

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

Absent: Councillors Loan and Racicot

Mayor Nelson 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 FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mr. Johnson was asked if we 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 August 12 to September 6, 2013 was read.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department has started working on the detour for the bridge replacement on Broome Road, some gravel has been hauled and culverts purchased. Mr. Johnson will be meeting with Ms. Cook from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) to see if any permits are required in the area. The road employees have dug a trench for a new propane line from the current municipal office tank to the community centre kitchen area. This will eliminate a tank rental and will alleviate any potential issue of running out of propane during a kitchen rental. Mr. Johnson still has to arrange to do the guide rail project on Sitch road. Mr. Johnson made note that he is watching his budget as the maintenance costs have come in higher than budget.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The Road and Administration Voucher for August 2013 was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR AUGUST 31, 2013 TOTTALLING \$61,078.38 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement and Revenue expenditure were not available.

A by-law to enter into an agreement for the detailed design and tender services for the bridge replacement on Broome road over Cedar Creek was reviewed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2013-16 BEING A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN KONTZAMANIS GRAUMANN SMITH MACMILLAN INC. (O/A KGS GROUP) BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

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As per the Council meeting held on July 15, 2013 the surplus property located at Concession 2 N Pt Lot 9 on Sitch Road was advertised for sale and bids are to be opened at this meeting. One bid was received and it was

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

COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE BID OF DON WILTSHIRE "PURCHASER" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,200.00 FOR THE PROPERTY DECLARED AS SURPLUS AND KNOWN AS CONCESSION 2 N PT LOT 9 MR 65, 22,651.20 SF 264.00FR FOR .72 ACRES OF LAND ON SITCH ROAD, O'CONNOR TOWNSHIP. ALL LAND TRANSFER AND LEGAL FEES FROM THIS PURCHASE ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER, AS PER NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF THIS PROPERTY.

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Township of Gillies regarding their endorsement of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge's resolution with regard to the Conservation Ontario Whitepaper. Councillor Vezina, as a member of the Lakehead Region Conservation Board explained the original resolution and Council agreed to readdress the original resolution from the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and it was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE WITH RESPECT TO LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT FUTURES FOR ONTARIO – CONSERVATION ONTARIO WHITEPAPER BE ENDORSED.

Carried

The Township of Gillies resolution was then filed.

- b) CUPE Ontario regarding Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day October 30, 2013 was filed.

A letter was read from the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board with regard to the 2013 Cost Apportionment. The Township of O'Connor will received an \$868.00 adjustment for 2013 and \$2,119.00 surplus disposition for 2012. This amount will be reflected on the August invoice.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation – regarding the Program Review
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File – August 15, 2013
ii) Watch File – August 22, 2013
iii) Watch File – August 29, 2013
iv) Watch File – September 5, 2013
v) AMO and OKMN Receive Report on Best Practices in Local Food: A Guide for Municipalities
- c) Ontario Good Roads – purchases Municipal Dataworks
- d) Ontario Provincial Police – September Newsletter. Council would like the School bus safety information in our next issue of the Cornerstone.
- e) Ministry of Rural Affairs - regarding Launch of renewed Rural Economic Development (RED) program
- f) Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) – Allison J. Stewart leaving EMO
- g) Thunder Bay & Area Food Strategy Meet'N Greet – September 19, 2013. No one will be attending.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - draft Synopsis Report for the Budget Regulation Review consultation on April 29, 2013. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot participated in this consultation.

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Under Further old business, Council asked about the hall renovations. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that Mr. Jeremiah Gammond has been out and looked at the building and is preparing some information for Council. The kitchen renovations are almost complete. The new propane line has been installed and both Thermal Mechanical and Hosanna Fire Protection will have to come back to finish their work.

Under New Business, Council discussed

a) AMCTO – Zone 9 Fall Meeting and Conference – September 24 & 25, 2013 and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE AMCTO ZONE 9 FALL MEETING AND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24 & 25, 2013 IN THUNDER BAY.

REGISTRATION: \$100.00

Carried

b) Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference – September 25, 26, 27, 2013 and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 26 & 27, 2013 IN THUNDER BAY.

REGISTRATION: \$175.00

**MAYOR NELSON
COUNCILLOR GARBUTT, RACICOT, VEZINA**

Carried

c) Township of Gillies – letter regarding shared services discussions. The Council of the Township of Gillies are currently looking at ways of saving money and are currently in discussions with the Municipality of Neebing. They have also approached the Township of O'Connor in this letter asking if the Township would consider allowing their Council to hold their Council meetings in the O'Connor Council chambers. As well, the administration staff may also need to meet with their residents from time to time and would again like to have access to the Council chambers during regular office hours. The Gillies Township office is also tasked with making brochures and other information available to their residents and they have requested that this information be made available from the O'Connor office.

Council discussed the options and agreed that if the Council of the Township of Gillies do decide to close their office they could hold their Council meetings in the O'Connor Council chambers for a rental fee of \$50.00/meeting. Also if required administration could meet with their residents during regular business hours for \$10.00/hour, up to a maximum of \$50.00. Minor renovations to the office would be required for security purposes and the Township of Gillies would be responsible for these costs. The distribution of information would be similar to what O'Connor also has available and Council would consider sharing the costs of a display unit to better organize the information. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact the Township of Gillies' Solicitor-Clerk and discuss these options further.

d) Trillium Tire / CSP Recycling Solutions – regarding recycling of tires and other appliances. This program will pay for any tires that are picked up at the disposal site. Council agreed to have the Clerk-Treasurer look further into this program and see if there is a cost to register with Ontario Tire Stewardship. If this program is implemented the Township's fees By-law would be amended to remove the disposal fee for tires. This information will be brought back to the next Council meeting.

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- e) Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis – an email was read regarding the forming of a sub-committee to prepare a report to Minister Wynne with regard to jobs and growth in Ontario. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next heads of Council meeting.
- f) Township of Baldwin – request for support and information for small municipalities. Council discussed this request and noted that most of the information they are requesting is available to the municipality already through Ministry websites and it was agreed not to forward the Township's information at this time.
- g) FedNor – Need a youth intern – was filed.
- h) Ontario Power Generation – Environmental registry now available for public comments on the update to the Long Term Energy Plan. No additional comments will be made at this time.
- i) LAS – Energy Workshop – Thunder Bay November 29, 2013. No one will attend.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed:

- a) NOMA – Energy Task Force Response to Making Choices – Reviewing Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan. Councillor Vezina reported on the response as he is a member of the Energy Task Force. Council would like this report also sent to the Premier, the Minister of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. Councillor Vezina will contact Iain Angus, Co-Chair of the Energy Task Force and make this request.
- b) City of Thunder Bay – Waste Management Strategy – invitation to participate in Focus Group September 25, 2013. It was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2013 IN THUNDER BAY.
REGISTRATION: N/C**

DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT

Carried

The office will be closed this day to allow staff to attend this meeting and the AMCTO conference and fall meeting both on the same day.

- c) Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce – regarding the SHIFT Northern Ontario Visionary Awards - looking for nominations of Young Professionals. No nominations will be put forward at this time.
- d) O'Connor Day – the pros and cons from O'Connor Day 2013 and a review of the draft Revenue and Expenditures for the day were discussed. There is still an invoice and another donation coming. The amounts will be verified after all the revenues and expenses have been posted. The pros and cons were briefly discussed. The new sweet potato fries went over really well and we will need to get more for next year, as a result however there were extra regular fries left over and these will have to be cut back next year. It was also suggested that there be a short break during the crib tournament to allow the players to stretch their legs. It was suggested that a follow up meeting be held to discuss this further with everyone involved. It was agreed and a meeting was set for Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:07 P.M.

Carried