

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JULY 10, 2017

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Vezina
Councillors: Alkins, Foekens, Loan, Racicot
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot
Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand
Paul Phillips, Fire Department Member

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 COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Phillips were asked if they wished to address Council on any matter and both replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. A Road Department update and roadwork in general was discussed. The road project to change out approximately 60 culverts in the Township is underway. Truck number nine (9) is currently having injector problems and is in for repairs. A third load of calcium chloride still needs to be applied to various roads.

A copy of a letter sent to the Township of Gillies regarding the closure of Main Street Road was reviewed.

The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), Top-Up Application, was discussed. Council discussed with Mr. Johnson the possible projects that we could use the funding for. The program offers up to ninety (90) percent of eligible costs for roads, bridges, water and wastewater. The Township is eligible to apply for up to 1.9 million dollars. Mr. Johnson will look further into what projects he would like to see done and an application will be made to the OCIF.

Mr. Johnson was asked to stay until the quotes for the Structural Inspections were opened.

The Administration and Roads Voucher was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by B.J. Loan
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JUNE 2017 TOTTALLING \$122,037.52 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as of June 30, 2017 were reviewed.

A request for quote for the cutting of grass/weeds on the sides of the Township roadways was opened. Only one quote had been received and it was

3. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE QUOTE OF A & L AUTO SERVICE TO CUT THE WEEDS ON THE SIDES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ROADS AT A COST OF \$3,750.00 + HST BE ACCEPTED.
WORK TO BE DONE BY AUGUST 18, 2017.**

Carried

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Requests for quotes for the Structural Inspection of two concrete box culverts, two large galvanized steel culverts and one corrugated steel arch culvert were opened. Three quotes were received and it was

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

THAT THE QUOTE OF AMBASHI ENGINEERING TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE STRUCTURAL INSPECTION OF TWO CONCRETE BOX CULVERTS, TWO LARGE GALVANIZED STEEL CULVERTS AND ONE CORRUGATED STEEL ARCH CULVERT ALL WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AT A COST OF \$2,875.00 + HST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will contact the bidders to inform them of the results. Mr. Johnson left the meeting.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending the meeting and left the room.

The draft of the Request for Quote for the development of a Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan was presented to Council. Council were satisfied with the document and it will be sent out as presented.

A Resolution for Endorsement from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calling on the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Health to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards was read and filed.

A letter from the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) regarding the 2016 Operating Costs by Municipality was read. The letter will be brought to the next meeting of the Lakehead Rural Coalition Committee for discussion.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watchfile – June 29, 2017.
ii) Watchfile – July 6, 2017.
iii) AMO Communications – AMO Policy Update regarding Investing In Canada Infrastructure Plan - Phase 2 Negotiations.
- b) Stewardship Ontario regarding the Industry Funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the first quarter of the 2017 Program Year. The Township's first installment for 2017 is \$824.66.
- c) Climate Change and Environmental Policy Division regarding the proposed regulation to prescribe provisions of the Corporations Act to wind up Industry Funding Organizations (IFO) under the Waste Diversion Transition Act (WDTA).
- d) Thunder Bay Ventures seeking support with the Business Confidence Index, a revision of the Small Business Survey that will better reflect recent changes in the business environment while continue to maintain the continuity of information that has been achieved over the years of data collection. Council agreed to support the initiative and forward the Township's business logo and create a link on the Township's website.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed:

- a) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry e-mail requesting comment to the Environmental Registry with regard to ER#013-0561 which amends the Conservation Authorities Act which is proposed in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017. No comment will be submitted.

Under further old business Councillor Loan inquired as to what step have been made to address the concerns of Mr. Richard regarding heating costs. Mr. Bodnar had e-mailed the Wynne government and the only response he had received was that they had received the e-mail. Mayor Vezina will follow up when the opportunity arises.

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Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Northern Development and Mines regarding the Northern Communities investment Readiness (NICR) initiative. No application will be made.
- b) Mr. Posavljak, P.Eng., University of Waterloo regarding infrastructure assess management research he is currently involved with. Mr. Posavljak is offering to help small municipalities in their asset management efforts. Council instructed the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to inquire further into it and see what is being offered.

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

- a) Lakehead Light Horse Association Inc. requesting sponsorship for 2017. Councillor Alkins brought forward this issue to ask Council if they would consider sponsoring the Association. There are a number of local youth that benefit from the programs that are offered through the Association. Council did not want to set a precedent with regard to spending tax payer money on sponsorships, however, it was suggested that the O'Connor Community Club be contacted to see if they would like to participate in the sponsorship program. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will bring this up with the Club.
- b) City of Thunder Bay regarding the 2016 Provincial Offences Act (POA) reconciliation for 2016 and the 2017 Partial Payment. The Township has received an amount of \$3,738.00 for 2016 and \$2,751.00, representing 75% for 2017 for a total of \$6,489.00.
- c) E-mail from Mr. Kevin Powers, Director, Public Affairs, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Nuclear regarding a letter addressed to Ontario Municipal Councils requesting support and endorsement for OPG's proposal to develop a Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste in Kincardine. Council will not be taking action on this item at this time.
- d) E-mail regarding the Places to Grow Implementation Fund. The application deadline for this funding is August 10, 2017. A webinar is being held on July 19, 2017 to provide an overview of the fund and to answer questions. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will participate in the webinar to see if we would be able to qualify for any projects.

For information purposes one building permit was approved for basement renovations at 72 Blaikie Road.

- 11. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by B.J. Loan

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M .

TIME BEING: 8:00 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer