

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Leadhand Kelly Johnson

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

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

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. The Monthly Road Department report for October 12 to November 7, 2014 was read. Council asked Mr. Johnson about the new One Call system for line locates. Mr. Johnson has not had any issues so far when he has made a request.

Roadwork in general was discussed. They have started to haul winter sand to the municipal yard, finishing up some jobs and they were able to grade some of the roads up until last Thursday.

The Road Department Equipment Report for 2014 was reviewed.

The Final Five Year Road Plan for 2014 was presented to Council. It was noted that a lot of work did get completed this year on the road system.

KGS Group's letter summarizing the report on their Structural Inspection of 3 bridges was read. A copy of the full report was available for review at the meeting.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that an email letter did arrive at the end of the day from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs with regard to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Application-Based Component and the Township of O'Connor's project proposal was not selected to move forward to the application phase of the OCIF. This application was for the changing of several culverts in the Township.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The Administration and Roads Voucher for October, 2014 was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR OCTOBER 31, 2014 TOTTALLING \$180,460.66 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to October 31, 2014 were reviewed.

A resolution for endorsement from the Town of Bancroft with regard to the policing costs for properties in unorganized townships was discussed and it was

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

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THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWN OF BANCROFT ENDORSING THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY REQUESTING THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO IMPLEMENT A BILLING METHOD FOR THOSE PROPERTIES IN UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS SO THAT THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR FAIR SHARE OF POLICING COSTS BE ENDORSED.

Carried

Under DSSAB issues, Mayor Nelson provided an update on the Lakehead Rural Municipal Committees progress with regard to the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – Notice of change to allocation of Board of Health Expenses. The Board of Health has adjusted its allocation of expenses and updated the Ontario Population Report provided by MPAC. The report indicates that the population for O'Connor has dropped from 632 to 595, however the allocation will remain the same as the district has also decreased.
 - b) John Rafferty, MP – Congratulatory letter for municipal election incumbents and newly elected representatives.
 - c) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – November Newsletter. Council would like the information with regard to the Festive Ride 2014-2015 and Crimestoppers included in the December issue of the Cornerstone.
 - d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – i) Watch File October 30, 2014.
ii) Watch File November 6, 2014.
 - e) AMCTO The Municipal Expert – AMCTO Legislative Express.
- The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Thunder Bay District Municipal League - Conference draft agenda. Mr. Bradica from the Thunder Bay DSSAB will be presenting an overview of the DSSAB. Mayor Nelson would like the Township's funding uploaded totals for the last four years for the Conference.
- b) Discussion with regard to the meeting with City of Thunder Bay Police Chief and Deputy Chief held on October 29, 2014. Councillor Vezina was unable to attend the meeting due to work so Councillor Racicot attended in his place. As a result of the meeting, Rosalie Evans, Solicitor/Clerk is collecting the surrounding municipalities policing call data and preparing a report for the City of Thunder Bay's Police Chief to review.
- c) The platform lift in the community centre and repairs required to the walls after testing of unit. The lift is currently rubbing on the main entrance level door frame and wall and the shaft needs repairs and adjustments. Mr. Thompson has made some adjustments but more may be required. The Clerk-Treasurer has contacted Perhol Construction, the contractor who built the shaft for the lift, and their reply comments. To the Clerk-Treasurer's concerns were discussed. A copy of the manufacturer's drawings with current measurements taken Nov. 7, 2014 were reviewed. It was agreed that Thompson Accessibility Solutions be called back out to look at the lift to make additional adjustments and once the shaft has been readjusted that DP Construction, the contractor who did the painting inside the community centre, be called in to see if they can fix and repaint the damage area.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – regarding the Intervener Status – TransCanada Pipeline Energy East Project – requesting comments on their submission by November 25, 2014. Council are in support of NOMA's position on this project, and are in favour of NOMA's request for Intervener status. They do not have any addition comment to make.
- b) Ministry of Natural Resources – Invitation to attend an engagement session on the Aggregate Resources Act on November 20, 2014 in Thunder Bay. It was

4. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

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THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY ENGAGEMENT SESSION ON THE AGGREGATE RESOURCES ACT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2014 IN THUNDER BAY.

MAYOR NELSON

Carried

- c) Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) – requesting Nominations to their Board. Councillor Vezina may be interested in running for this Board for the Northern Zone and will inquire as to what expenses there would be. The nominations are due by November 21, 2014. If the results of his inquiries are favourable he would like to submit his nomination. It was
5. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by G. Garbutt

COUNCIL ENDORSES COUNCILLOR VEZINA TO BE CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ONTARIO GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION – NORTHERN ZONE.

Carried

- d) Carswell – regarding Handbook for Municipal Councillors. It was agreed to order 4 copies of this publication.
- e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – upcoming Council training. As the training for Thunder Bay will be held in February, it was agreed to bring this information back to the January meeting to see who may be able to attend.
- ii) Land Use Planning – online course. If this training can be provided as a group Council may consider it. The Clerk-Treasurer will enquire further into how the course is designed.
- f) Canada – Ontario Job Fund – submissions due by November 14, 2014. No application will be submitted at this time.

Under further new business, Council discussed an email received from a resident with regard to a septic tank situation. The new tanks have a filter system that must be maintained at least every six months, however the customer is not being made aware of this. After a personal incident the resident would like to forward their experience and this information on to other residents in the next issue of the Cornerstone to make everyone aware of the maintenance requirements. Council were in agreement.

Councillor Racicot also asked permission to look into prices for an electronic billboard advertising sign for the Township. It could promote Township news, upcoming events in the community, fire safety tips, current temperature etc. Council agreed to have Councillor Racicot look into prices for a sign.

Issues brought forward or letters received after the agenda was mailed.

- a) Ministry of Finance – OPP semi-annual credit – Local Service Realignment 2014. The Township received a credit of \$2,408.00 for the OPP billing from January to June 2014.
- b) Greg Tinsley of Janzen's Pharmacy offering to hold an influenza vaccination clinic in the rural areas. If Council were willing to host a clinic the Township of Gillies has asked to share the clinic with their residents. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council of the clinics the Norwest Community Health have also held in the Community Centre, however the October date was not provided soon enough to put in the Cornerstone. They will also have the vaccine available at their November clinics which has been promoted in the Cornerstone. Council discussed whether or not the Township residents would need another one and it was agreed that if Janzens' were willing to do one on a Saturday it might catch more people who may not be able to make it to the Norwest clinic hours during the week. Council did not have any concerns with inviting the residents of Gillies to also attend this clinic.

For information purposes, one demolition permit for the removal of a house was approved.

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The current agreement with Mr. Cuthbertson, the Chief Building Official, with the Township of O'Connor expires on December 1, 2014. A proposal brought forward at the October 28, 2014 meeting was again brought forward for further discussion. It was

- 6. Moved by Bishop Racicot
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: 9:12 P.M.

Carried

Further discussion with regard to the Chief Building Official position, his payment formula and travel allowance were discussed.

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

TIME BEING: 9:22 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

- 8. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:24 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer