

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – JULY 14, 2008

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Leadhand Kelly Johnson

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in items 17b), 18 b) i) & ii) and 20 b) and c) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

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

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008, THE NOTES FROM THE TABLE TOP EXERCISE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2008 AND THE NOTES FROM THE O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Kelly Johnson if he wished to address Council on personal business. He replied no.

Mr. Brian Wiese who had asked to be placed on the agenda for 7:00 p.m. was not in attendance.

Mr. Kelly Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. Timesheets for the May 18 to May 31, June 1 to June 14 and June 15 to June 28, 2008 were reviewed. Mayor Nelson asked Council if they had any questions regarding the timesheets. There were no questions.

The hauling agreement between the Township of O'Connor and the Gravel Doctor was discussed. Administration and the Leadhand are still looking into this issue and will present a draft to Council for the next Council meeting. Council were also presented with a bill submitted by the Gravel Doctor. The Gravel Doctor will be contacted by letter and asked to attend the next meeting of Council, scheduled for August 11, 2008 to discuss the invoice submitted, the hauling activity on Strom Road and the hauling agreement.

Information for a public meeting with regard to the Gravel Doctor is to be held at the Rosslyn Community Centre on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. was discussed. The public meeting is for the Gravel Doctor's application to apply for a class "A" Licence for the gravel pit located in Conmee Township on Strom Road. This pit is currently operating under a class "B" Licence, which limits the amount of gravel that can be extracted. An "A" Licence would allow the Gravel Doctor to haul unlimited amounts. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting with the Gravel Doctor.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The Road Department has been working on the flood damage repairs. The township's grader is in need of brake repairs, which will cost approximately \$2,000.00. The bridge on Harstone Road is still closed and will remain closed until repairs or replacement to the bridge can be done. Funding through the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) has not yet been confirmed and work cannot commence until funding is approved and released. The Harstone Road is only open to local traffic with no access to the bridge.

Mr. Johnson also briefed Council on the situation with the Gravel Doctor regarding hauling on Strom road.

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Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending the meeting.

Fire Chief Henry Mattas was not scheduled to attend the meeting, therefore was not in attendance. The Vehicle Inspection submitted by Holland Enterprises will be brought back to the August 11, 2008 Council meeting. Holland Enterprises will be contacted to clarify the service requirements.

The bills were passed around the table and it was

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

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JUNE 30, 2008
TOTALLING \$112,221.11 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried.

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS
VOUCHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THROUGH THE ONTARIO
DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR JUNE 30, 2008
TOTALLING \$44,205.91 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried.

The request for the Township of O'Connor to pass a resolution by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers was filed.

The resolution from the Town of Caledon regarding the tax-exempt allowance for mileage was filed. The resolution from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding the shortage of physician in Ontario was read and it was

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

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE
REGARDING THE SHORTAGE OF PHYSICIANS IN ONTARIO AND THEIR
SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ON
REMOVING BARRIERS FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL DOCTORS BY
ETOBICKE-LAKESHORE M.P.P. LAUREN BROTEN, PARLIAMENTARY
ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND LONG TERM CARE, AND
THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT
THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION ONCE INTRODUCED BY THE MINISTER
OF HEALTH GEORGE SMITHERMAN AS PER HIS JUNE 6, 2008
ANNOUNCEMENT BE ENDORSED.**

Carried.

The Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) regarding the poverty reduction strategy roundtable was read.

The Thunder Bay DSSAB report submitted by Councillor Gwen Garbutt, board representative, was read.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) AMO Alert i) Call for the applications for MTO's Ontario Transportation Demand Management Municipal Grant Program 2008-2009. The Township does not have any projects that would qualify for this funding.
 - ii) Free solar thermal heating system Webinar
 - iii) Integrated Community sustainability plan toolkit
 - iv) AMO's report to members on June 2008 Board Meeting
 - v) Rural connections broadband program announced
 - vi) WEEE plan received approval
- b) An e-mail from Ms. Shannon Smith, Manager of Planning and Development for Oliver Paipoonge, regarding her resignation.

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- c) An e-mail from Hydro One Networks regarding receipt of the Township's PowerPlay application for funding.
- d) Forestry Coalition
 - i) Letter to the Premier regarding the revised Endangered Species Act that threatens to permanently remove vast tracts of land from Ontario's fibre basket and decimate future economic development opportunities in Ontario.
 - i) Media release regarding the Minister's consideration to change the Endangered Species Act implementation.
- e) An e-mail from Mr. Clayton Sampson regarding the approval for the Intent to Apply under the Continuous Improvement Fund for the Cooperative Recycling Planning.
- f) A letter from Stewardship Ontario regarding funding for 2008. The Township has received the first quarter payment of \$852.58.
- g) Superior North EMS' 2007 Municipal report
- h) Thunder Bay District Health Unit's 2007 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements
- i) The Ontario Provincial Police, Thunder Bay Detachment's 2008 Business Plan
- j) Local Authority Services (LAS) correspondence regarding Ontario municipalities meeting eh AMO 5000-tonne Challenge

Under old business Council discussed

- a) A letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the approval of our application for funding through the Bear Wise Program was discussed. The Township has received approval for funding in the amount \$3,000.00. The Municipality of Greenstone will be contacted for information on the electric fencing that was installed at their disposal site to deter bears from accessing the pit area. Suppliers will be contacted regarding the cost of electric fencing that would be Required for this setup.
- b) The e-mail received from Stewardship Ontario regarding the new Waste Diversion Program which targets Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste was discussed. Council has already discussed this issue at a previous meeting and agreed that the Township could not run a program because of the cost involved.
- c) Copies of several supporting resolutions received supporting Council's resolution #8 dated June 9, 2008 regarding the Canada Summer Jobs Program were reviewed. No further action will be taken.
- d) Under further old business, Councillor Racicot reported on the sleigh tables that are available for purchase from the Pays Plat First Nation. The cost of the tables will be \$20.00 each and we will have to pick them up. A cheque will be written for \$160.00 for 8 tables.

Under new business Council discussed

- a) The letter from the Ministry of Health Promotion regarding the implementation of the Ontario Trails Strategy and working with its partners to collect information for an important trails mapping project was read. The Township does not have any trails therefore no information can be provided.
- b) A request for the use of the Township's deep fryers has been received from Councillor Racicot. In exchange for letting him borrow the deep fryers, Councillor Racicot has offered to have covers made up for each fryer. Councillor Racicot has also agreed to have the deep fryers repaired if they are damaged. Council were in agreement to allow Councillor Racicot to borrow the deep fryers.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed were discussed as follows:

- a) A letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the Ontario's new Endangered Species Act, 2007 was read.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

- b) AMCTO –
 - i) Employment Law and Human Resources Program for Municipalities workshop to be held in Thunder Bay on September 24-25th and October 8-9th, 2008 was read. No one will attend.
 - ii) AMCTO's Vital Statistics workshop to be held in Thunder Bay on September 15, 2008 was read. No one will attend.

Councillor Racicot returned the room.

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c) An e-mail forwarded by Mr. Ken Taniwa, Executive Director of NOMA, from Mr. Bill Vrebosch, Mayor of East Ferris Township, requesting support in his bid to be re-elected to the Board of Directors at the 2008 AMO Convention in Ottawa was read. The Township is not sending a delegate therefore are unable to offer their support.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239 (2)(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001

TIME BEING: 8:30 P.M.

Carried.

Councillor Racicot left the meeting.

Minutes of the closed portion of the meeting held on June 9, 2008 were presented to Council.

A review of the current Union Agreement was conducted by Council.

Administration comments regarding the Union Agreement were reviewed.

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

TIME BEING: 9:50 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING

Carried.

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

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING 9:55 P.M.

Carried.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer