

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – MAY 27, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas
Deputy Fire Chief Ian Hamilton

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 B. J. Loan
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Mr. Hamilton was asked if he wished to address Council on any personal matters and he replied no.

Fire Chief Mattas and Deputy Fire Chief Hamilton were welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report from April 21 to May 23, 2013 was read. There was one First Response call in that time period. Fire Chief Mattas reported that he did allow a daytime burn to occur on the May long weekend. He did inspect the site first and felt it was safe and the weather was raining. He did contact dispatch in case a call came in for this location.

Fire Chief Mattas presented an attendance spreadsheet of the Fire Department and First Response members as per Council's request. The list included the attendance of members from January 2013 to May 21, 2013. Council then requested further information as to who are Fire members, First Response members or both. Fire Chief Mattas is still concerned with the lack of members who are available during the day if a call were to come in. Mutual Aid would have to be called.

The Turnout gear for the Fire Department members was discussed. Four new suits have been purchased. Fire Chief Mattas reported on the manufacturing date of the member's suits and it was agreed that two more suits should be purchased this year from Sani Gear if they have the correct sizes for the members at the same reduced price as the previous four. The actual cost of the suits will be pulled out of the Turnout Gear reserve to cover the cost and will be included in the 2013 budget.

Driver training was also discussed. Fire Chief Mattas reported that to date no one in the Zone 1 area has signed up with Mr. Olsen for the driver training. Fire Chief Mattas has also inquired into the Taranis driver training program. The costs were discussed along with the hours of training required. Taranis will also supply the truck for driver training and at the drive centre for testing. Before a licence is given the driver is also required to get a medical. The cost of the driver's test is not included in Taranis' fee.

Deputy Fire Chief Hamilton presented a training calendar for the months of May to August 2013 for Council. The Clerk-Treasurer will add this information to the Township's website calendar.

Fire Chief Mattas reported that he is not happy with the new paging system. There seems to be extra talk and advertising coming across the pagers. You also cannot hear others talking during an emergency like the old radios. He will air his concerns at the next Zone meeting.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Review report of the three municipalities was discussed. A copy will be sent to Deputy Fire Chief Hamilton also. It was agreed that this is not the

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document that everyone was expecting. Meetings are being scheduled between the Clerk's and Fire Chief's to go over the report in the near future.

Fire Chief Mattas and Deputy Chief Hamilton were thanked for attending and they left the meeting.

By-laws were discussed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2013-13 BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT OPTIONAL TOOLS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADMINISTERING LIMITS FOR THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND MULTI-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CLASSES FOR THE YEAR 2013 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2013-14 BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE ESTIMATES OF ALL SUMS REQUIRED DURING THE YEAR 2013 FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AND TO STRIKE THE LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2013 AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF TAX RATES AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENT THEREOF FOR 2013 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Town of East Gwillimbury – requesting the Province establish a task force regarding surplus fill was filed.
- b) Municipality of Kincardine – regarding the hosting of Industrial Wind Turbines was filed.
- c) Township of Malahide – proposing that the Drive Clean program be wound down. It was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF MALAHIDE PROPOSING THAT THE DRIVE CLEAN PROGRAM BE WOUND DOWN RECOGNIZING THAT IT WAS ORIGINALLY CREATED TO RELIEVE RURAL AND SMALL TOWN ONTARIO WHERE VEHICLE CONCENTRATION IS LOW AND TO KEEP THE TESTING ONLY IN AREAS OF HIGH CONCENTRATION, ESSENTIALLY MAKING RURAL/SMALL TOWN ONTARIO EXEMPT FROM DRIVE CLEAN BE ENDORSED.

- d) City of Peterborough – regarding the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan was filed.

The 2012 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board was reviewed.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Bill Mauro, M.P.P. Thunder Bay- Atikokan – Ontario Supporting Municipalities with Infrastructure Funding. Announcement of the Township of O'Connor's successful application for the bridge replacement on Broome Road through the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative funding in the amount of \$305,195.00.
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File - May 16, 2013
ii) Watch File – May 23, 2013
- c) Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA) – Letter from the President
- d) Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation – Defibrillator Access Initiative – Second Call for Proposals. Automated external defibrillators will be available for publicly funded sport and recreation facilities, schools with high sport and recreation use and elderly

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person centres across Ontario. The Township of O'Connor does have one in the community centre already and would not require any others at this time.

- e) Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance – regarding Government designated Privately Owned Land in Ontario, and copy of reply letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Council at the last meeting, during budget discussion, suggested waiving their mileage entitlement for an upcoming fall conference and it was

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

THAT COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR WAIVE THEIR ELIGIBLE MILEAGE FOR THE NOMA REGIONAL FALL CONFERENCE.

Carried

- b) A request from Norwest Community Health Outreach Mobile Services Team to have storage cabinets and modular office partitions stored in the O'Connor Community Centre. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that two staff members from Norwest met with Mr. Chessell and herself and discussed possible locations for their cabinet and do not feel they will be an obstruction. It was

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

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR GIVE PERMISSION TO THE NORWEST COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES OUTREACH MOBILE SERVICES TEAM TO INSTALL A STORAGE CABINET IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE CLERK-TREASURER BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO GIVE DIRECTION IN THE INSTALLATION OF THIS STORAGE CABINET.

Carried

- c) The Township of O'Connor's Official Plan review was discussed. Council would like to host a public meeting in the fall and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR A PUBLIC MEETING WITH REGARD TO THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 AT 7 P.M.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO COMMENCE AT 8 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Carried

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – copy of letter to Honourable David Orzaletti, Minister of Natural Resources regarding Operational Program Changes.
b) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority – regarding Conservation Ontario Whitepaper: Watershed Management Futures for Ontario.
c) Community Centre renovations – discuss removal of current appliances. It was agreed that the old propane stove will be taken in for scrap metal and the churches will be asked if they know of anyone who would need the old electric stove and if not it will also be disposed of.

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

**THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO
BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013 AT 7 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 8:25 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer