

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – APRIL 24, 2017

Minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas, Deputy Fire Chief Monica Budiselic,
Fire Department members - Greg Biloski, Stefan Derech,
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linda Racicot

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none.

1. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING HELD ON APRIL 10, 2017 AND THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mayor Vezina asked the visitors 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 one First Response call since the last meeting. Fire Chief Mattas noted that there are no issues with regard to the Fire Department at this time. They have been working on the budget for the budget meeting held earlier this evening.

It was suggested that perhaps an inquiry could be done, with an electrician, into whether or not the fire hall and garage could be combined on one hydro meter to see if there could be financial savings. This will be looked into further.

The Minutes of the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary from the March 15, 2017 meeting were read.

Council thanked the Fire Department members for attending and they left the meeting.

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

2. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR APRIL 2017 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE APRIL 2017 ADMINISTRATION AND ROAD VOUCHER.

CK#14234	TBAYTEL (TELEPHONE)	\$ 427.30
CK#14235	HYDRO ONE (STREET LIGHTING)	\$ 58.84
CK#14236	UNITED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY INC.	\$ 339.00
CK#14237	LOWERY'S (BOTTLED WATER)	\$ 58.78
CK#14238	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES (FUEL)	\$ 672.02
CK#14239	A & L AUTO SERVICE (TRUCK REPAIRS)	\$ 74.92
CK#14240	NEEBING LUMBER (SIGNS)	\$ 299.57
CK#14241	LINDA RACICOT (MILEAGE & HOTEL)	\$ 862.34
CK#14242	HYDRO ONE	\$ 845.02
CK#14243	BEHAVIOUR SCIENCES CENTRE	\$ 24.50
CK#14244	MINISTER OF FINANCE (CACC)	\$ 530.00
CK#14245	FOTENN CONSULTANTS	\$ 854.28
CK#14246	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL (RECYCLING)	\$ 372.90
		<u>\$5,419.47</u>

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The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to March 31, 2017 was reviewed.

Resolutions for endorsement were reviewed as follows:

- a) City of Kawartha Lakes regarding Support for Certified Crop Advisors was filed.
 - b) Municipality of Dutton Dunwich requesting support for a Private Member's bill of Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for Niagara-West Glanbrook proposing the halt of all wind power approvals in unwilling host communities was filed.
 - c) Town of LaSalle requesting funding for the Great Lakes and it was
3. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LASALLE REQUESTING THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA, THE ONTARIO MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE MAYORS OF GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE TO LOBBY THE U.S. STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO OVERTURN THE DECISION BY THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE SPENDING ON THE HEALTH OF THE GREAT LAKES BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- d) Township of Adjala – Tosorontio regarding Canada's 150th Birthday and requesting that the federal and provincial governments wave the taxes payable on purchases of Canadian flags was filed.

DSSAS issues were discussed as follows:

- a) The Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) requesting Council pass a resolution, in the anticipation of the creation of two additional seats on the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board (TBDSSAB) for Area One. The Coalition has requested that the two seats be filled by Mayor Holland of the Township of Conmee and Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge. The rationale for these appointments is that the Board membership term for this term is already more than half completed. As the immediately "past" and second to-immediately "past" Area One members, they are already versed and familiar with the issues being considered. It was

4. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by K. Foekens

WHEREAS THE PROVINCE HAS AGREED WITH A PROPOSAL APPROVED BY THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD, AND BY ITS MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES (VIA DOUBLE MAJORITY CONSENT) TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD WITH AN ADDITIONAL TWO SEATS AT THE BOARD TABLE;

AND WHEREAS THE ADDITIONAL SEATS ARE TO BE HELD BY REPRESENTATIVES OF "AREA ONE" OF THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD;

AND WHEREAS THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR, TOGETHER WITH THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SHUNIAH, NEEBING AND OLIVER PAIPOONGE, AND THE CORPORATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF GILLIES AND CONMEE, COMPRISE THE "AREA ONE" MUNICIPALITIES OF THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, IN THE EVENT THAT THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD IS EXPANDED BY AN ADDITIONAL TWO SEATS FOR AREA ONE WITHIN THIS TERM OF COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR CONCURS WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR KEVIN HOLLAND (OF CONMEE) AND MAYOR LUCY KLOOSTERHUIS (OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE) TO FILL THOSE TWO SEATS.

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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RESOLUTION #9 PASSED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF THOSE TWO SEATS BE REPEALED.

Carried

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) – Minutes i) March 16, 2017 meeting.
ii) April 6, 2017 meeting.
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) i) Policy Update – Province Announces Fair Housing Plan for Ontario.
ii) Policy Update – Federal Cannabis Legislation Tabled.
iii) Policy Update – Waste Diversion – The Blue Box Today and Tomorrow.
iv) Watch File – April 13, 2017.
v) Watch File – April 20, 2017.
- c) Northern Policy Institute – NPI Commissions a “Northern Newcomer Strategy”.
- d) Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge – regarding their Official Plan Open House and Public Meeting. A full copy of the draft Official Plan was also available for review at meeting.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Infrastructure – regarding the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF). The Township’s application has been nominated by the Province to the Federal Government and is currently under Federal review.
- b) FireSmart Canada – Third National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day – May 6, 2017 – \$500 cash and a kit has been awarded for the Township’s event.
- c) Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat regarding Ontario Volunteer Service Awards presentation information. The ceremony will be held on May 23, 2017 in Thunder Bay. Due to the conflict of dates for this ceremony and the Council meeting it was

- 5. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017 BE CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

Carried

- d) Council discussed the Special meeting held on April 18, 2017 in the Municipality of Neebing, with regard to the formation of a Joint Police Services Board. At the meeting a presentation was made by the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services with regard to the process, the appointments, and the requirements of the Board. The Municipality of Neebing and the Townships of Conmee and O’Connor agreed, at this meeting, to form the Lakehead Police Services Board. The Township of Gillies did not make a decision and will be discussing it further at their next regular Council meeting. In order for the joint board to be formed the municipalities must be adjoining by roadway and if the Township of Gillies decides to not move forward the Townships of O’Connor and Conmee would not be able to form a joint board with the Municipality of Neebing. Council will have to await the decision of the Township of Gillies.

Council agreed to move item 14e), the continuation of the review of comments from the Ministries and Fotenn for the Township of O’Connor’s draft Official Plan to the last item on the agenda.

Under further old business, Councillor Racicot reported to Council on the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) meeting held on April 20, 2017.

Councillor Loan also requested that Council discuss the Township’s Health and Safety Policy and the safety of our employees, our residents and our tenants. He would like to ensure that if anything were to happen to anyone that it is dealt with in a timely matter and that an incident report is made out immediately. It was noted that administration is currently working on drafting an updated policy and incidents are recorded as required.

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Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot regarding the Waste Free Ontario Act and upcoming changes to the recycling funding. Ms. Racicot recently attended a Continuous Improvement Fund Outreach Session and has included the information for the changes in this report. The report included the Township of O'Connor's current revenue received and expenses for recycling within the Township and the timeline of the Ministries path towards achieving a waste-free Ontario by 2020. There is concern that the small municipalities like the Township of O'Connor will be overlooked by the producers as the larger urban areas will allow the producers to meet their quota for recycling as set out by the Ministry. It has recommended that the small Northwestern Ontario communities get involved in the process so that our needs are not overlooked by the producers. Ms. Racicot, as the Thunder Bay District Administration Representative for NOMA will bring this item to the board at their upcoming meeting as well.
- b) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – i) request for donation for conference. It was

6. Moved by B. J. Loan

Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR DONATE ONE HISTORY BOOK TO THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON APRIL 26TH TO THE 28TH, 2017.

Carried

The final agenda for the NOMA Conference was reviewed.

- c) Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs – A letter was read with regarding Senior's Month in Ontario. June is Seniors month and information will be included in the June issue of the Cornerstone.
- d) Forests Ontario regarding marking Ontario 150 and Canada's sesquicentennial. Council were not in support of this program.

Under Further New Business, Councillor Foekens asked if information had come into the office with regard to a combined application for funding for fencing of the Community Pastures. Ms. Racicot noted that she had a conversation with Mrs. Bockus in this regard but nothing formal has been brought in.

The Rural Cupboard Food Bank was discussed and it was suggested that a donation be included in the upcoming 2017 budget for the food bank. It was also suggested that the Township office be a food bank donation depot. This will be looked into further.

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

- a) AMO Communications regarding All Eyes on Queen's Park for the Week's 2017 Provincial Budget. The Budget will be delivered on Thursday, April 27th.
- b) Ken Parry, Councillor, Fort Frances – request for support for the NOMA Vice-President position was read.

For information purposes no building permits have been issued since the last meeting.

Item 14e) the continuation of the review of the Township of O'Connor's draft Official Plan comments was brought back as the last item on the agenda. The Technical or Recommended comments were read and discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer will forward all of Council comments and concerns to Fotenn so that they may prepare a response for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

It was

7. Moved by K. Foekens

Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. TIME BEING: 9:20 P.M.

Carried