

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – OCTOBER 24, 2011

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Ms. Tammy Cook, Watershed Manager,
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that in the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting there was an error in resolution #4 with regard to the date of the administration and roads voucher. This error should be corrected. It was

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

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2011 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED AND AMENDED.

Carried

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

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

Carried

Acting Mayor Loan asked Ms. Cook if she wished to address Council on any personal matters and she replied no.

Ms. Tammy Cook, Watershed Manager of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) was welcomed to the table to do a presentation on the Cedar Creek Watershed Assessment. Summer students, hired by the LRCA, conducted the Assessment in the summer of 2010. Ms. Cook presented Council with a copy of the Site Plan map of the Cedar Creek Watershed, which also marked the locations of where the water samples were collected for this assessment. A large portion of the Cedar Creek watershed is in the Township of O'Connor with some in the Township of Conmee and the unorganized Municipalities of Marks and Adrian. This assessment was an update from one conducted in 1998. Comparisons of the results were discussed. There were no significant changes and it was determined that the watershed was in good condition at the time of study. Ms. Cook reported that the LRCA will be doing a study on the Whitefish River Watershed in 2012. As the Cedar Creek Watershed is a part of the Whitefish Watershed Council requested that site #11 of the Cedar Creek Watershed also be resampled in that study as it had the highest levels of Provincial Water Quality Objectives (PWQO) Exceedance. Ms. Cook will take this request into consideration when choosing the sampling locations next year. Ms. Cook was thanked for attending the meeting and providing the presentation.

Both Fire Chief Mattas and Deputy Fire Chief Styles were unable to attend the meeting. The Township of O'Connor Fire Department report was read. There were two first response calls since the last report.

Bills to be paid were passed around the table and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2011 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE OCTOBER 2011 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

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CK#10448	O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CLUB – HAT	\$ 10.00
CK#10449	G. GARBUTT (HONOURARIUM)	110.00
CK#10450	HYDRO ONE	264.13
CK#10451	THUNDER BAY DSSAB	6,670.00
CK#10452	MINISTER OF FINANCE (CCAC DISPATCH)	60.00
CK#10453	LEX CONSTRUCTION	2,034.00
CK#10454	K. JOHNSON	<u>583.00</u>
		\$9,731.13

Carried

By-laws were discussed as follows:

The By-law to establish a Code of Conduct for Employees was brought back to Council for approval after the minor changes discussed at the August 8, 2011 were made. It was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2011-14 BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

By-law 2009-09 – Being a By-law to prohibit noise was discussed with regard to the proposed private shooting range. Council agreed that the By-law's schedule "A" as it stands would cover the use of the range and the By-law will remain as is.

The decision from the Lakehead Rural Planning Board, Consent application 1B/10/11 – McLean was read.

The District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) issues were discussed as follows:

Reeve Holland has scheduled a meeting with the Mayors and Reeves of the Area One DSSAB municipalities for November 30th in the Oliver Paipoonge Council Chambers to discuss DSSAB issues as was discussed at the Area One meeting held on October 5th.

An email was read from Councillor Garbutt with regard to this meeting and a discussion with the Mayor of the Municipality of Shuniah. It was suggested that full Council attend this meeting not just the Heads of Council. This situation was discussed and it was decided to bring this forward at the next meeting for further discussion with full Council.

The 2011 Cost Apportionment of the Thunder Bay DSSAB was read. The Township of O'Connor's levy will increase by \$49 for 2011.

The Thunder Bay DSSAB's Housing Strategy funding update was read.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ministry of Finance – Local Service Realignment (LSR) semi-annual reconciliation credit for Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) services. The Township will receive a credit of \$696.00 for the period of January to June 2011.
- b) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – i) Media Release – NOMA Congratulates New Ministers of Northern Development, Municipal Affairs and Natural Resources
- c) Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) - OGRA Welcomes Newly Appointed Ministers
- d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – i) Watch File – October 13, 2011
ii) Watch File – October 20, 2011
- e) Stewardship Ontario – Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for 2011 Program Year. The second quarterly payment has been received.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

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Under Old business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Transportation update – memo from Clerk-Treasurer regarding the traffic count and winter maintenance on Highway 595 was read. According to the Ministries recent traffic counts at their specific locations, the current maintenance level is sufficient. Council are still concerned with the winter maintenance on this road and would like to pursue this matter further based on the safety issues. Council would like to have a representative from the Ministry of Transportation attend an upcoming Council meeting to discuss this matter further. Council would also like to know if it would be possible to put our own traffic counter across Highway 595 in the Township's preferred locations of the intersection of Connolly road and Earl road. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Ms. Schmid to see if she would be able to attend. Council would also like the Regional Director, Mr. Ian Smith to attend.
- b) Minutes of the Shared Services Meeting held on July 19, 2011 were read. A second meeting of the group was held on October 13, 2011 and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot has been delegated to look into information from other areas with regard to Fire Department structure.
- c) Rural Economic Development Committee – a resolution to form a committee and to appoint a person to sit on this committee was brought forward. The resolution was deferred until the next meeting to discuss further with Mayor Nelson.
- d) A memo was read from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding the proposed private shooting range. No further concerns were found and a copy of the draft approval letter was read and amended. Dr. Puskas will be contact to see where he would like the approval letter sent.

Under New business, Council discussed

- a) North of Superior Public Works Association – Meeting -October 26, 2011. It was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE NORTH OF SUPERIOR PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION MEETING TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON OCTOBER 26, 2011.

REGISTRATION: N/A

KELLY JOHNSON, LEADHAND

Carried

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Diamond Jubilee Initiative Celebration and Commemoration Directorate regarding 2012 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations funding. After reviewing the application process, and with an application deadline of October 31, 2011, it was decided not to apply.
- b) Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU)– Dr. David Williams has commenced his duties as Medical Officer of Health for the TBDHU.

For information purposes a building permit was approved for a horse shelter at 16 Whittaker road.

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

THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE SPECIAL MEETING WITH MR. MURRAY ARMSTRONG, MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:56 P.M.

Carried