

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING
NOTES – August 5, 2008

Notes of the O'Connor Day Planning meeting held on August 5, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Racicot, Nygard, Garbutt
Clerk-Treasurer Buob, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot
Visitors: Deputy Fire Chief Vern Groop

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The notes of the July 7, 2008 O'Connor Day planning meeting were reviewed.

An update was given from those present. Councillor Racicot and Nygard have picked up the molded tables discussed at the last meeting from Pays Plat. They were able to get them for \$25.00 each.

Fire Chief Mattas was unable to attend but he did report that everything on the Fire Department side is ready to go. Also Mr. Biloski was unable to attend but he did report that he does have his carnival ready to go.

The request for pies for O'Connor Day was missed in the August cornerstone and it was decided not to have pies this year. At this point the band the Wannabees is unavailable for the 23rd and no other music has been booked. Councillor Racicot still has to contact Hydro One with regard to donating a bike. He also has to contact Tim Horton's for the donation of coffee and SilverCity for popcorn.

It was decided that the organizers will not be wearing fluorescent t-shirts this year as no one has looked into getting them and time is running out.

Councillor Vezina will be contacted to see if he was able to find awnings for the rink shack, as well a counter top.

Councillor Racicot will volunteer to run the paintball area and he will pickup the supplies needed. He requested that if anyone has any large containers to save them to be used for targets.

Councillor Garbutt does have a freezer available for use during O'Connor Day. Mr. Kiessig will again be able to donate ice. The amount of ice required was discussed. Fifteen large bags will be requested.

It was suggested that we have a hula-hoop competition. It was agreed that the competition be held at 7:30 p.m. after the carnival has closed. The hoops can be set out for the day to allow people to practice. Prize money will be given out for 3 categories, 1 to 7, 8 – 13, 14 to adults. 1st place will receive \$7.50, 2nd place - \$5.00, 3rd place \$2.50. It will be a timed event to see who can last the longest. It was suggested doing heats, and then finals.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a PA system has not yet be booked but is being looked into it. The liquor permit has been approved. The Norwest Community Health Centre will not be having a display setup. The Ministry of Natural Resources, Bear Wise, will. The Ontario Provincial Police will be getting back to us. A price check was done for Porta-potties and they have been ordered from Potters. The BBQ can be picked up in Port Arthur on Friday night or Saturday morning. We can use the owners trailer and he will pick it up on Sunday. Councillor Racicot agreed to pick it up. The Thunder Bay Boys and Girls club skateboard park was looked into. There is a cost for the promoter and they do require an asphalt surface. We are still waiting to here if they are available or not. Mr. Watson is willing to allow us to use his barrels this year for garbage but he does not want to do the garbage pickup. Someone else will be assigned that job. Ross is also not going to be here this year so someone will also have to be assigned to check the port-a potties regularly. There are two nail driving stands left from last year that can be used. Nails will have to be purchased. It was

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agreed to use 4" for adults and 3" for children. The bucksaw blades will need to be sharpened and Kelly will check the logs to see if we need more. Councillor Racicot will also check for some.

For the horseshoe tournament Councillor Nygard and Clerk-Treasurer Buob will bring a set of horseshoes. The Township did purchase two sets last year and Councillor Vezina will be asked if he has a spare set. Councillor Vezina will organize the tournament.

Joe McDonald has agreed to again run the cribbage tournament. He has been made of aware of the new start time.

It was suggested that because no music has been booked at this time, to fill the time between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. before the fireworks, that a movie play inside the hall for everyone who would like to watch. It was agreed to use an infocus machine to project the movie onto the wall. It was agreed to show "The Bee Movie". Tables and chairs will be setup after the cribbage tournament is over.

The cost of the food was reviewed. It was decided that there will be an increase in prices this year. Hamburgers and Sausages will be \$2.00, up from \$1.50 and Hot dogs, pogos, corn, french fries and onion rings will be \$1.50, up from \$1.00. Councillor Nygard and Mayor Nelson will bring a burner for the cooking the corn and for sausages. It was suggested that umbrellas be purchases to install in each of the new tables. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot will look into this. It was agreed to pre-cook the fries Saturday morning rather than Friday night. A 4 x 8 sheet of OBS will be purchased to sit the deep fryers on to keep them level.

A food coupon to be given out to the volunteers was discussed. It was decided that if a volunteer works for two hours or more they will receive one free food item. Water will be available in the BBQ area for the volunteers while they are working. The Community Club will give their volunteers a free glow product.

The 2008 schedule of events was reviewed. The new events will be added and the schedule will be hung up around the grounds for the day.

Volunteers were discussed. A schedule will still have to be done up for the day.

Setup times were discussed. Friday night will start at 6 p.m. and Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

Correspondence received from Canadian Heritage regarding funding for recurring festival and commemorative activities was discussed. The Township cannot apply for funding but a non-profit organizations can. The Community Club and the Women's Institute could apply. The festival has to be at least two days long and up to twenty-eight days. It was suggested that we extend O'Connor Day to include a breakfast Sunday morning to qualify for the funding. The deadline for applications for 2009 funding is September 1st. Councillor Nygard will look into this further as a Community Club member.

Photos of each of the Council members present were taken for the guess the weight contest.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer