

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JUNE 12, 2017

Minutes of the meeting held on June 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand
Scott Holomego, Disposal Site Caretaker
Mr. Stefan Huzan, Northern Planning arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Absent: Councillor Kevin Foekens

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

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

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MAY 24 , 2017 AND THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MAY 29, 2017 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mr. Stefan Huzan had not arrived at his scheduled time and Kelly Johnson, Leadhand and Scott Holomego had not arrived yet so the order business continued with item 7.

The Administration and Roads Voucher was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR MAY 2017 TOTALLING \$72,214.78 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as of May 31, 2017 were not available.

A By-law with regard to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund was reviewed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2017-19 BEING A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR FOR THE CLEAN WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Tenders for the replacement of two oil furnaces in the O'Connor Community Centre and replacing them with energy efficient propane furnaces with air conditioning were opened. Two were received. It was

4. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE TENDER OF HEATPRO SALES AND SERVICES BE ACCEPTED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO OIL FURNACES WITH TWO ENERGY EFFICIENT PROPANE FURNACES WITH AIR CONDITIONING UNITS IN THE BASEMENT OF THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE BE ACCEPTED AT A COST OF \$25,933.50, HST INCLUDED.

Carried

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Request for proposals for renovations to the basement storage room, installation of washroom dividers in the two basement washrooms and minor building maintenance were opened. Two were received. It was

5. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY LAKEHEAD ENTERPRISES LTD. TO DO REPAIRS AND PROVIDE SHELVING TO THE BASEMENT STORAGE ROOM AND SUPPLY AND INSTALL WASHROOM DIVIDERS IN TWO BASEMENT WASHROOMS IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE BE ACCEPTED AT A COST OF \$15,350.00 + HST.

Carried.

Scott Holomego, Disposal Site Caretaker, arrived at the meeting and was welcomed to the table. Council had asked Mr. Holomego to attend tonight's meeting so he could be asked if he had any questions or concerns with regard to his job at the Disposal Site.

The signage at the Disposal Site with regard to traffic entering and leaving the site was discussed. This has been addressed with the Leadhand at a previous meeting. The plan is to have the entrance and exit use the same driveway and the driveway widened.

Mr. Holomego did comment that it would be good to have a list of places that accept items like household batteries and fluorescent lights on hand at the Site. Administration will look into creating a list. It was also suggested that household batteries be dropped off at the Municipal office as we cannot accept them at the Disposal Site. The next issue of the Cornerstone Newsletter will include recycling information that we will accept the batteries at the municipal office. Mr. Holomego was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

Mr. Stefan Huzan was welcomed to the table. Mr. Huzan put forward a request for Council to consider supporting some proposed amendments to the new Official Plan and Zoning By-Law on behalf of his client who is looking into purchasing property to establish a factory to make ready-to-assemble furniture. The information that Mr. Huzan had provided had been forwarded to Fotenn Planning and Design who are currently reviewing and updating the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-Law. Fotenn provided Council with comments with regard to the proposed amendments for Council's review and a copy was given to Mr. Huzan. Under the existing Official Plan the proposed land use and subdivision of land would be possible, however Zoning and Official Plan amendments would be required. Mr. Huzan inquired as to when the new Official Plan and Zoning By-law will be finalized and was told that Council hoped to have it finalized by November of this year. Mr. Huzan was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

Mr. Kelly Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. A Road Department update and roadwork in general was discussed. Roads are in good condition and 2 loads of calcium chloride have been applied on designated roadways. The 2017 Road Resurfacing Projects will be starting shortly and he hopes to start the Culvert Replacement Projects as soon as possible. An inquiry to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund has been made to see if the hiring of a temporary employee to work specifically on the culvert replacement projects would be covered by the funding. Administration has not received an answer yet.

A request from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) asking all members to make comment to the Ministry of Transportation's proposed amendment to O. Reg 366/09 which would make all hand-held use of devices illegal and requiring all currently exempted drives to use hands-free alternatives. Mr. Johnson would like a letter sent supporting AORS position to encourage the Ministry to grant a permanent exemption from Reg 366/09 for all municipal operations. AORS is also encouraging all members to make comment through a Council resolution and it was

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

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR STRONGLY SUPPORTS THAT PUBLIC WORKS PROFESSIONALS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES, CURRENTLY HOLDING LICENSED TWO WAY RADIO SYSTEMS, SHOULD CARRY THE SAME PERMANENT EXEMPTION THAT IS CURRENTLY EXTENDED TO FIRE, POLICE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES.

Carried

A letter will be drafted and sent to the Ministry with Council's resolution attached.

Council agreed to move Item 19 on the agenda forward.

7. 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: 8:16 P.M.

Carried

Employee relations were discussed.

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

**TIME BEING: 9:17 P.M.
THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

The resolution from the Municipality of Brockton regarding the opposition to an amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act was discussed. Mayor Vezina will be bringing this issue to the next Lakehead Region Conservation Authority meeting and the resolution will be deferred to the next Council meeting to be held on Monday, June 26, 2017.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – i) Municipal Policing Bureau regarding OPP Billing for the Lakehead Group Contract
ii) Thunder Bay OPP – June Newsletter. Council would like information regarding road construction and biking safety included in the next issue of the Cornerstone.
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – i) AMO Watchfile – May 25, 2017
ii) AMO Watchfile – June 1, 2017
iii) AMO Watchfile – June 8, 2017
iv) AMO President – Municipal Address
v) AMO Communications – Province Announces Emergency Services Changes Including Dispatch and Fire-Medic Pilots
- c) Ministry of Infrastructure regarding an update on the Proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation. Council would like to updated as more information is made available.
- d) Municipal Employer Pension Centre Ontario (MEPCO) update June 5, 2017 – MEPCO Board Supports Proposals to Strengthen Plan Health
- e) Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority – News Release – RPRA Sets 2017 Blue Box Steward Funding Obligation at \$123.6 Million
- f) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding Notification of Environmental Registry Posting Regarding the Proposed Outcome of the Conservation Authorities Act Review

The balance of the correspondence to be passed around table

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Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Final Budget – i) Notes regarding final budget line items were discussed.
 - ii) Copy of 2017 Final budget was provided to Council
 - iii) Copy of 2017 Municipal Budget pie chart that was mailed out to residents with the Final Tax Bills was provided to Council. Council approved of the format
 - iv) Township of O'Connor Assessment Change Summary by Property Class was provided to Council
- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Housing follow up letters regarding the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, (RTA) Amendments and update on Ministry Plans.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) i) Councillor Loan updated Council on the Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML) changes to the board. Wendy Laundry, Mayor of Shuniah, has resigned her position as President of the TBDML in order to assume the seat of President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA). In the in-term, Rick Dumas, Mayor of Marathon, will be filling in as President until elections are held this fall.
 - ii) Councillor Loan also updated Council on the request made to TBDML regarding the Rural Ontario Municipal Association's (ROMA) Northern Western Ontario Representation. The general consensus among the board members was that NOMA currently fills this roll, however, Council still feels that a representative from Northern Western Ontario should be pursued.
- b) An e-mail from Diane Gauvreau regarding Hydro One Networks Inc's application to the Ontario Energy board to increase their electricity distribution rates was read.
- c) Letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services regarding the new billing model changes and concerns with the inclusion of some types of properties in the count when calculating billings to municipal governments that receive policing services from the OPP.
 - i) An invitation to participate in a survey that is being undertaken by the Ministry and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) with regard to the types of properties that are used when calculating the base service costs for policing.
 - ii) Response letter from Rosalie A. Evens, Solicitor-Clerk, Municipality of Neebing regarding serious concerns with the survey.
- d) Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change i) e-mail regarding the discussion paper entitled Addressing Food and Organic Waste in Ontario. The Ministry is looking for input into the framework on discussion topics. No input will be made.
 - ii) Information notice for proposed amendments to the Used Tire Regulation (O. Reg. 390/16). The Ministry is inviting stakeholders to make comments by June 20, 2017. No comment will be submitted.
- e) E-mail from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Bill Mauro, regarding the proposed Building Better communities and Conserving Watersheds Act and requesting comments. No comment will be submitted.
- f) Letter from Superior Country regarding Annual Marketing Contributions. Council will not be submitting an advertisement.
- g) i) Appointment of the Township's Municipal Emergency Control Group was discussed and it was

- 9. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

WHEREAS ONTARIO REGULATION 380/04 SECTION 12 (1) STATES THAT EVERY MUNICIPALITY SHALL HAVE A MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY CONTROL GROUP;

**AND WHEREAS THE REGULATION ALSO STATES THAT THE MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY CONTROL GROUP SHALL BE COMPOSED OF SUCH OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE MUNICIPALITY AS MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL AND THAT SUCH MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AS MAY BE APPOINTED BY COUNCIL;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES BE APPOINTED TO THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY CONTROL GROUP.
MAYOR AND ALTERNATES, CLERK-TREASURER, FIRE CHIEF, DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF.**

Carried.

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ii) An e-mail from Ms. Sharon Bak, Field Officer – Amethyst Sector, Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management was read regarding possible dates for the upcoming Annual Municipal Emergency Control Group training. Council would like an evening training session opposed to during the day. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will respond to Ms. Bak with regard to possible meeting dates and times.

Under further new business Council Loan informed Council that he will be unable to attend the MPAC session being held in Thunder Bay on June 13, 2017. Councillor Alkins is also unable to attend due to work commitments.

Under issues brought forward or letters received after the agenda was mailed out Council read AMO's e-mail regarding upcoming regulations and that will impact municipalities. More information will be provided to municipalities on June 19, 2017.

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

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 9:46 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer