

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – OCTOBER 10, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, October 10, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Leadhand, Kelly Johnson

Absent: Councillor Vezina

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Mayor Nelson declared an interest in item 9b) as he is a consultant for Ontario One Call. Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 17c) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

1. **THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING AND THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Mr. Johnson was asked if he wished to address Council on any personal matters and he replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. The Monthly Road Department report from September 9 to October 8, 2013 was read. Roadwork in general was discussed. The road employees have been hauling gravel to the detour for the Broome road bridge replacement. They have also installed a couple of culverts and have done some ditching in this area. They have also been grading the roads and getting ready for winter. A new hole has been dug at the disposal site.

Mr. Johnson presented Council quotes for the three cable rail system repair on Sitch Road. Two quotes were received and they are both higher than budgeted so Mr. Johnson is looking for Council's approval before proceeding. Council agreed that for safety purposes this system should be repaired before winter. It was also noted that the new system will be slightly longer than original budgeted and it was

2. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE QUOTE OF WILCO CONTRACTORS SUPERIOR INC TO REINSTALL EXISTING THREE CABLE RAIL SYSTEM ON SITCH ROAD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$5,780.00 PLUS HST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried

Mr. Johnson will make arrangements with the contractor to start the project.

The North of Superior Public Works Association meeting was discussed. Mr. Johnson would like to attend and it was

3. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT KELLY JOHNSON, LEADHAND, ATTEND THE NORTH OF SUPERIOR PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2013 IN THUNDER BAY.

REGISTRATION: N/C

Carried

A letter was read from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Rural Affairs with regard to the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund – Capacity Funding. The Township of O'Connor is eligible to receive a maximum of

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\$20,458.20 under this component of the new funding, which can be used for costs related to asset management planning or small capital projects which are part of the asset management plan, such as road re-surfacing and drainage improvements. The Township is required to submit an expression of interest for this funding by October 31, 2013. The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to submit this document stating that the Township wishes to receive these funds.

Mr. Johnson will look into the Capital Program component of this funding to see what the Township would be eligible to apply for once the Asset Management Plan has been returned from Genivar. The deadline for these applications is November 1, 2013.

Mr. Johnson asked Council about private contractors having access to the Ministry pit on Boreal Road. It was agreed that the permit for this pit is for the Township and should only be used by the Township.

Repairs to the clutch for Truck #7 were discussed. Mr. Johnson feels that it is in need of replacement and would like to do it now before it breaks down during the snowplowing season. Council agreed that Mr. Johnson should get quotes for the work and have it fixed as soon as it is not needed.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The administration and roads voucher was reviewed and it was

4. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 TOTTALLING \$108,499.51 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditure to September 30, 2013 were reviewed.

By-laws were read as follows and it was

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2013-17 BEING A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF RURAL AFFAIRS (MRA) FOR THE MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (MIII) CAPITAL PROGRAM TRANSFER PAYMENT BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Mayor Nelson left the room and Councillor Loan took over the meeting as Acting Mayor.

6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2013-18 BEING A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ONTARIO ONE CALL FOR THE PURPOSED OF RECEIPT AND TRANSMITTAL OR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP'S UNDERGROUND FACILITIES BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

This Agreement was required for the Township to be compliant with the Provincial requirements for underground cables.

Mayor Nelson returned to the meeting.

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Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Municipality of East Ferris with regard to the Province of Ontario reducing the funding for blood-glucose test strips through the Ontario Drug Benefit Program starting August 1, 2013 and it was

- 7. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS REQUESTING THAT THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO RESCIND THE POLICY DECISION TO REDUCE FUNDING FOR THE BLOOD-GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS UNDER THE ONTARIO DRUG BENEFIT PROGRAM BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- b) County of Peterborough with regard to Long Term Energy Plan Review was filed.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – October Newsletter

Councillor Loan reported to Council that there is no cost recovery in the unincorporated municipalities for any OPP calls. Any work performed by the OPP is paid for by the Province of Ontario. Council would like to have Councillor Loan check to see what the call volumes are for the unincorporated municipalities in our area.

- b) Superior North Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – 2012 Report
- c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File September 26, 2013
ii) Watch File October 3, 2013
iii) AMO Breaking News - Bill 91, the Waste Reduction Act (WRA)
iv) AMO Policy Update – Bill 73 – Fair and Open Tendering Act, 2013 Defeated in the House
v) AMO Breaking News – Development Charges Act (DCA) Consultations
vi) AMO Report to Board Members – Highlights of the September 2013 Board Meeting
vii) AMO Breaking News – Municipal Consultation on the New Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Billing Model

Council requested that Councillor Loan, as the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) representative for the Township of O'Connor, ask at the next meeting when the consultation meeting will be held in the Thunder Bay area. Council would like more information on calls in unincorporated areas verses calls in municipalities not under contract with the OPP. They would also like to know what the percentages are for unorganized areas, highway calls and municipalities.

