

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING  
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Notes of the O'Connor Day Planning meeting held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Ron Biloski – children's carnival  
Fire Dept members – Deputy Fire Chief Mike Styles, Greg Biloski, Randy Turk, Mike Carli, Ian Hamilton  
O'Connor Community Club - Tammy Cook, Amanda Cook  
O'Connor Women's Institute – Rose Macdonald  
Dennis Roy

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

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

As several participants at tonight's meeting were not at the first planning meeting the Financial report for 2010, the notes from the September 13, 2010 discussion and the area map and 2010 schedule were available for review.

Each group updated their plans for the day. The O'Connor Fire Department will be building their own firehouse for the children to practice spraying water at. They will also again be holding a BBQ raffle. They will not be selling popcorn or persians this year. Popcorn will be given away during the movie only.

The Fire Department tent does have room to house other organizations. The department uses approximately 1/3 of the tent for their own display.

The Women's Institute will have their display inside but they will also be having a produce sale, which they would like to be outside for.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be bringing their command truck.

Ron Biloski has his set up ready to go. He would like a cheque from the Township for prizes in the amount of \$150.00. His carnival will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.. Tickets will be \$3.00 for 10 tickets and they charge one ticket per try.

The Community Club will continue to have their concession selling pop, water, candy, glow products and if there is ice cream and strawberries left from the Strawberry Festival they may also sell that as well.

Dennis Roy will have his four high powered paintball guns. He will have his area controlled with only one person allowed at a time. He has a compressor and three types of gases. He will only be running his own guns not the original target shooting area. He would like to have his trailer in the area so he will have shelter and shade.

Ron Biloski was possibly thinking of changing up the paintball area. Two on two shooting was discussed but there is a huge liability if someone were to get hurt. It would have to be supervised by a mature person. The area is not that big and the impact of the balls might be too hard.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the food vendor permits have been submitted to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and the Special Occasion Permit has been submitted to the Liquor store. The Deep fryers and BBQ's have been booked. The propane hook up was discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer will confirm with the rental company whether or not our hoses will work or if they come with the fryers. Ten tables with seating and two benches have been purchased from the Restore. The Township of Conmee's tables and chairs have been booked. Alex Busch will once again be our clown. Craig Parker will get us helium for the balloons. Fire Chief Mattas has booked the PA System and requested a third speaker. Ashley Gunn will be available to organize and run the

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volleyball tournament. She has both the net and ball required. Fireworks have been booked.

Charities and churches have been invited to participate in this year's event as follows: The Rural Food Bank are not available, the Women's Institute will have a produce table, the Oliver Paipoonge library will have a small used book sale. We are still waiting to hear back from the TOPS group, the O'Connor Free Methodist Church, the O'Connor Conmee Baptist church and the Rural 60 plus.

Outside organizations have been invited to put up a display as follows: the Ministry of Natural Resources, Norwest Community Health, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, Emergency Management Ontario, Ontario Provincial Police, Canadian Red Cross and Hydro One.

The Clerk-Treasurer has sent out request for donation letters by fax, email or dropped off to several of previous years sponsors. There are still some to go out and letters are available for anyone who would like to assist with finding donations. Some donations have come in already. Hydro One has confirmed that they will once again donate a bike for our free draw.

Questions and concerns to be addressed were discussed as follows:

The live band Quest is asking \$1,000 to play at O'Connor Day and it was decided that this was too much. The question was asked if anyone else knew of another band that would be cheaper. Dennis Roy has a connection with a band called Pull my Finger, they play Country/Rock, older retro music. He will check with them to see how much they will cost and if they are available. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Tim Silvaggio to see if we could borrow his stage again.

Jerry Cronk is not interested in organizing a custom car display this year. John Smart has been contacted to see if he would be interested. He will get back to us.

Ralph Kiessig will not be able to get ice from the University for us this year. Other possible locations were discussed and will be looked into further. Blocks of ice will start to be made by some of those present to help keep the Community club pop cold. Mike Styles has a freezer that could be used to get the pop cold.

An item for the guess the weight contest was discussed. Mayor Nelson has an item we can use.

Volunteers will again be a concern. If anyone knows of anyone who might be interested please contact the Township office.

Food for the day was discussed. We will be ordering the same amounts as last year, less a couple dozen corn. It was suggested that we add breaded mushrooms to the list. This will be looked into further and a price will be figured out. It was also suggested that pickled eggs be served in the bar area. The Fire Department will organize the sale of the eggs.

It was decided that the donations and prizes will be put together earlier in the week prior to O'Connor Day. The full setup will be Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

The next O'Connor Day planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer