

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on February 9, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Councillors: Garbutt, Nygard, Racicot, Vezina
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Vezina declared an interest in item 17 g) as he is an advertiser in the Cornerstone monthly newsletter.

1. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 26, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

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

THAT MAYOR NESLON BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK.

Carried

Leadhand Kelly Johnson was welcomed to the table.

The timesheet reports for the period of January 12 to the 24, 2009 and January 26th to February 6, 2009 were read. Councillor Garbutt inquired about the condition of Garbutt road near the corner of Broome Road. Due to winter conditions the road is a little rougher than normal but is being maintained to the best of the road crew's ability.

Under roadwork in general the lighting at the rink shack was addressed. The light has been found burnt out a number of times. Leadhand Johnson will look into the problem.

With the current rainy conditions the road crew has been out on the roads sanding and will continue to apply more sand as required.

A review of the Township's equipment rates was done. It was agreed that there would be a \$5.00 increase to the equipment rates of each piece of equipment and a \$10.00 increase will be applied to the rate for steaming culverts. The dog trap fee was also discussed and it was decided that this item will be removed from the fee schedule and the service will no longer be available due to liability issues. These changes will be reflected in a By-Law to be passed at the February 23, 2009 Council meeting.

Leadhand Johnson also inquired about having an annual Health and Safety Audit done for the Roads Department. Council agreed that it was a good idea and Mr. Johnson will look into it further.

Leadhand Johnson was thanked for attending the meeting.

A letter from Mr. Joe Lunn, a 30-year member of the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department was reviewed. Mr. Lunn has officially retired from the department.

The bills to be paid were passed around the table. It was

3. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JANUARY 31,
2009 TOTTALLING \$96,493.61 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

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

THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THROUGH THE ONTARIO DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 31, 2009 TOTTALLING \$2,375.63 BE APPROVED AND PAID

Carried

Due to the annual audit the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures were unavailable.

The following By-law was discussed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-04 BEING A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AND HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATION SERVICES BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) The Township of Madawaska Valley requesting the Province of Ontario change the legislation of assessment to add a freeze at the year 2008 rate for the next four years and requesting that legislation be drafted to allow for a 2nd class of tax to recognize waterfront properties was filed.
- b) The Township of Madawaska Valley seeking support from municipalities to lobby the Provincial Government to ensure an increase in Homecare Access Programs including funding, support and assistance was filed.
- c) The Township of South Algonquin regarding the use of low-grade wood waste to create electric power as an alternative to wind-generating power was filed.
- d) The County of Prince Edward County requesting that the Federal and Provincial government agencies dedicate resources to necessary scientific research to consider the impact of wind turbines was filed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) AMO i) AMO Alert regarding the Federal Government Announcing New Infrastructure Funding
 - ii) AMO Alert regarding Ontario Municipalities benefiting from the Federal Budget Measures for Infrastructure, Housing and Employment Insurance.
 - iii) AMO Alert regarding the need for a Municipal Support of Earth Hour and Energy Conservation Week.
 - iv) AMO Alert expressing AMO concerns and providing recommendations to the Minister on Proposed AODA information and Communication Standards.
 - v) AMO Member Communication regarding Municipal action on bottled water.
 - vi) Registration for the upcoming AMO Conference to be held in Ottawa Ontario in August of this year. The Township will not be sending anyone this year.
- b) Letter from the Superior North EMS regarding the 2008 fourth quarter District Levy for Emergency Medical Services was read. The 2008 levy amount is \$103.00 less.
- c) Stewardship Ontario and Waste Diversion Ontario letter regarding the 2008 third quarterly payment for Municipal Blue Box Recycling Program was read. The third payment has been received.
- d) A letter from Ms. Julian Fantino, Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police regarding the OPP officially celebrating its 100th year of policing in Ontario was read.
- e) Grant Thornton 2009 Federal budget highlights was reviewed.
- f) E-mail from Iain Angus regarding Municipal Infrastructure details from the Federal Budget was read.
- g) Heads up Alert from OGRA regarding the Federal Budget, 2009 was read.
- h) Media Release from the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce regarding the Federal Stimulus Budget.

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- i) A bulletin from the Province regarding the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario was read.
- j) An e-mail from Iain Angus, Chair of the Ontario Forestry Coalition regarding a letter received from the Ms. Rosalyn Lawrence, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources was read.
- k) The Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty's response letter to Council's support of the Municipality of Clarington's resolution regarding lottery licences was read.

From the balance of correspondence that was passed around the table an invitation from St. John Ambulance to attend the 2nd Annual Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) was discussed. No one will be attending the open house however Council would like administrative staff to inquire about an AED, including the unit, alarm and endorsement for the township. This item will be addressed during budget discussions.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under old business Council discussed

- a) The transfer of reserves was revisited from the January 26, 2009 Council meeting. Due to an error in the posting of the reserve allocations and the need to defer revenue from the Municipal Bridge and Roads Capital Investment funding it was:

- 6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008 THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE FOLLOWING RESERVES AND THAT RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 OF THE JANUARY 26, 2009 MEETING BE REVOKED.

ONTARIO FIRE SERVICE TRAINING	\$2,635.00
FEDERAL GAS TAX	\$6,950.31
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$7,500.00
DISPOSAL SITE	\$5,205.00

Carried

- b) Councillor Garbutt reported on the Think North, Economic Summit that she attended on February 2nd and 3rd, 2009. The information from the summit was made available to Council.
- c) A note from the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding the meeting held with Waste Diversion Ontario was reviewed. The meeting was a discussion regarding a Recyclable Material Diversion Plan for the Thunder Bay District. When a final report on this plan is ready it will be brought to Council for their consideration.

Under new business Council discussed

- a) An invitation to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Roles and Responsibilities Review session and it was

- 7. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES REVIEW SESSION TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON MARCH 12, 2009 FOLLOWED BY THE SPRING MELT MEETING.

**CLERK-TREASURER BUOB
LEADHAND KELLY JOHNSON
CHIEF BUILDING OFFICER CHERYL MAKI
COUNCILLOR VEZINA
COUNCILLOR GARBUTT**

Carried

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b) The registration for the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Annual Meeting and Conference was discussed and it was

8. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON MARCH 6 & 7, 2009.
REGISTRTION: \$100.00**

**MAYOR RON NELSON
COUNCILLOR GARBUTT
COUNCILLOR VEZINA
COUNCILLOR RACICOT
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**

Carried

c) The application for Canada Summer Jobs 2009 was discussed and it was

9. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ASK FOR 3 STUDENT/S UNDER THE CANADA SUMMER JOBS 2009 SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM, FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN WEEKS.
START DATE FOR THE PROGRAM WOULD BE JULY 13TH RUNNING UNTIL AUGUST 28TH, 2009.**

Carried

d) A letter from J & R Electro Waste Collector offering their services to remove e-waste from the disposal site though an e-waste management program authorized by the Ontario Government was reviewed and it was

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

THAT J & R ELECTRO WASTE COLLECTOR BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO COLLECT E-WASTE FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR DISPOSAL SITE AT NO CHARGE TO THE TOWNSHIP. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE WITH MR. JOHNSON, LEADHAND, FOR ACCESS TO THE SITE FOR THE PICKUPS.

Carried

e) An e-mail from AMO regarding a workshop to be held responding to the downturn in recycling markets was read.

f) The Thunder Bay District Veterinary Services Committee Annual Meeting was discussed and it was

11. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT VETERINARY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON FEBRUARY 24, 2009:

COUNCILLOR VEZINA

Carried

Councillor Vezina left the meeting.

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g) A review of Township fees was made. No further changes to the fee schedule will be made at this time.

12. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 8:22 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer