

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING
NOTES – MAY 18, 2011

Notes of the O'Connor Day Planning meeting held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Councillors: Garbutt, Loan, Vezina
Councillor Racicot arrived at 7:50 p.m.
Clerk-Treasurer Buob, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot

Visitors: Ron Biloski – children's carnival
Ronda Martin - O'Connor Community Club
Fire Chief Henry Mattas

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

This meeting was called to start 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 pros and cons of O'Connor Day 2010 were discussed. Notes from the discussion with regard to O'Connor Day 2010 by Council held on September 13, 2010 were reviewed. It was noted that the PA System setup still did not work well in the concession area. When announcements or draws were being made they could not be heard in this area. It was suggested that possibly one more speaker should be setup in that area.

The attendance draws prizes were discussed. It was suggested that we do up fewer bigger baskets and not give the winner a choice to which prize they win. Draws could still be held at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. with 4 or 5 draws each hour, depending on the number of donations. It was agreed to do it this way to save both time and confusion.

The 2010 schedule of events and the map of the area were reviewed. It was agreed to keep the setup the same this year. Mr. Biloski would be willing to hand over the paintball area to Mr. Roy if he would be interested in running the whole area this year. Mr. Roy will be contacted to see what he would like to do. The Children's carnival was again a success last year. Mr. Biloski will again organize and run the carnival. He will get back to Council on the amount of funding he will require this year.

The bucksaw contest and nail driving will again be held. It was suggested by those running the event last year that safety glasses be provided and possibly a smaller nail driving station and hammer for the younger children. Also they requested that we not use square logs for the bucksaw. The Horseshoe tournament and the cribbage tournament will again be held. Timing will be the same as last year.

The girls who ran the volleyball tournament last year may not be able to run it again this year as they will be leaving for school prior to O'Connor Day. They will check with other friends to see if they would be interested. It was agreed that if someone will organize it, it will be played again as it was a success last year.

The Fire Department will again have their display setup and will have a BBQ raffle.

The live band that played last year was excellent and it was agreed to inquire into whether or not they would be available for this year and if so at what price. Mr. Silvaggio will also be contacted to see if his stage would again be available.

Councillor Racicot has come across some additional seating at the Habitat for Humanity retrofit for \$20.00 a piece. It was agreed that these should be purchased if they are still available. Mr. Johnson, Leadhand will be asked to pick them up. The tables and chairs from the Township of Conmee will also be booked.

Static displays were discussed. Mr. Roger Lord of the Emergency Management Ontario would like to have a display. Red Cross and the Ontario Provincial Police may also be interested. The Women's Institute, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, Ministry of Natural Resources, Salvation Army and the Norwest Community Health will be asked if they would like to have a display again this year. The Tired Iron Club will again be invited to participate. Mr. Jerry Cronk organized the antique car display last year.

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It was agreed to ask him if he would be interested in doing this again this year.

It was suggested that maybe more interactive events or activities should be held. Possibly the dunk tank again. The Fire Department will be asked if they would like to do that. It was suggested that possibly checkers and chess could be setup in the hall. At this point just for people to play and if there is an interest possibly it could be setup as a tournament next year. A suggestion of minnow races was brought forward. This event could possible collect donations for the food bank or any of the other organizations. The winners name could go into a draw and then at the end some names could be draw for prizes. This will be looked into further.

It was agreed that a movie will again be played inside the hall. Popcorn will be available for the movie but someone will have to be assigned to stay with the popcorn machine. Ms. Racicot will run the movie. The movie to be played will be decided at a later date.

It was suggested that he charitable organizations in the area be offered the opportunity to have a fundraising event during O'Connor Day. The Women's Institute, the Free Methodist Church, Baptist Church, T.O.P.S., Rural Food Bank and the Rural 60 Plus will be invited to participate in O'Connor Day. They could have a display or have an interactive activity or fundraising event of their own.

Coffee will be setup with timers to ensure that it is ready sooner for the evening. Tim Horton's will again be approached for a donation.

The amount of food to order was discussed. Similar numbers to last year will be used again. It was agreed that again no pogos would be purchased this year. It was also suggested that not as much corn be purchased. Councillor Racicot suggested that cardboard holder be purchased for the corn with a wrapper inside so the butter does not soak through. Councillor Garbutt will again place the order for the buns and request a partial donation. The BBQ has been booked with Party Pro and two deep fryers are booked with A to Z rentals.

The dollar value of the fireworks was discussed and it was agreed to have a total show cost of \$3,500.00. Donations will again be requested.

The O'Connor Community Club will again have the concession selling soft drinks, water, snacks and candy and glow products. The inflatable jumper will also again be used.

Lighting inside the tents was discussed. Icicle lighting and floodlights are required. Mr. Johnson will be asked to see what we have available.

Volunteers will again be needed. A volunteer breakfast will again be held on Sunday morning.

The Liquor permit will have to be submitted soon. Councillor Vezina offered to have the permit in his name.

The request for donation letters was discussed. In the past mass letters have been sent out requesting donations. Upon follow up most do not recall receiving the letter and ask for another. It was agreed that mass letters will not be sent out by mail and will only be provided if someone is in attendance at the business or upon being contacted by telephone they request one. Councillor Bishop Racicot will be asked if he can arrange to see if Hydro One could donate a bike again this year.

It was decided that another meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer