

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JULY 11, 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on July 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Mr. Rod Allan, Fire Chief Henry Mattas, Leadhand Kelly Johnson,
Clerk-Treasurer Lorna Buob, Mr. Jim Morancy, Taranis Contracting
Group, Mr. Bruce Macsemchuk, Firesteel Contractors Ltd.

Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 16 e) and 19 b) as his spouse is an employee of the Township

1. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 4, 2016 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mr. Allan, Mr. Macsemchuk, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Buob were asked if they wished to address Council on any personal matters and all replied no.

Mr. Bruce Macsemchuk of Firesteel Contractors and Mr. Jim Morancy of Taranis Contracting Group were welcomed to the table. Introductions were made. Representatives from both companies were invited to tonight's meeting in order to inform them of the upcoming Highway 590 closure that would be happening later this summer. Mayor Vezina explained that the Ministry of Transportation has approached the Township with regard to using the Township roadways as a detour during the closure. Mayor Vezina also expressed Council's concern with regard to safety issues that would arise with the use of the roadways by commercial trucks and the increase in recreational vehicles. He also commented that if their trucks were to use the Township roadways that speed considerations would need to be made as the roadway is narrow in places and there is a concern with the corner at the Marks/O'Connor Townline. They were also asked how speed issues will be monitored as it would be unsafe to operate their trucks at the current speed limits. It was commented by Mr. Macsemchuk that it would be by self-monitoring and that they would be willing to address reports of speeding with their drivers should complaints arise.

Mr. Macsemchuk commented that if the Ministry will be using the Township roadways as a detour then they should be willing to add gravel to the roads in order to accommodate the heavy truck traffic that will result. Mr. Morancy also asked why they were not going to stage the culvert replacement project on Highway 590 and have one lane open to traffic. Mayor Vezina explained to them that the culvert replacement type being considered would not allow for staging. Both Mr. Macsemchuk and Mr. Morancy were both willing to draft a letter to the Ministry voicing their concerns regarding safety and the financial impact that they would incur if they were to use an alternate detour.

Mr. Macsemchuk and Mr. Morancy were thanked for attending tonight and both left the meeting.

Mr. Kelly Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. The Monthly Road Report from June 13 to July 8, 2016 was reviewed. Roadwork in general was discussed. Council inquired as to how the roadways were doing with all the frost heaves that resulted this year. The roads are coming along slowly, however the recent rainfall is not helping with the frost heaves. Council also asked about roadway repairs resulting from the flooding on June 25, 2016. Mr. Johnson informed Council that they are still in the process of repairing the flood damaged areas. He also informed them that Mr. Don Petryna, Ministry of Transportation, Ms. Susan Fraser and Ms. Karen Bradica, Ministry

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of Municipal Affairs and Housing have been out to look at pictures and the areas affected by the flood.

Mr. Johnson also informed Council that other road projects are on the go and culverts have been ordered and that Mr. Tom Smart will be at the disposal site on July 12, 2016 to dig a new hole.

The letter that was drafted and sent to the Mr. Beau Little, Project Manager, Ministry of Transportation was discussed. The letter was sent to Mr. Little on Friday, July 8, 2016. Council had requested that a letter be sent to MTO addressing their concerns with regard to the proposed detour onto the Township’s roads resulting from the Highway 590 closure. Mr. Johnson also commented that Mr. Terry Byers should also be made aware of the highway closure.

The Township of Gilles had extended an invitation to Council to attend their regular Council meeting to be held on July 11, 2016. The meeting was to discuss the current closure of the portion of Main Street and the various possibilities for the future, including rehabilitation or permanent closure. Mr. Johnson had been asked to attend the Township of Gillies Special Council meeting that was held on June 27, 2016, however he was unable to attend due to the flood damage repairs. He did submit his concerns with regard to the closure of the road. As their regular meeting to discuss the road closure was at the same time as our regular Council meeting, Mr. Johnson was unable to attend that one as well. Mr. Johnson did state to Council that he has had an opportunity to speak with Reeve Rick Keri about the issue, however we will have to wait and see what the Township of Gillies will decide to do as they will have to do work on the roadway in order to make it safe.

A date for negotiations with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 87 was discussed. The current union agreement expires on July 31, 2016 and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET TO MEET WITH THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 87 TO NEGOTIATE A NEW UNION AGREEMENT, AUGUST 22, 2016 AT 7 P.M. THE MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE O’CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Carried.

Mr. Johnson was thank for attending the meeting and left the table.

The Voucher for June 2016 was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JUNE 2016 TOTTALLING \$152,716.05 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

- 4. Moved by B.J. Loan
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR JULY 2016 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE JULY 2016 ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER.

CK#13708	TBAYTEL	\$ 429.57
CK#13709	HYDRO ONE	\$ 64.84
CK#13710	THUNDER BAY DSSAB	\$ 29,285.00
CK#13711	TARANIS CONTRACTING GROUP	\$ 17,008.37
CK#13712	BAY CITY CONTRACTORS	\$ 3,118.80
CK#13713	DAVE BUOB TRUCKING	\$ 915.30
		<u>\$ 50,821.88</u>

Carried.

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The Revenue and Expenditures to June 30, 2016 were presented to Council.

Quotes for the Cutting of Weeds/Grass on the sides of the roads where opened. Only one quote was received and it was

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

THAT THE QUOTE OF A & L AUTO SERVICES TO CUT THE WEEDS ON THE SIDES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ROADS AT A COST OF \$3,500.00 + HST BE ACCEPTED. WORK TO BE DONE BY AUGUST 12, 2016

Carried.

Quotes for the Culvert Replacement at Tin Pail Creek on Smith Road were opened. Three quotes were received and it was

6. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE QUOTE OF KAK CONTRACTING BE ACCEPTED FOR THE CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON SMITH ROAD AT TIN PAIL CREEK AT A COST OF \$8,500.00 PLUS HST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried.

Quotes for the complete structural inspection of three bridges within the Township of O'Connor were opened. Five quotes were received and it was

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

THAT THE QUOTE OF WSP CANANDA INC. TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE STRUCTURAL INSPECTION OF THREE BRIDGES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AT A COST OF \$2,175.00 BE ACCEPTED.

Carried.

Sealed bids for the Township of O'Connor equipment that was declared surplus at the Council meeting held on June 27, 2016 were opened and it was

8. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by B.J. Loan

COUNCIL HEREBY AGREES TO THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS 1991 FORD CREW CAB TRUCK V.I.N. 2FTJW36H8MCA45638 TO MR. JAMIE BILLARD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$877.50, AS IS, WHERE IS, ALL EXPENSE FROM THIS TRANSFER TO BE PAID FOR BY MR. JAMIE BILLARD.

Carried.

9. Moved by K. Foeken
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

COUNCIL HEREBY AGREE TO THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS 200 GAL WATER TANK AND HOSE TO MR. JAMIE BILLARD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$81.50, AS IS, WHERE IS.

Carried.

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

COUNCIL HEREBY AGREES TO THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS PORTER CABLE ELECTRIC AIR COMPRESSOR TO MR. JAMIE BILLARD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$37.55, AS IS, WHERE IS.

Carried.

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11. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

COUNCIL HEREBY AGREES TO THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS 18 HP VANGUARD PUMP TO MR. JAMIE BILLARD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$167.75, AS IS, WHERE IS.

Carried.

12. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

COUNCIL HEREBY AGREES TO THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS 5000W COLEMAN POWERMATE GENERATOR TO MR. GREG BILOSKI FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00, AS IS, WHERE IS.

Carried.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand and Lorna Buob, Clerk-Treasurer and Fire Chief Henry Mattas left the meeting.

Resolutions for endorsement were reviewed as follows:

The Township of O'Connor's resolution regarding the application and account management for Visa Desjardins cards and it was

13. Moved by B.J. Loan
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE CORPORATION DELEGATE, TO THE PERSONS HEREINAFTER IDENTIFIED, THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO REQUEST THE ISSUANCE OF VISA DESJARDINS CARD(S) (THE "CARDS"), INCLUDING RENEWAL THEREOF UPON EXPIRY AND REPLACEMENT THEREOF AS NEEDED, AND THIS WITH THE CREDIT LIMIT(S) GRANTED BY THE FÉDÉRATION DES CAISSES DESJARDINS DU QUÉBEC (THE "FEDERATION");

THAT THE CORPORATION BE INDEBTED TO THE FEDERATION FOR AMOUNTS ADVANCED AND FOR ANY OTHER DEBTS RELATED TO USE OF THE CARDS AND ANY PRODUCT RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING FOR AMOUNTS THAT MAY EXCEED THE APPLICABLE CREDIT LIMIT(S), AS WELL AS FOR THE APPLICABLE FEES AND INTEREST;

THAT THE CORPORATION UNDERTAKES TO ENSURE THAT THE CARDS ARE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FEDERATION'S VARIABLE CREDIT AGREEMENT THAT ACCOMPANIES THEM AND TO ASSUME LIABILITY FOR ALL DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS THAT MAY RESULT FROM FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SUCH TERMS;

THAT THE PERSONS IDENTIFIED BELOW BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENT THAT IS USEFUL OR NECESSARY TO GIVE FULL EFFECT TO THIS RESOLUTION, TO REQUEST ANY CHANGE TO THE ISSUED CARDS, INCLUDING ANY INCREASE OF THE CREDIT LIMIT(S), AND THAT THEY HAVE ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND POWERS REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT AND USE OF THE ACCOUNT RELATED TO THE SAID CARDS;

THAT THE PERSONS IDENTIFIED BELOW MAY INDICATE TO THE FEDERATION THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACCOUNT RELATED TO THE CARDS, NOTABLY INCLUDING THE DESIGNATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN A CARD, THE DISTRIBUTION AND AMENDMENT OF THE AUTHORIZED CREDIT LIMITS OF THE CARDS, AND THE ADDITION AND WITHDRAWAL OF OPTIONS RELATED TO THE CARD, IF ANY;

NAME OF DELEGATED PERSONS: CLERK- TREASURER , LORNA BUOB

Carried.

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The resolution from the Corporation of the County of Perth regarding the Climate Change Action Plan was filed.

The letter to the Hon. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services drafted by the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition, the letter to Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis and Mayor Kevin Holland from the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board regarding their decision resulting from the mediation process and the minutes of the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition's special meeting held on June 2, 2016 were read. Mayor Vezina updated Council members on the issue. The mediation process has now concluded and the Thunder Bay DSSAB board has voted against the proposal resulting in the mediation process. The LRMC have indicated to the Minister that they will be moving forward with the development of a separate social services board.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Karen Bradica, Municipal Advisor for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Ministry of Housing regarding indicating that the Minister has activated the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians program.
- b) Minister of Municipal Affairs, Bill Mauro's letter regarding his newly appointed position as Minister.
- c) Thunder Bay and Area EMO's newsletter for April to June 2016.
- d) Office of the Premier newsletter regarding the release of the Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel Final Report.
- e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - i) Watch File for June 30, 2016
 - ii) AMO Watch File for July 7, 2016.
 - iii) AMO Communication regarding report to Member Municipalities highlights of the June 2016 Board Meeting.
 - iv) AMO Communication regarding the Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario's (MEPCO) update on the new Federal/Provincial CPP Enhancement Agreement.
 - v) AMO Communication regarding the Ontario Asset Management Regulation Consultations.
- f) Norwest Community Health Centres' Annual Report 2015/16.
- g) Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding the proposed amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 (RTA).
- h) Stewardship Ontario regarding Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the first quarter of the 2016 Program Year..
- i) Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition minutes of the May 19, 2016 meeting.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) i) The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) letter in response to concerns of their separation from the Ontario Good Roads Conference.
- ii) Registration for the 2017 ROMA Conference to be held in Toronto on January 29 to 31, 2017 and it was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE RURAL ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 29 – 31, 2017 IN TORONTO.
REGISTRATION: \$550.00
MAYOR JIM VEZINA OR ALTERNATE**

Carried.

Under further old business Councillor Racicot inquired about the installation of the security camera system. The equipment has been purchased and the signs have been ordered. Once the signs are installed the cameras will be put into operation.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) i) A letter from the Township of Gillies requesting support for their application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund. A letter will be drafted.
- ii) A letter from the Township of Gillies requesting support for their letter to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) regarding the

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Stakeholder session on developing an Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food Processing Strategy for Northern Ontario. A letter supporting their letter will be drafted. Councillor Alkins did remark that she has also submitted comments to the OMAFRA with her concerns regarding the little funding available for small farmers and preventing them from starting up.

- b) i) Letter from the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Northern Development and Mines requesting feedback on the Intercity Bus Regulatory Regime in Ontario. No feedback will be submitted at this time.
- ii) E-mail from the Ministry of Transportation invitation to participate in a session regarding the Intercommunity Bus Engagement to be held in Thunder Bay on July 21, 2016. No one will attend.
- c) E-mail from Andrea Cohen Barrack, CEO, Ontario Trillium Foundation (OFT) regarding the Ontario 150 Community Capital Program Launch. An inquiry as to whether or not renovations to our existing Municipal Garage would qualify for funding will be made.
- d) Letter from Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke regarding the New Horizons for Seniors Program. No application will be submitted.

Councillor Racicot left the table.

- e) Letter from the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund expansion and an invitation to participate in Asset Management Plan Regulation Consultations. They will be holding a session in Thunder Bay on July 18, 2016 at the Valhalla Inn and it was

- 15. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE MNISTRY'S ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN REGULATION CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON JULY 18, 2016

REGISTRATION: NIL

COUNCILLOR JERRY LOAN

DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT

Carried.

The office will be closed on this day to allow for the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to attend this consultation session.

Councillor Racicot returned to the table.

- f) The formation of a committee to negotiate with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 87 was discussed and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) FORM THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE TO NEGOTIATE A NEW UNION AGREEMENT WITH THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 87.

MAYOR JIM VEZINA

COUNCILLOR FOEKENS

COUNCILLOR LOAN

Carried.

Under further new business Mayor Vezina announced that Mr. Bill Bartley has stepped down from his position as Chair of the Lakehead Region Conservation Board as he will be retiring. He will be chairing one more meeting and then Councillor Donna Blunt will be taking over as Chair and Mayor Vezina will be taking over as Vice Chair.

Building Permit #2016-03 was approved for renovations at 144 Holomego Road.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 9:45 P.M.

Carried

Mr. Allan left the meeting.

Applications for the position of Casual Disposal Site Caretaker were reviewed.

Councillor Racicot left the meeting.

The upcoming union negotiations were discussed.

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

TIME BEING: 10:06 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried.

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

THAT MARG FOSTER BE HIRED AS THE CASUAL RELIEF FOR THE DISPOSAL SITE CARETAKER POSITION. RATE OF PAY WILL BE THE ENTRY WAGE OF \$14.94.

Carried.

20. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 10:07 P.M.

Carried.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer