

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING
NOTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Notes of the O'Connor Day Planning meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Loan, Racicot
Clerk-Treasurer Buob, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot
Visitors: Tammy Cook, Ronda Martin - O'Connor Community Club
Fire Chief Henry Mattas
Theiann Scherby, Lorna Jacobson, Gayle Poohachoff, Patricia Poohachoff

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Welcome and introductions were made. Mayor Nelson thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Nelson announced the date of O'Connor Day 2012 as August 25, 2012 with a raindate of August 26th.

The Pros and Cons of O'Connor Day 2011 were discussed. There were only a couple of cons mentioned from those in attendance. It was noted that it was a long day for volunteers and the propane in the cooking area ran out at one point. The popcorn ran out because it was being given away and there was a big mess in the hall because of the popcorn. The positive points mentioned were the fireworks and the reasonable priced food. Overall the whole day was a success.

The notes from the September 12, 2011 Council meeting discussion following O'Connor Day 2011 were read. It also noted that the extra seating worked out well. The new food item, mushroom caps, went over very well but were a nuisance for cooking. It also noted that a large number of our volunteers will not be available this year due to a family wedding. This also includes the loss of the children's carnival for this year. This is the reasoning for starting the planning process earlier this year.

The revenue and expenditure for the 2011 O'Connor day were reviewed and it was noted that there was a slight profit from last years event.

The 2011 Schedule of events and map of the area was reviewed to refresh everyone's memory of the day and what could be available for 2012.

Planning for 2012 O'Connor Day discussion began. It was suggested that Cal-Gas be approached to see if they would be interested in sponsoring the propane for the day. 4 – 30 lb tanks and 2 - 20 lb tanks would be required for initial hookup with possibly 2 spare 20lb tanks for backup would be required. Councillor Loan would be willing to go in and talk to them about this. Councillor Racicot also has an electric deep fryer, which would require 220 volt plug. This will also be looked into as an option.

It was agreed to try to carry on with most of the activities from last year. Ashley Gunn has confirmed that she will again organize the volleyball tournament. The horseshoe and cribbage tournament are always popular. The Fireworks will definitely be a part of the day. The community club will again have the concession and the inflatable jumper and the Township will continue with the BBQ and bar.

Different games and activities for children were discussed. Possible face painting, water events from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority or Ontario Power Generation were discussed and will be looked into. A craft table was suggested. A remote control centre was suggested, where the participant would use a remote control piece of equipment to move items around an area. It was suggested that possibly a sponsor could be found to supply the remote control toys and design the activity.

The Fire Department will continue to do their annual BBQ raffle. Sparky the Firedog will make an appearance and the firehouse - water activity will again be available. They will not be selling any food at their booth.

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The live music was a success the last couple of years however does have a large cost associated to it. This will have to be looked into further to see if we can get a band for a reasonable price or possibly find a sponsor to cover the music.

Having a magician was discussed. London Fireworks previously mentioned that they might be considering adding a stage show to their fireworks display as a pre-show. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into this further. The Community Club also had a local magician booked for the Christmas party, which was cancelled. He will also be approached to see if he would be interested in participating during the day.

Councillor Racicot will again request a donation from Hydro One and Canadian Tire for a bike and helmet. He will also contact Tim Horton's requesting a donation of coffee and Timbits for the day.

The deep fryers and BBQ will be booked as soon as possible to ensure they are available.

It was agreed that a committee be formed to start working on donations and children's activities. Patricia Poohachoff will head up the committee, along with Gayle Poohachoff, Lorna Jacobson, Jerry Loan as well as Lorna Buob and Linda Racicot. The committee will set their own date and time and meet to discuss these items.

It was decided that another meeting with everyone will be held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer