

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING
NOTES – July 26, 2010

Notes of the O'Connor Day Planning meeting held on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Nygard
Clerk-Treasurer Buob, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot
Visitors: Fire Department Mike Styles, Stefan Derech and Thomas Gratz,
Jerry Cronk

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Breakfast for the volunteers was discussed. Mayor Nelson and Councillor Nygard will run and organize the breakfast. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will order the supplies that will include eggs, sausage and pancakes. Preparation for the breakfast will start at 8:00 a.m. and it will be served between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The movie that will be shown in the hall at 8:00 p.m. was discussed. The movie Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs will be shown. The Infocus machine will be borrowed from the Fire Department and Councillor Nygard will bring speakers that can be hooked up to the laptop. She has also volunteered to run the event.

Invitations to attend the grand opening and O'Connor Day were discussed. Invitations will be sent out to the surrounding municipalities, the Township Auditor and Lawyer, Bill Mauro, MPP, Thunder Bay Atikokan, John Rafferty, MP Thunder Bay – Rainy River and Michael Gravelle, MPP, Thunder Bay Superior North. An invitation will also be sent out to the members of the O'Connor Women's Institute, Mary Germain and the members of the Slate River Women's Institute, and Staff Sergeant Dan Peters of the Thunder Bay Ontario Provincial Police. 6" red ribbon with two large bows will be purchased to use for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The cribbage tournament was discussed. Joe McDonald, who has run the tournament for the several years, will not be able to run it this year. Councillor Nygard has volunteered to run the tournament this year.

Mr. Jerry Cronk has been looking into getting people who might be interested in displaying their show cars. He has gotten some prizes that can be awarded during O'Connor Day for people who participate in the car show. An ad will be run in the August issue of the Cornerstone to see if any one else will step forward to display their car. It was suggested that tractors be added to the show.

Responsibilities of Council, Staff, Volunteers, the Community Club and the Fire Department were discussed. Council and staff will be helping out where required. The Community Club will be sell pop, water, candy and glow products and the Fire Department will be holding their annual BBQ draw and will be selling bagged cotton candy and popcorn. They will try to get the interactive display for the children to try their hand out at putting out a fire. Sparky will be in attendance.

Scaffolding for the cooking area and the stage area will have to be rented this year. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will look into pricing for a 90' x 20' area and a 12' x 24' area. Tarps will be purchased if required.

It was requested that a water cooler be placed in the main hall during the day. The cooler from the office will be moved to the hall and two 5 gallon bottles of water will be purchased.

An ad will be included in the August issue of the Cornerstone to recruit volunteers for O'Connor Day.

Councillor Nygard will look after getting balloons and helium.

Councillor Garbutt will look into ordering the buns for the BBQ. A full slab cake (½ white and ½ chocolate) will be ordered from Bennett's Bakery. The cake will be white

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with green icing and will read "In Commemoration of the Grand Opening of the O'Connor Municipal Office 2010".

Organizations that will be invited to set up displays will include the Ontario Provincial Police, Ministry of Natural Resources, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, the Northwest Community Health Centre Mobile Unit, the Tired Iron Club and the O'Connor Women's Institute.

Ron Biloski and Dennis Roy will be organizing the paintball areas.

The Township coolers will have to be looked at to ensure they are in proper working order. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will contact the Fridge Doctor to look at the coolers.

Other items discussed were as follows. The tables and chairs have been reserved from the Township of Conmee, the bleachers will be located beside the horseshoe pits, Andy Buob will have his wagon available for hay rides, the fireworks have been ordered, barricades will be put up to prevent the fire department bay doors from being blocked during the day and Hwy 595 will be closed during the fireworks display. Donation letters have been sent out. Fire Chief Mattas will be asked to arrange for the helipad to be used for the firework setup.

A notice in the Cornerstone will be written informing residents that Whittaker Road will be closed during O'Connor Day.

The next planning meeting will be held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer