

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – APRIL 23, 2018

Minutes of the meeting held on April 23, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Vezina
Councillors: Foekens, Loan
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas, Deputy Fire Chief Monica Budiselic
Fire Department members – Paul Phillips, Greg Biloski
Rod Allan, Wendy Handy

Absent: Councillor Racicot

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Foekens declared an interest in item 7 a) ii) as he is the owner of the business being paid.

1. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 AND THE BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Visitors were asked if they wished to address Council and they replied no.

Fire Chief Mattas and Deputy Fire Chief Budiselic were welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report was read. There was 1 fire related call, 1 first response call, and 1 fire/co alarm call since the last report. Fire Chief Mattas noted that the fire call was a vehicle electrical fire. No one from O'Connor attended immediately so Mutual Aid was called. Oliver Paipoonge members responded and one member of the Fire team did respond later with the van. The driver was able to get the fire out on his own.

Fire Chief Mattas reported that the team has the grass fire equipment ready for the fire season.

The minutes of the March 13, 2018 Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary meeting were read. No questions arose from the minutes.

Fire and First Response team recruitment was discussed. Mayor Vezina and Councillor Loan attended the April Auxiliary meeting to discuss with the members, what Council could do to help with the recruitment of new volunteers. A list of ideas for recruiting members from the Department members, following the meeting, was provided and reviewed by Council. Deputy Fire Chief Budiselic also provided some draft posters to encourage recruitment for Council's review to be used in the cornerstone, on the website or hung up around the area. The department will get some actual photos of the members during their training sessions and use them in future correspondence. It needs to be stressed that a department needs a lot of members to attack a fire and there currently is a shortage, as not everyone is available at all times. It was suggested that a recruitment package be put together so that it is readily available for anyone to hand out. The Clerk-Treasurer noted that when new residents move into the Township they do receive a welcome package of information and this information could also be included. It was noted that the home owners insurance rates are discounted if you are within a five mile radius of the fire hall. We need to ensure that the Fire Department remains active. Council offered financial support to the Department, however it was noted that without the volunteers coming forward the money will not help. It was noted that the current volunteers would like to see more hands on training and not all theory when they come out to the meetings. Theory work could be read at home and then tested when they attend the meeting, leaving more time for actual hands on training. This will be considered for future training sessions.

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A letter was read from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services with regard to the 2018 Municipal/MFPP Fire Protection Profile Packages. The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) collects on an annual basis essential municipal and fire department data to assist in the fulfillment of its fire protection mandate. This report must be completed and returned by June 30, 2018.

Council thanked the members of the Fire Department for attending and Fire Chief Mattas, Deputy Fire Chief Budiselic and Mr. Biloski left the meeting.

Bills to be paid were passed around the table and it was

2. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR APRIL 2018 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE APRIL 2018 ADMINISTRATION AND ROAD VOUCHER.

CK#14933	WORKPLACE SAFETY & INSURANCE BOARD	\$ 461.37
CK#14934	LORNA BUOB	\$ 100.00
CK#14935	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES CENTRE	\$ 24.50
CK#14936	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES	\$ 537.20
CK#14937	TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR	\$ 37.40
CK#14939	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	\$ 559.35
CK#14940	ITEC2000 EQUIPMENT & HYDRAULICS	\$ 167.78
CK#14941	BROKERLINK, THUNDER BAY	\$ 540.00
		<u>\$2,427.60</u>

Carried

3. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILL FOR APRIL 2018 BE PAID. THIS BILL WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE APRIL 2018 ADMINISTRATION AND ROAD VOUCHER.

CK#14938	KEVIN'S TIRE SERVICE	\$6,605.07
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Carried

The draft By-law for the adoption of the Draft Official Plan and information in this regard was reviewed as follows:

- i) Written comments from Mr. R. J. Allan.
- ii) A summary of emails from Mr. Posen, Fotenn and Ms. Cook, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, in regard to the proposed changes from the Special meeting held on April 9, 2018.

Council did ask Mr. Allan to clarify his concerns with regard to the road allowances. Mr. Allan noted that the ditches should be in a straight line and to one side. The center of the road is not in the center of the road allowance. If a survey is already registered it should be recognized. Mr. Allan also noted that he had requested any further notifications related to this initiative on the sign in sheet at the Special meeting held on April 9, 2018 and he has not received anything to date. The Clerk-Treasurer provided Mr. Allan with a copy of the April 2018 revised draft of the Official Plan which just became available on Friday, April 20th. Information with regard to the Clerk-Treasurer and Mr. Posen's exchange of information following the Special meeting held on April 9th will be forwarded to Mr. Allan.

- iii) The revised draft of the Official Plan was reviewed and Council were satisfied that all the changes as a result of the Special meeting were addressed.
- iv) The By-law to adopt the Official Plan was read and it was

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4. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2018-09 BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT AN OFFICIAL PLAN AND REPEAL BY-LAW NUMBER 2001-03 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge with regard to the City of Thunder Bay proposing to implement restrictions of truck traffic on Arthur Street and Dawson Road and diverting traffic to Highway 11/17 and it was

5. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by B. J. Loan

WHEREAS HISTORICALLY AND CURRENTLY ARTHUR STREET AND DAWSON ROAD HAVE SERVED AND CONTINUE TO SERVE AS ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS IN OUR AREA;

AND WHEREAS DIVERTING TRUCK TRAFFIC OFF DAWSON ROAD ONTO HWY 11/17 WILL INCREASE TRUCK TRAFFIC TRAVELLING THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF KAKABEKA;

AND WHEREAS DUE TO ROAD ELEVATIONS AND CURVES HWY 11/17 IN THE VILLAGE OF KAKABEKA CANNOT HAVE TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY;

AND WHEREAS HWY 11/17 IN THE VILLAGE OF KAKABEKA HAS NO TURNING LANES TO FACILITATE ROAD SAFETY;

AND WHEREAS LOCAL MOTORISTS, CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS ALREADY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ENTER AND/OR CROSS HWY 11/17 IN THE VILLAGE OF KAKABEKA DUE TO TRAFFIC VOLUMES;

AND WHEREAS THERE IS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON HWY 11/17 IN THE VILLAGE OF KAKABEKA WITH SCHOOL BUSES ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL PROPERTY SEVERAL TIMES DAILY;

AND WHEREAS DIVERTING TRUCK TRAFFIC OFF ARTHUR STREET AND ONTO HWY 11/17 WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE THAT CATER TO TRUCK TRAFFIC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR OPPOSES ANY CITY OF THUNDER BAY BY-LAW INTENDED TO RESTRICT TRUCK TRAFFIC ON ARTHUR STREET AND DAWSON ROAD AND DIVERT IT ONTO HWY 11/17.

Carried

- b) Ernie Hardeman, M.P.P. – regarding a Private Members Bill – Municipalities calling on the Province for “Right to Approve” Landfill Developments was filed.
c) Regional Municipality of Halton – Seeking Support on the Court Application Involving the CN Truck-Rail Development in the Town of Milton was filed.
d) Township of Baldwin – regarding Bill C-71 was filed

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML) – Minutes of the Board meeting held Saturday, April 14, 2018 were read. Councillor Loan also provided an update with regard to the meeting and the presentation made by Hydro-One on the topic of Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project. He also noted that the TBDML Annual meeting will be held on December 7th and 8th, 2018 in Thunder Bay. He also noted that the board was given a tour of the Greenwich windfarm in Dorion after the meeting.

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- b) Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) – Minutes of the meeting held on March 15, 2018 were read. No questions arose from the minutes.
- c) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – Councillor McMaster reports i) regarding the Tuberculosis Outbreak Update.
ii) regarding Recreational Cannabis Legalization Review and 2017 Financial Statements.
- d) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – regarding Update of Inclusionary Zoning. This information will be forwarded to Mr. Posen, Fotenn, who is working on the updates for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.
- e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) AMO Policy Update – Three Presumptive Cancers for Firefighters Announced.
- f) Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change – regarding Resource Recovery Regulations and Program Updates.
- g) Office of the Minister of Finance – reply letter to Council's endorsed resolution with regard to cannabis legalization and taxation.
- h) Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario – reply email to Council's endorsed resolution with regard to child care fee subsidies.
- i) Toronto Committee Report – Planning and Growth Management Committee – regarding Inclusionary Zoning.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The appointment of the vacant Councillor seat. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that she has spoken with Ms. Wendy Handy and she is willing to accept the seat on Council for the balance of this term and it was

- 6. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT WENDY HANDY BE APPOINTED TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT OF COUNCILLOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2015-2018 TERM OF OFFICE EFFECTIVE MAY 14, 2018.

Carried

- b) Superior North EMS, letter from the Chief, providing financial information to the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) members. This information will be provided on a regular basis as per the LRMC's request.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) A Candidate Information Session to be held on June 12, 2018 at the Kakabeka Legion, hosted by the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. This event is for anyone interested in running in the upcoming municipal election. This information will be promoted in the Township's newsletter, on the website and on the bulletin boards.
- b) Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) April 19, 2018 meeting update. Councillor Loan attended this meeting on behalf of Mayor Vezina. The Provincial Progressive Conservative Party candidates were in attendance. They were invited for a quick meet and greet session. The members were provided with information to the LRMC's concerns and a copy of the groups Compendium of concerns will be forwarded to them after the final draft is approved. Mayor Landry, Municipality of Shuniah and President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) ask the candidates if they were aware if their Leader would be attending the upcoming NOMA Conference, as he is the only Leader who has not responded. They noted that his schedule is very busy and they were not sure if he would attend.

The methodology for selecting Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) Representatives for Area One was discussed at the meeting. Each member suggested how they would like to see the appointments made. Four municipalities were in favour of an election process and two, including O'Connor, were in favour of a rotating appointment. As full Council was not in attendance at this meeting, it was agreed to bring this item back to the next meeting to discuss further as a consensus must be met. If Council is not in favour the election process as suggested by the majority of the LRMC members, Council was asked to bring back an alternate solution that could be further discussed with the LRMC members.

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Issues brought forward or letters received after the agenda was mailed

- a) Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority regarding Authority takes steps to support implementation of the tires regulation.

For information purposes a Building permit was approved for 466 Sitch Road for a new home.

7. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

TIME BEING: 8:50 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer