Pilot Project. This summit has been renamed Think North II by the Government of Ontario. Mayor Nelson updated Council on the progress and planning of the Summit. It was recommended by the Northwestern Ontario Joint Task Force (JTF) that any Council meetings scheduled for June 13 and June 14, 2011 be rescheduled in order for Municipal Councillors to attend the Summit. Council decided that since the first day the summit is a welcoming reception that they will not be rescheduling their June 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. However, the meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Murray Armstrong of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing would be postponed to permit Council to attend day two of the Summit. It was

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

**THAT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH MR. MURRAY ARMSTRONG, MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING TO HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011 BE POSTPONED TO ACCOMMODATE COUNCIL'S ATTENDANCE AT THE THINK NORTH II SUMMIT.**

Carried

13. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE MINISTRY OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT, MINES AND FORESTRY'S THINK NORTH 11 – A TWO PART REGIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING SUMMIT TO BE HELD ON JUNE 13 AND 14, 2011 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**MAYOR RON NELSON, COUNCILLORS LOAN, VEZINA, GARBUTT, RACICOT, CLERK-TREASURER BUOB.**

**REGISTRATION FEE: NIL**

Carried.

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- b) Frank Pullia requesting information to conduct research for the Regional Economic Development Planning Pilot Project now named Think North II. An electronic copy of the Township of O'Connor's Official Plan has already been forwarded to Mr. Pullia.
- c) Letter from Reeve Rick Kieri, Township of Gillies regarding a possible meeting with the Heads of Council for the Township O'Connor, Conmee and Gillies to discuss the potential of all three municipalities sharing efficiencies with the administration of their respective fire departments. It was

- 14. Moved by B.J. Loan  
Seconded by Jim Vezina

**THAT MAYOR RON NELSON WILL PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING REGARDING THE SHARED EFFICIENCIES WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVING THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR, TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES. TIME AND DATE STILL TO BE DETERMINED.**

Carried.

- d) Designation of O'Connor Day as a significant event for the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) was discussed and it was

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

**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.

- e) The Kraft Celebration Tour Competition, Community Award Contest was discussed. Due to the amount of work involved in entering the competition Council decided that the Township will not enter the contest.

Under further new business

- a) Councillor Loan updated Council on the recent CPAC meeting that he attended on May 17, 2011. Members of the committee were given a tour to the police station and the Ontario's Mobilization and Engagement Model of Community Policing was discussed. The pamphlet that will be handed out to truck drivers hauling from Taranis' pit on Strom Road and the Ministry pit was reviewed. The pamphlet outlines the fines related to speeding, littering and the use of compression brakes in the Township.
- b) Councillor Vezina brought to Council's attention that the issue regarding the clamping of the intake hose on the breathing air compressor has not been address. Deputy Clerk Racicot will contact Fire Chief Mattas to make sure that the hose is properly clamped.
- c) Summer Students and the issue of ticks was discussed. Leadhand Johnson will be instructed to include how to deal with ticks at their Health and Safety meeting that the students will be participating in.

For information purposes it was reported that a demolition permit and building permit has been approved for a new garage at 868 Hwy 590.

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 10:00 P.M.**

Carried