

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 2008

Minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Councillors: Garbutt, Nygard, Vezina  
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Brian Wiese and Robin McCabe arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Acting Mayor Nygard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008 AND THE NOTES FROM THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

2. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT MAYOR NELSON AND COUNCILLOR RACICOT BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK.**

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was unavailable. A fire department report will be presented at the second meeting in November.

Bills to be paid were passed around the table. It was

3. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2008 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE OCTOBER 2008 VOUCHER.**

<b>CK#8281</b>	<b>HYDRO ONE</b>	<b>\$402.81</b>
<b>CK#8282</b>	<b>TBAYTEL</b>	<b><u>\$384.76</u></b>
		<b>\$787.57</b>

Carried

Acting Mayor Nygard asked the visitors if they wished to address Council. They replied yes. Council were in agreement to allow them to speak.

Mr. Wiese and Ms. McCabe expressed their continued concern with regard to the Gravel Doctor trucks hauling on Strom Road and Highway 590. Mr. Wiese reported that only about 1/3 of the Gravel Doctor trucks have slowed down on Strom road since the new speed limit was posted. They are still using their jake brakes and shaking their house as they go by. Mr. Wiese asked if Council could implement no Sunday hauling. Mr. Wiese has spoken with the previous owner of his home and was informed that when the Ministry of Transportation was actively hauling from Strom pit over thirty years ago they used Fleming road as their route because the bridge over Cedar Creek was not adequate for the trucks.

Mr. Wiese reported that the Ontario Provincial Police have been out for a couple of hours watching for speeders. The trucks slow down while they are there but as soon as they leave their speed increases again.

Ms. McCabe commented that while she was out walking one Gravel Doctor truck did not even slow down when they went by her.

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Mr. Wiese asked if Council received a letter from the Gravel Doctor with regard to their objection letter to their A license application. Council informed him that they did and that a second objection letter was submitted. Mr. Wiese will be sent a copy of this letter. Mr. Wiese also received a reply to his objection and a copy was left for the Township for their files.

Council informed Mr. Wiese and Ms. McCabe that the township is still working on the situation. A traffic study and a speed reduction has been requested for Highway 590 through the built up area. The township has also installed a traffic counter on Strom road beyond the last house to get an actual count of trucks. We are also continuing to look into the alternate route of Mayo road.

The visitors were thanked for attending.

Resolutions for endorsement were read.

As per Councillor Vezina's report at the last meeting, regarding JEPP funding for the required upgrades to the fire department communication towers, it was

4. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR WILL PARTICIPATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BY THE THUNDER BAY CENTRAL AMBULANCE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE THAT IS OPERATED BY AND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER;**

**AND THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR WILL APPLY JOINTLY WITH THE NEIGHBOURING MUNICIPALITIES AND THE UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES FOR JEPP FUNDING TO HELP COVER THE COST OF THE REQUIRED UPGRADE TO ALLOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO CONTINUE TO USE THIS SERVICE AND ADDRESS THE UPGRADE REQUIRMENTS TO THE AREA;**

**AND THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AUTHORIZES THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION ON THEIR BEHALF;**

**AND THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AGREES THAT BELL MOBILITY WILL BE THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER FOR THE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT UPGRADE FOR SECURITY PURPOSES.**

Carried

The Town of Hanover regarding Fairness for Ontario and Investment in Communities resolution was filed.

The 2008 Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board 2008 Cost Apportionment was reviewed. The Township of O'Connor's levy increased by \$759.87 for 2008 because of an increase in the weighted assessment.

Councillor Garbutt is awaiting information from Ms. Lucas, General Manager of the Thunder Bay DSSAB, and will submit a DSSAB report for the next meeting.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) AMO – i) Proposed Amendments to Facilitate Brownfield Redevelopment  
ii) Minister Launches Review of Blue Box Program and Waste Diversion Act
- b) A letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Jim Watson regarding working together
- c) Lakehead Forest – Minor Amendment to the 2007-2017 Forest Management Plan.  
Councillor Vezina will review the amendments.

The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

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Under Old Business, Council discussed

a) O'Connor Day pros and cons. It was suggested that next year the two additional horseshoe pits be set up in the opposite direction, due to the later start time the sun can be shining into the player eyes on the one end. If the additional pits are set in the other directions the finals can be held in those pits and this will not be a problem. The cribbage tournament worked out well starting earlier and the timing did not affect the number of participants.

The sound for the movie was a problem but was figured out and if we do something similar again it should be okay. It was again noted that there will be no human targets in the paintball area. The fireworks were again excellent.

The food area setup worked well again. A larger propane line is required for the large deep fryer. The extra sleigh tables worked out very well for extra seating. More onion rings will have to be ordered for next year. A new pump for the mustard will also have to be purchased for next year. The bar set up was good. The porta-potties were kept clean.

There was again a lot of donations, both in cash and door prizes. More volunteers to help collect these donations would be appreciated.

The revenue and expenditure spreadsheet was reviewed. O'Connor Day 2008 currently cost \$125.53 with all the donations and proceeds included. There are also still supplies left for next year.

Under New Business, Council discussed

a) A letter from JML Engineering requesting approval to retain TBT Engineering to complete a geotechnical investigation for the replacement structure on the Harstone Road was discussed. It was

5. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE QUOTE OF TBT ENGINEERING CONSULTING GROUP TO COMPLETE A GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT STRUCTURE FOR THE HARSTONE BRIDGE OVER CEDAR CREEK AT A COST OF \$6,425.00 + GST BE ACCEPTED. ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION WORK DEEMED NECESSARY WILL BE DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP. IF A SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSES IS REQUIRED ADDITIONAL COSTS IN THE ORDER OF \$2,000.00 WILL BE INCURRED.**

Carried

Council would like to use JML Engineering as a subconsultant.

b) Ministry of Natural Resources – Bear Wise workshop to be held in Thunder Bay October 30<sup>th</sup>. It was

6. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCED BEAR WISE WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30, 2008 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**KELLY JOHNSON, LEADHAND**

Carried

c) Changes to the Township of O'Connor Snowplowing and Sanding Policies were reviewed as per the discussion at the January 14, 2008 meeting. It was

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- 7. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR**

**POLICY FOR SNOWPLOWING:**

**PURPOSE:** To establish the standards for snowplowing and the snowplow routes for the Township of O'Connor.

**FIRST PRIORITY ROADS:** 2" to 4" of snow - the First Priority Roads, as described and shown on the attached routes and maps, will be snowplowed both ways within four to six hours of completion of the snow storm.

**SECOND PRIORITY ROADS:** The Second Priority Roads, as shown on the attached maps, will only be snowplowed upon request.

**HIGH WIND CONDITIONS:** Priority roads during High Wind Conditions are identified on the attached map, the order of snowplowing will be up to the discretion of the Leadhand.

**POLICY STATEMENT:** Anything outside of these minimum standards will be strictly up to the discretion of the Leadhand.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This policy shall come into effect as of February 1, 1992.

Reference - Council Resolution #4 - Feb. 13, 1992  
 Council Resolution #9 - Feb. 26, 2001  
 Amended by Council Resolution #\_\_ - October 20, 2008  
 Carried

- 8. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR**

**POLICY FOR SANDING**

**PURPOSE:** To establish the standards for sanding for the Township of O'Connor.

- 1) That the loaded sanding units shall be kept inside the garage to insure warm sand is available for use.
- 2) Salt additives shall be kept to a minimum or avoided.

**POLICY STATEMENT:** Sanding will be done on an "as-needed" basis. The roads will be sanded strictly at the discretion of the Leadhand.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This policy shall come in effect as of November 26, 1992.

Reference - Council Resolution #8 - Nov. 26, 1992  
 Council Resolution #9 - Dec. 10, 1992  
 Council Resolution #9 - Feb. 26, 2001  
 Amended by Council Resolution #\_\_ - October 6, 2008  
 Carried

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The balance of the policies will be reviewed at a later date.

Issues brought forward or letters received were read as follows:

- a) Ministry of Finance regarding the OMPF grant and 2006 and 2007 reconciliation. The process did not result in any additional payment for the township.
- b) The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she has contacted the Ministry of Natural Resources with regard to the Gravel Doctor, requesting information with regard to the possible use of Mayo road. The Ministry also owns the property in the Township of O'Connor abutting the Gravel Doctor. The Clerk-Treasurer has also started to look into the possibility of expropriating the land to use as a new roadway for these trucks.

It was agreed to move items c) & d) after the closed portion of the meeting.

It was

- 9. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.**

**TIME BEING: 7:50 P.M.**

Carried

The draft agenda and notes to the items for the union negotiations were discussed. Possible dates as to when the committee would be available to meet were also discussed.

- 10. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**TIME BEING: 8:35 P.M.**

**THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

- c) Clayton Sampson – Recyclable Material Diversion Plan. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot attend a workshop with Mr. Sampson and Mr. John Smith, Senior Waste Management Specialist Infrastructure Division Trow Association is requesting information in a survey with regard to Council's opinions on recycling. Council will read through the survey and submit there opinions back to the office for submission.
- d) The Build Canada Fund was again discussed. The deadline for applications is November 21<sup>st</sup>. Due to the time restraints the Clerk-Treasurer asked Council if they would like to hire an engineering firm or consultant to prepare an application for a roads project. Council agreed not to submit an application for this round.

- 11. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 8:44 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer