

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas  
Robin McCabe, Brian Wiese

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

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

**THAT COUNCILLOR RACICOT BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK.**

Carried

Mayor Nelson welcomed Mr. Brian Wiese and Ms. Robin McCabe to the Council meeting to discuss matters on Strom road. Mr. Wiese asked Council what was happening with the road agreement for Strom road. Council informed him that the agreement is back with Taranis and Council are awaiting comment on their changes. The guests also noted that the trucks were arriving at the pit prior to the 7 a.m., the allowed time, and they have contacted the office about it. Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, has spoken with Taranis and it does seem to be better. There was also a dust issue but again dust suppression has been applied by Taranis after they received a phone call from Mr. Johnson. They are also concerned with the excessive speed on Strom road with the amount of traffic now using the road. The vehicles are not abiding by the posted speed limit. There was also a concern that some of the trucks are using their compression brakes.

Mr. Wiese and Ms. McCabe received a letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources with regard to Taranis's request to put a road in on crown land to adjoin their properties in Conmee and Marks Township. They did speak to their neighbours and only a few of them have received the letter. Ms. McCabe asked if this road was granted through the crown land would that mean that these trucks would not be allowed to drive on Strom road and she was informed that the trucks would still be allowed to use the road.

Council asked the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the Ministry of Natural Resources to see if Taranis has been granted an "A" licence for this pit. They would also like the Clerk-Treasurer to forward Taranis a copy of the Noise by-law, which states that it is an offense to make noise through the operation of compression brakes on highways within O'Connor.

Mr. Wiese and Ms. McCabe were thanked for attending.

A memo was read from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding the recent complaints with regard to the truck traffic along Strom road and Highway 590 and the dust on Strom road. Council discussed the information and the Clerk-Treasurer will look into posting a sign, notifying the trucks as they enter the township that the use of compression brakes is prohibited.

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The report for September 22, 2009 was read. There were three first response calls, one mutual aid call and one motor vehicle accident since the last report at the beginning of July.

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Fire Chief Mattas thanked Council for the 35 years of service plaque that was presented to himself at O'Connor Day.

The drivers' training was discussed. Zone One is going to be doing something to help all departments. Mr. Erik Olsen, a driver from McKeivitt trucking has been given the okay to do the "Z" endorsement with ten students at a time to upgrade their licences. When the department feels that the driver is ready, Mr. Olsen will come out for a couple of hours to see if he feels they are ready to take the test. This would be similar to what the Municipality of Shuniah is doing with their own person. The drivers could possibly rent one of McKeivitt's trucks to take their test. Currently our department has a lot of young members who do not qualify for an upgrade at this time. The department can do their training in Oliver Paipoonge.

The Deputy Fire Chief position was discussed. Currently Vern Groop is the Deputy Fire Chief however he does work out of town and is away a lot. It was suggested that possibly an acting deputy should be appointed. Fire Chief Mattas will consider this further and get back to Council on his decision.

Fire Chief Mattas announced that two new members have joined the team.

There has been a lot of training coming through the Fire Marshal's office. Mod B & D training will be held at the new PEST facility, with the Fire Marshal covering the costs. Seven members are attending this Thursday night, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Township of Gillies has notified Fire Chief Mattas that their pumper is in bad shape and they have asked for backup from O'Connor if needed.

The Compressor for the fire department was discussed. Fire Chief Mattas informed Council that something has to be done. Costing was presented to Council during budget. The cheapest option has been sold, however there was a second one for \$7,000. Council instructed Fire Chief Mattas to purchase this compressor but they would like him to look into whether or not a possible payment plan could be made.

Fire Con 2009 was discussed. During the sessions the Fire Marshal continued to stress training and the importance of it. There were 306 students in attendance with over 500 people there. The tour that was offered during the leadership session for Council and administration was good. Overall it was a successful conference.

Fire Chief Mattas informed Council that Mr. Kevin Schooler, the new local advisor with the Ontario Fire Marshal's office, will be coming around to see all the fire halls and to meet the Clerk's.

The Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection seminar to be held in December was discussed. It was decided that it will be brought back to Council for the first meeting in November to see if anyone would be interested in attending.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending.

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

3. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

**THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE SEPTEMBER 2009 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER AND THE SEPTEMBER STATE OF EMERGENCY VOUCHER.**

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| <b>CK#8985 LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</b>             | <b>\$16,582.11</b> |
| <b>CK#8986 THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</b> | <b>2,109.07</b>    |
| <b>CK#8987 CSDC DES AURORES BOREALES</b>                  | <b>117.89</b>      |
| <b>CK#8988 JML ENGINEERING</b>                            | <b>7,665.00</b>    |
| <b>CK#8989 JEREMIAH GAMMOND</b>                           | <b>7,300.21</b>    |
| <b>CK#8990 K.A. VANDERZWAAG CONSTRUCTION</b>              | <b>29,572.99</b>   |

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| <b>CK#8991 TBAYTEL</b>                | <b>378.55</b>             |
| <b>CK#8992 STAPLES BUSINESS DEPOT</b> | <b>494.01</b>             |
| <b>CK#8993 HYDRO ONE</b>              | <b>31.90</b>              |
|                                       | <b><u>\$64,251.73</u></b> |

Carried

The quote from Mr. Jeremiah Gammond for Architectural service – tendering and construction administration phase was reviewed. It was

4. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

**THAT THE PROPOSAL OF JEREMIAH GAMMOND FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – TENDERING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION PHASE AT A COST OF \$3,750.00 PLUS GST ON STRUCTURAL ENGINEER'S INVOICE BE ACCEPTED.**

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she has spoken with Councillor Schmidt, Municipality of Neebing, Area One DSSAB representative, with regard to a DSSAB report for Council. Councillor Schmidt stated that she has asked the DSSAB office to forward a copy of the minutes to each municipality and she feels that the minutes explain everything and a report is not necessary. The policy states that the representative shall provide written reports quarterly to all Area One municipalities. Council will discuss this further with the other municipalities.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) MFOA bulletin regarding the HST Update as of August 25, 2009. Municipalities will be able to claim full HST recovery on all purchases the same as the current GST.
  - b) Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference – Special Invitation – “Celebration of Women in Politics” September 30 during the trade show. Councillor Garbutt will not attend.
  - c) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – Community Partner Update – H1N1 Flu Virus
  - d) AMO – i) AMO Releases Draft Paper: Seeking Joint and Several Liability Reform
- The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Northern Development and Mines – Ontario's Forest Tenure and Pricing System – Session to be held in Thunder Bay on October 1, 2009. This session conflicts with the Regional Conference so no one will attend.
- b) Gordon Trailers – pricing information on 20' container. This information will be looked at next year during budget.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that Mr. Gammond would like to see a building committee formed that would be able to quickly approve any changes needed as construction is underway.

5. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SIT ON THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S BUILDING COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH CONSTRUCTION QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

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

Carried

The Construction drawings for the new building were also discussed. One of the contractors has posted the drawings on the Construction Association website for subcontractors. Council agreed to allow the drawings to stay on the website for subcontractors only.

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- b) Accessibility Training - An invitation has been sent from the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge to participate in Accessibility Training on October 27, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Oliver Paipoonge Complex. Steven Holloway from Inclusion Services for the City of Thunder Bay will do a two hour session on accessibility training. He will provide the training materials for all employees and volunteers. It was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ACCESSIBILITY TRAINING TO BE HELD IN OLIVER PAIPOONGE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009.**

**TOTAL FEE: \$20.00 PER MUNICIPALITY**

**ALL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS THAT ARE ABLE TO ATTEND.**

Carried

- b) Ontario Provincial Police – Thunder Bay Detachment – T/S/Sgt. K. A. Mantey – announcing his transfer and introducing Acting Detachment Commander S/Sgt. Larry Lamme. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to invite S/Sgt. Lamme to an upcoming Council meeting.
- c) Local Services Board of Nolalu regarding their Emergency Procedures Plan. The Township of O'Connor is mentioned in their plan as a secondary reception centre for evacuees. Council agreed to provide the Board Council and staff's contact information including names and phone numbers from the Township of O'Connor's own plan for emergencies.
- d) Ontario Power Generation – Kaministiquia River System Stakeholders meeting to be held November 10, 2009 in Kakabeka Falls. It was

7. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ONTARIO POWER GENERATION KAMINISTIQUIA RIVER SYSTEM MEETING TO BE HELD IN KAKABEKA FALLS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009.**

**MAYOR NELSON  
FIRE CHIEF MATTAS  
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**

Carried

- e) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario – membership information was reviewed. Council would like this information forwarded to Mr. Ian Robson, Municipal Enforcement POA officer to see if he would be interested in being a member. If so, the Township will cover the membership fee.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed.

- a) Grant Thornton, copy of Township of O'Connor's 2008 Financial Statements were reviewed. They will be forwarded to the necessary agencies and will be posted on the Township of O'Connor website for the taxpayers to review.
- b) AMCTO Zone 9 meeting – request for donation. It was

8. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR DONATE ONE HISTORY BOOK TO THE AMCTO ZONE 9 FALL MEETING.**

Carried

- c) Canadian Olympic Foundation – regarding Own the Podium 2010 Municipalities Challenge to support our winter athletes in their Olympic pursuit. Council will not participate.

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9. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE TABLE TOP EXERCISE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 8:40 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer