

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 22, 2012

Minutes of the public meeting held on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Absent: Councillor Garbutt

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m..

The meeting was called to discuss the fees charged by the Township for services provided.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Vezina declared an interest in item 5 iv) as he regularly advertises in the monthly newsletter.

No visitors were present.

The following By-laws were reviewed and fees discussed.

By-law Number 95-6 being a by-law to establish a tariff of fees payable for costs incurred in the processing of planning. This By-law was passed in 1995 and the fees have not increased since that time. It was agreed that these fees do not cover the current costs of an application for a minor variance, zoning amendment or official plan amendment. This rates will be increased and a new by-law passed.

By-law Number 2000-14 being a by-law to establish rates for disposal of refuse at the O'Connor landfill site. These rates have also not been changed in several years and it was agreed that the rates will be increased.

By-law 2007-15 being a by-law to establish fees for the acceptance of tires at the landfill site. It was agreed to leaves these rates as they are.

Councillor Vezina left the room.

By-law 2002-17 being a by-law to establish miscellaneous fees and charges for the Township of O'Connor. The rates for Township equipment to work on ratepayers property within the Township was discussed. A concern from a resident with regard to these rates was brought forward. The concern was that these rates are too low and that a private contractor could not work for these rates. Currently the equipment is charged out at a minimum of one hour and every part hour after that. Any material purchased is at cost. Council discussed the rates and it was agreed that the hourly rates will be increased.

The fees for advertising in the monthly newsletter, the Cornerstone, were discussed. It was agreed that these fees should be increased. The rates of advertising will still be very reasonable.

Hall rental fees were discussed. The main rates for socials with liquor, half day or all day rental will remain the same. Currently the kitchen is not usable so the rate will remain the same. If the renovations of the kitchen are completed this rate will be looked at again. The non-profit groups will remain the same. The damage deposit will be increased. A new classification for community programs held in the community centre was discussed. It was suggested that a probation period of 3 months at no charge for the hall rental be set to see if the program is working out and viable. After the three months, if the program continues, 10% of the participation fee collected will be charged.

A miscellaneous fee will be added for faxing information for individuals and a fee for additional disposal site permits will also be added.

The fee for a Complaint Review Request, which is included in the Council Code of Conduct, will be added to this by-law.

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

THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 7:12 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer