

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING
NOTES – AUGUST 9, 2011

Notes of the O'Connor Day Planning meeting held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Vezina, Loan, Racicot
Clerk-Treasurer Buob, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot
Visitors: Fire Dept members – Fire Chief Henry Mattas, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Styles, Greg Biloski, Mike Biloski, Scott Holomego, Cheri Biloski,
Community Club Member: Ronda Martin
Dennis Roy

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

This meeting was called to continue the planning for the 11th Annual O'Connor Day, which will be held on Saturday, August 27th with a rain date of August 28th this year.

The minutes of the July 5, 2011 planning meeting were reviewed.

An updated was provided from each group. The Fire Department will be selling pickled eggs. Mike Styles has a freezer for ice which will be placed outside at the corner of the hall near the Community Club's area. The Clerk-Treasurer will check with them to see when it can be picked up. Fire Chief Mattas confirmed that the PA System has been booked with 3 speakers. The BBQ for the raffle has been purchased and the details will be forwarded to the office so that the tickets can be printed. The Fire Department asked who would be sharing the tent with them. The Clerk-Treasurer will let them know. Fire Chief Mattas will pick up the tables and chairs from the Township of Conmee on Thursday morning.

Cheri Biloski reported that Ron Biloski is ready to go with his children's carnival they are just waiting for the prizes to arrive. He has all his volunteers in place.

The Community Club have their list of supplies needed. They still need to purchase more ice cream. The Community Club made a \$500 donation towards the expense of the fireworks. The glow products order still has to be confirmed.

It was suggested that the Community Club also sell apple pie. Councillor Racicot provided samples of the pie. The idea was discussed and it was decided that the apple pie would not be sold at the Community Club booth but could be sold as a \$1.50 food item at the BBQ concession.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported on her responsibilities. The live band, Pull my Finger was not available. Mr. & Mrs. Smart were able to book the band "Quest" for a lower fee and have collected donations in the amount of \$200 to lower the cost for the Township to have this band. Mr. Silvaggio has at this point not confirmed whether or not we can use his stage. The stage owned by Bruce Kruger used at the street fair in front of the Kakabeka Hotel will be looked into as an option. The fireworks are good to go. The liquor permit has been approved, the food permits have been submitted. A movie still has to be chosen to play. It was discussed and it was decided to play Rio. Ms. Biloski will get the movie. The Township's laptop and speakers will be used along with the Fire Department's infocus machine. The Clerk-Treasurer asked if anyone had been making ice as was previously discussed at other planning meetings. A few bottles had been frozen but more would be required. The Clerk-Treasurer will check with Arctic Ice to see what they can do for us. We would need approximately 20 blocks. The ice cubes will be donated by the Odena Super A Foods. We will need between 40 and 50 bags. Mr. Johnson has gone into A to Z rentals to ensure that the deep fryers we are renting will hook up to the big tank. If time permits he may pick them up early and try them with water. Mr. Johnson has trimmed the trees in the paintball area as requested. The tarp around the paintball area is cut and will be repaired. The road department have made a smaller bench for nail driving for the little ones. They will be starting all their setup jobs for O'Connor Day at the end of this week.

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Mayor Nelson confirmed that he does have an item for the Guess the Weight contest.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the responses from the outside organizations who were invited to attend. The Oliver Paipoonge Library will have a used book sale. HAGI Transit, Ministry of Natural Resources, Red Cross, OPP and the O'Connor Free Methodist Church will have outdoor displays and the O'Connor Women's Institute, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, Norwest Community Health will have indoor static displays. The Giant Chess Board will be coming with a different person. The owner will be out of town. The other groups were unable to attend.

The volleyball tournament is a go. A list of donations to date was read. Kids prizes for the attendance draws were discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer will purchase some prizes using the cash donations received. It was decided that the donations and prizes will try to be put together earlier in the week prior to O'Connor Day setup.

Councillor Racicot will again donate his popcorn machine and corn cooker for the day. Propane tanks will be required for the corn cookers and BBQ's. Mayor Nelson does have 3 tanks. Mr. Holomego will let us know early the week of O'Connor Day if he thinks his corn will be ready on time.

Dennis Roy is ready to go with his paintball. He is still looking for target items similar to a BBQ lid if anyone has any.

The full setup will start on Friday, August 26th at 6 p.m. and again Saturday morning at 9 a.m. with Sunday cleanup starting at 9 a.m. followed by a volunteer breakfast at 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers are still needed for the day. It was suggested that the flyer advertising O'Connor Day be sent out not only to the residents of O'Connor but also to the neighbouring municipalities. It was agreed that all of the R.R.#1, R.R.#2 and the General Delivery and lock boxes in Kakabeka would receive this flyer. It was suggested that we add volunteers needed to the sign at the road advertising the day.

Ms. Biloski informed everyone that next year they will have a wedding in the family and if O'Connor Day remains on the same day they will not be available to do the children's carnival. It was decided to discuss whether or not to continue with O'Connor Day next year at the next Council meeting, due to the lack of volunteers and losing several of their family members as volunteers next year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer