

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – NOVEMBER 11, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, November 11, 2013 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 7:00 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013 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 report from October 9, 2013 to November 8, 2013 was read. Questions arising from the report were asked by Council. Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department has been keeping up with the grading of the roads and preparing the trucks for winter. Casual drivers for snowplowing were discussed. Mr. Johnson does have a list of several drivers to call in if needed.

Mr. Johnson asked Council about the installation of a fence or barrier in front of the heat exchange which is located in front of the community centre. Council would like to see something installed this year so that no one slides or runs into it over the winter. Mr. Johnson will check prices to see what the best option will be.

The 2013 Road Department Equipment report was read. The disposal site compactor truck was discussed. There is currently an alternator problem. Council discussed the matter and decided to have Mr. Johnson move forward with the purchase of an alternator. All the road equipment is currently in good condition.

The final Five Year Road Plan for 2013 was presented to Council. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to look into whether or not the Small, Rural and Northern Municipalities Infrastructure funding could be used for the 2014 Project #2, Culvert replacement on Pool Road. Some of these projects may be changed in 2014 depending on funding and the results of the Asset Management Plan recently completed.

The Ontario Good Roads Conference to be held in Toronto in February 2014 was briefly discussed as housing for the conference will be opening November 19, 2013. As the agenda is not out yet and there is a cancellation charge no rooms will be booked at this time.

Mr. Johnson was asked to stay until the discussion with regard to the community centre was completed.

The Roads and Administration voucher to October 31, 2013 was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR OCTOBER 31, 2013 TOTTALLING \$70,181.53 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

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Additional bills to be paid were reviewed and it was

3. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2013 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE NOVEMBER 2013 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

CK#11862	R. CHESSELL (SALT FOR WATER SYSTEM)	\$ 61.00
CK#11863	TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE (REIMBURSEMENT FLIGHT)	466.97
CK#11864	GAMMOND ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY	<u>4,791.20</u>
		\$5,319.17

Carried

The Statements of Revenue and Expenditure to October 31, 2013 were reviewed. Questions were asked and answered with regard to the balances.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Township of Uxbridge requesting support for the Friends of the Ontario Ranger Program campaign to restore the Ontario Ranger Program was filed.
- b) Municipality of Tweed petitioning the governments to legislate a law regarding exotic wild animals was filed.
- c) Premier Kathlyn Wynne – Thank you letter for Council's resolution regarding blood glucose test strips.

The Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee will be flying to Toronto to meet with the Minister of Community and Social Services with regard to the committee's concerns with the current TBDSSAB. It was

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

THAT COUNCILLOR VEZINA ATTEND THE LAKEHEAD RURAL MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE'S MEETING WITH THE PROVINCIAL MINISTER'S TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013 IN TORONTO TO PRESENT THE DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD OPTIONS AS PER REPORT PREPARED.

Carried

A meeting has been called of the committee for Thursday, November 14, 2013 at the Conmee Community Centre at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Nelson will attend, however as Councillor Vezina will be attending the meeting in Toronto it was recommended he attend as well.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) - November Newsletter. Inserts from this report will be included in the December issue of the Cornerstone.
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - i) Watch File October 31, 2013
ii) Watch File November 7, 2013. In this document there is reference to draft regulations under FPPA, 1997, which will require municipal fire chiefs to ensure the inspection of all buildings upon receipt of a fire safety complaint. Council would like the Fire Chief to look into this further and report back to Council at the next meeting.
- iii) AMO Breaking News – FCM Launch of "Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch" Campaign
- iv) AMO Breaking News – AMO Marks Two-Year Anniversary of 2011 Provincial Election with Status Report on AMO's Top 12 Asks
- v) AMO Breaking News – Policy Update: Development Charges – Make the Municipal Voice Heard
- vi) AMO Breaking News – Bill 36, the Local Food Act, Passes Third Reading
- vii) AMO Breaking News – 2013 Fall Economic Statement Highlights. It was noted that a Provincial Land Tax Review was included as one of the new reviews to be conducted. Mayor Nelson made note that he personally sent an email to Minister Sousa and thanked him for listening to the municipalities concerns and offered his assistance on this matter.

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- c) Ontario Good Roads Association – Looking for nominations for Board of Directors. No will put their name forward at this time.
- d) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – regarding 2013 Property Assessment Notice Mailing. November 1, 2013 MPAC will begin the delivering of Property Assessment Notices to anyone who for some reason has had a change on their property in 2013.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed:

The O'Connor Community Centre renovations - The Design Report from Gammond Architectural technology for the barrier-free renovations was reviewed. Mr. Gammond offered three options in his report. Each option was discussed and costs for each analyzed. The Clerk-Treasurer also prepared a report with the full costs including taxes, the funding received and 2013 budget numbers verses actual to date. It was agreed that Option 1 – Interior Renovations + Vertical Platform Lift would be the most cost effective, however the community centre will lose some floor space with this option.

The next stage would be to obtain pricing to have design development and construction documentation completed and contract administration. Mr. Gammond has provided his cost but due to the cost of this phase, at least two additional quotes will be requested.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the stage of the rest of the renovations to the Community Centre. Prices have currently been requested for the interior work. The Clerk-Treasurer has requested that these prices be in for approval for the December 2, 2013 Council meeting.

Under further old business, Councillor Vezina reported on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Billing Model Engagement Session he attended. During this session the participants were informed that the OPP costing will be increasing to an estimated \$260.00/household plus an additional fee for service. The Township of O'Connor currently has 274 household as per the Stats Canada 2011 Census. This would mean the Township of O'Connor OPP billing would rise to \$71,240.00 plus per year. Those attending the session made it clear that this was not acceptable and the North cannot be lumped into the same format as Southern Ontario. Other options were provided by those in attendance. It was also noted that the formula for the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund has not been announced and it was not known if this amount would be offset by this funding in anyway.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Ontario Power Generation Inc. – Invitation to the Kaministiquia River System annual Dam Safety EPRP Stakeholder meeting. It was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ONTARIO POWER GENERATION KAMINISTIQUIA RIVER SYSTEM ANNUAL DAM SAFETY EPRP STAKEHOLDERS MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2013 IN KAKABEKA FALLS.

REGISTRATION: N/C

**MAYOR NELSON
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB
FIRE CHIEF MATTAS OR DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF HAMILTON**

Carried

- b) A letter from Ralph & Tammy Kiessig – regarding Council's endorsement of MPP Bill Mauro's recent amendment request, Bill 114 was read. Council would like a reply letter sent to Mr. & Mrs. Kiessig thank them for their concerns.

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- c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – regarding Federal Gas Tax – Copy of 2012 Annual Expenditure Report and request for letter to be sent to local MP in appreciation for the funding.

The Clerk-Treasurer collected the requested information and the draft letter was presented to Council for review. The Federal Gas Tax has contributed \$294,470.39 to the Township of O'Connor since 2005. The letter will be sent to Mr. John Rafferty, MP, Thunder Bay – Rainy River and a copy will be sent to AMO President, Russ Powers.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Ministry of Consumer Services - letter to stakeholders regarding the regulatory proposals under the Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012 and requesting feedback on the proposals. No comments will be made.

The Clerk-Treasurer received notice from the Dog Control Officer, Laura Loan, that she would be resigning from the position. Applications were requested for Council to review at this meeting. It was

6. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

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: 9:42 P.M.

Carried

Three applications for the position of Dog Control Officer were received and reviewed.

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

TIME BEING: 9:51 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

8. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT MS. LAURA LOAN'S RESIGNATION AS DOG CONTROL OFFICER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 30, 2013.

Carried

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

THAT HANNAH NEUDORF BE HIRED AS THE DOG CONTROL OFFICER. THE RATE OF PAY FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE SET AT THE ENTRY LEVEL WAGE AS PER RESOLUTION #14, OF THE JANUARY 14, 2013 MEETING AND AS AMENDED AT THE FEBRUARY 11, 2013 MEETING.

Carried

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

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:55 P.M.

Carried