- viii) AMO Breaking News – Government Announces Applications for \$100 million 2013 Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund.

Mayor Nelson reported that the funding for 2013 did not roll out as AMO had suggested. Some members are not happy with the formula chosen, however this may not be the final formula for 2014 and they are hoping that they will change to AMO's framework suggested.

- ix) Watch File October 10, 2013
- d) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) Integration update and staffing announcement.
- e) Stewardship Ontario – regarding Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for 2013 Program Year and second quarterly payment. The Township's second quarter payment was \$986.22.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

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- a) A report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot with regard to the meeting she attended with regard to the City of Thunder Bay's development of a Solid Waste Management Strategy. This was an information session where the City was looking for feedback as to whether there would be interest from the invited representatives in a Regional Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The city will now look further into the idea but are not currently looking for any official commitment from the Townships.
- b) The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on the Trillium Tire Proposal for the disposal site. She has spoken with other municipalities who use this company for tire removal and other items and they say it is working well. There is no charge to the Township and they pay for the items they remove. The Township does have to be registered with the Ontario Tire Stewardship and Trillium Tire has offered to do the setup for us. The process has been started. An agreement will have to be entered into and the Township will not be allowed to charge our residents for the disposal of the items they pickup. Council agreed to move forward with this and the fees By-law will be brought to the next Council meeting for amendment.
- c) The Community Centre Renovations were discussed with regard to the emergency doors and the main entrance door, the upper kitchen area and the painting of the interior. It was agreed to contact the door companies to get quotes for the replacement of the emergency doors. Prices for a plumber to install a dishwasher in the main floor kitchen will be looked into as well as quotes for painting the community centre. It was agreed that prior to the basement kitchen being painted the current upper cabinets should be removed. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a new chest freezer has been ordered.

Council asked if the fire suit issue has been solved. The Clerk-Treasurer will confirm that it has.

Under New Business, Council discussed.

- a) Thunder Bay District Municipal League – Fall Meeting and Conference – November 1 & 2, 2013. It was

8. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FALL MEETING AND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2013 IN THUNDER BAY.

REGISTRATION: \$100.00

**MAYOR NELSON
COUNCILLOR GARBUTT, RACICOT, VEZINA
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**

Carried

- b) A date for a Table Top Exercise was discussed and it was

9. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR A TABLE TOP EXERCISE:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013 AT 7 P.M.
THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Carried

- c) Ministry of Rural Affairs – letter to Mayor Nelson regarding the \$100 million municipal infrastructure fund.
- d) Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Ministry of Rural Affairs regarding the \$100 million municipal infrastructure fund.
- e) Bill Mauro, MPP Thunder Bay – Atikokan regarding the new Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund now accepting applications
- f) Linda Braun, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines regarding the Small, Rural & Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund.

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As was previous discussed with Mr. Johnson, the application for the Small, Rural & Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund will be reviewed, as well as the Asset Management Plan as soon as it is returned from Genivar, to see if any of the Township's assets fit this programs priorities and if so an application will be submitted.

- g) Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration – call for nominations for the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario. No nominations will be made at this time.
- h) Thunder Bay Immigration Forum 2013 – October 29, 2013 in Thunder Bay. Councillor Garbutt may be attending as the representative from the North of Superior Workforce Planning Board.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed.

- a) Ontario Provincial Police – regarding the 2013 Semi-Annual Policing Costs. The Township of O'Connor will be receiving a credit of \$1,916.00 for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2013 after the reconciliation of actual costing.
- b) Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation – invitation to attend reception held in advance of the launch of their newly revised programs. No one will attend.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

- c) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – regarding the Northwest Treasurer's Forum – November 20 & 21, 2013. It was agreed that the office would be closed these days to allow both employees to attend and it was

- 10. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE 3RD ANNUAL 2013 NORTHWEST TREASURER'S FORUM TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 20 & 21, 2013 IN THUNDER BAY.

REGISTRATION: N/C

**CLERK-TREASURER BUOB
DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT**
Carried

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- d) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – invitation to the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation National Conference to be held in Thunder Bay on October 24 – 26, 2013. No one will attend.
- e) Bill Mauro, MPP – Queen's Park Report –Hansard Transcript – Member's Question regarding Infrastructure Renewal.

For information purposes no building permits have been approved.

- 11. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:30 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer