

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – MAY12, 2008

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

Acting Mayor Garbutt called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m..

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

1. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008 AND THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

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

THAT MAYOR NELSON BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK.

Carried

Acting Mayor Garbutt asked Mr. Johnson if he wished to address Council on any personal business. He replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table.

Timesheets for March 25 to April 5, 2008 and April 6 to 19, 2008 were read.

Mr. Johnson reported to Council that he did purchase the 1991 Ford L8000 garbage compactor truck from Schreiber for the cost of \$7,000.00. Bay City Contracting floated the truck to the township. It is currently on site and working well.

A township inspection was discussed and it was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR A TOWNSHIP INSPECTION, FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008 AT 8 A.M.

Carried

Mr. Johnson reported that the Gravel Doctor has purchased a gravel pit in Conmee Township. The access to this pit is from Strom Road in the Township of O'Connor. Mr. Johnson currently has a half load agreement signed with them and he continues to monitor the condition of the road. Due to the amount of gravel that will be removed from this pit in the future and the number of trucks that will travel on Strom road, a permanent agreement with the Gravel Doctor was discussed. Mr. Johnson will speak with the owners to negotiate an agreement and the Clerk-Treasurer will draft up a formal agreement and bring it back for Council's approval. Sample agreements from neighbouring municipalities were reviewed and will be used to help create this document.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has in 2008 introduced royalties for gravel pits within a municipality. These monies will be given to the municipality in which the gravel pit is located. Due to the location of this pit and the use of the Township of O'Connor roads to access this pit, Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the Township of Conmee to see if an agreement could be negotiated to share these royalties with the Township of O'Connor.

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Roadwork in general was discussed.

The bills were passed around the table and it was

4. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR APRIL 30, 2008
TOTALLING \$90,731.05 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

A By-law was reviewed and it was

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

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2008-10 BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH THE
TAX RATIOS FOR THE YEAR 2008 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE
BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

Quotes to have a bridge study conducted in the Township of O'Connor were opened. Three quotes were received. It was

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

**THAT THE QUOTE OF JML ENGINEERING LTD. TO CONDUCT A
COMPLETE BRIDGE INSPECTION AND STRUCTURAL EVALUATION OF
FIVE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR BRIDGES AT A COST OF \$7,840.00 + GST
BE ACCEPTED.**

Carried

A resolution for endorsement was read from the Municipality of Brockton requesting new rules for consultation with mining companies and First Nations and Native land rights. This resolution was filed.

The Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board 2007 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements were reviewed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) MPAC's Annual Report and Financial Statements.
- b) MFOA Industry Releases Development Charges Report
- c) Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal update on the Northern Ontario Growth Plan
- d) AMO – Request for Expressions of Interest Blue Box Recycling Training Implementation
- e) Kristin Shields e-mail regarding Minister Responsible for Seniors recognition of Senior's month (June)

The balance of the correspondence were passed around the table.

There was no old business to discuss.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Community Safety and Correction Services reminder of municipal obligations to complete the mandatory emergency management program. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Mr. Coupland to see when he would like to arrange for an emergency table top exercise.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

- b) Management Services Leadership Thunder Bay – Risk Management Workshops. No one will attend.

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- c) Pearlman iddon Associates – seminar – Managing in a Unionized Environment
Thunder Bay – May 16, 2008. No one will attend.

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- d) Cutting of Weeds on the sides of the Township roads was discussed. Council would like a request for quotes to go out in the June cornerstone with quotes to be in June 9, 2008 at 4 p.m.
- e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Municipal Boundaries. The Township of O'Connor currently does not have GIS mapping for our township. Council would like the Ministry to come out to the township to confirming their mapping coordinates.
- f) Stewardship Ontario – a letter regarding Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Shared Responsibility Agreement and a Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Program Plan Addendum was discussed. A memo from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding this information and her conversation with Brian Friesen, P. Eng. of Stewardship Ontario was read. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the surrounding municipalities to see if they are interested in participating in this program. The Township will not sign an individual agreement.

Issues brought forward or letters received after the agenda was mailed.

- a) Jeremiah Gammond – regarding proposed new building design drawings. Council would like to have this item added to the draft 2008 budget.
- b) Centre of Sustainable Community Development – New funding opportunity for Green Building was discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer will continue to research the funding and look into any possible projects that could be considered with this funding.
- c) Ontario Forestry Coalition, Iain Angus – emergency package regarding Endangered Species Act. It was

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

WHEREAS THE ONTARIO'S CROWN FOREST SUSTAINABILITY ACT (CFSA):

- **HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE 1994 AND REQUIRES "THAT FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS (FMPS) IDENTIFY THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES AS "FEATURED SPECIES" AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR PROTECTION WITHIN THE AREA COVERED BY THE PLAN,"**
- **IS BUILT ON A MODEL OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT,**
- **FOREST MANAGEMENT GUIDES/GUIDELINES MUST BE REVIEWED AT A MINIMUM OF EVERY 5-YEARS TO ENSURE THEY INCORPORATE AND REFLECT NEW SCIENCE, AND**

WHEREAS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CFSA HAS RESULTED IN A PROVEN, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MEANS OF PROVIDING FOR SPECIES AT RISK, AND

WHEREAS ONTARIO'S FORESTRY PRACTICES THAT ARE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS WORLD CLASS.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR

A) CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO ENSURE THAT THE "ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA) WILL NOT REPLACE THE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS, BUT RATHER COMPLEMENTS THIS PROCESS AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO INTEGRATE SPECIES AND HABITAT PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS", AND

B) CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO LIVE UP TO THE COMMITMENT MADE BY THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN MAY, 2007 WHEN HE STATED "SPECIFIC RECOGNITION OF THE CROWN FOREST SUSTAINABILITY ACT (CFSA) AND FOREST

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MANAGEMENT PLANS AS EQUIVALENT PROCESSES WHICH PLAN FOR SPECIES AT RISK (AND) CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH BILL 184 (THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT). SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 54 (NOW SECTION 55) ALLOWS REGULATIONS TO BE MADE WHICH CAN PROVIDE FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES THAT ADDRESS PROTECTION OF SPECIES AT RISK AND THEIR HABITAT”

C) AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE IMMEDIATELY FAXED TO THE FOLLOWING: PREMIER OF ONTARIO, MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MINISTER OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES, THE ONTARIO CABINET, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, LEADER OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AREA MPPS, NOMA, NOACC.

Carried

d) Jose Baltazar regarding a Green System for solid garbage. The Council are not interested in this service at this time.

For information purposes a building permit was approved for 129 Highway 590 for an accessory building.

8. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE BUDGET MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:17 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer