

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2016

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Vezina
Councillors: Alkins, Foekens, Racicot
Clerk-Treasurer Buob
Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand
Absent: Councillor Loan

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 TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mr. Johnson was asked if he wished to address Council on any personal matters and he replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. The Monthly Road Department Report was read for May 9 to June 10, 2016. Roadwork in general was discussed. The gravel has been hauled and placed for the three miles of the Township roads being resurfaced, as per the budget, prior to the Highway 595 road closure. Driveway's still need to be dressed and calcium applied on these roads. Brushing work is continuing and they are currently working on Cronk Road. The road crew still has to do some clean up from the brushing on Garbutt Road.

The detour route onto the Township roads, for the Highway 595 closure at Cedar Creek, still does have some soft spots and some gravel was hauled to prepare the roads. Mr. Johnson and LHnorth did run the roads together prior to the road closure. The contractor has placed a load of dust control onto the detour route on Friday, June 10th. Mr. Johnson also noted that he did put up some children at play signs on Pool road as requested by a home owner on the detour route.

Mr. Johnson reported that he did not purchase anything at the Ritchie Bros. Auction held on June 9, 2016.

2. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR MAY 2016 TOTTALLING \$111,603.90 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Revenue and Expenditures to May 31, 2016 were presented to Council.

By-laws and Policies were discussed as follows:

- a) By-law Number 2016-11 – Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Service Agreement with LHnorth General Contractors Ltd. was reviewed and it was

3. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2016-11 BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LHNORTH GENERAL CONTRACTORS LTD. BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

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

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b) Draft Policy for Placement and Use of Video Surveillance Equipment was reviewed and it was

4. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR POLICY FOR PLACEMENT AND USE OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT BE APPROVED.

Carried

Signage will be purchased and the cameras installed in the near future.

- c) Draft Building Permit By-law – respecting construction, demolition, inspections and to set out the rates for permits was reviewed. The By-law and the new proposed rates will be discussed further at the public meeting to be held on June 25, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.
d) Copy of By-law Number 2012-25 – establishing miscellaneous fees and charges was presented to Council and will also be discussed further at the public meeting.

Resolutions for endorsement were reviewed as follows:

- a) Reply email from Premier Wynne regarding Council's endorsing resolution regarding Lyme disease.
b) City of Hamilton – regarding Ontario Autism Program Change and it was

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF HAMILTON WITH REGARD TO THE ONTARIO AUTISM PROGRAM CHANGES BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- c) City of Ottawa – regarding Siting Wind Power projects was filed.

DSSAB issues were discussed as follows:

- a) As the mediation process has ended with the Thunder District Social Services Administration Board it was

6. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

WHEREAS THE MEDIATION BETWEEN THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD AND TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR TOGETHER WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING, MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE, MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES HAS CONCLUDED;

AND WHEREAS THE MUNICIPALITIES HAD AGREED TO ESTABLISH AN ESCROW ACCOUNT INTO WHICH FIVE OF THEM PAID THE MONEY THAT THEY WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE PAID IN LEVIES TO THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD, UNTIL THE MEDIATION HAD BEEN COMPLETED, REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE MEDIATION;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THE MAYOR AND CLERK-TREASURER ARE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE DIRECTION TO THE ESCROW AGENT, AUTHORIZING HIM TO CLOSE THE ESCROW ACCOUNT AND RETURN THE FUNDS TO TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR THAT IT PAID INTO THE ACCOUNT, PLUS MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING, MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE, MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF EARNED INTEREST; AND

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THE CLERK-TREASURER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A CHEQUE TO THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE LEVIES IT PAID INTO THE ACCOUNT, WITHOUT INTEREST.

Carried

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Councillor McMaster's Meeting Report – Thunder Bay District Health Unit Board – April 20, 2016.
- b) Ontario Provincial Police – i) June Newsletter. It was decided to include information with regard to Driver Behaviour and Teen and Youth deaths in the next issue of the Cornerstone.
ii) Municipal Policing Bureau regarding the New Report Available related to Current Billable Calls for Service (CES).
iii) Seeking feedback on new Municipal Policing Bureau initiatives.
- c) Municipality of Neebing – Administrative Report regarding Town Hall Meeting on Climate Change Hosted by Federal Ministers Hajdu and Rusnak. Mayor Polkowski and Rosalie Evans, Solicitor-Clerk attended this meeting and provided a report for Council's information. Council asked that a thank you be sent to Ms. Evans.
- d) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – regarding Review of Ontario's forest tenure models.
- e) Township of South – West Oxford – copy of letter to ROMA with regard to their opposition to the division of Conferences.
- f) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File May 26, 2016.
ii) Watch File June 2, 2016.
iii) Watch File June 9, 2016.
iv) AMO Communications – re: Federal Gas Tax Fund in Ontario achieves positive outcomes.
v) AMO Policy Update - Members' Legislative Update.
- g) Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) – i) Heads Up Alert – May 18, 2016 – Introducing newest member service - OGRA Interchange.
ii) Heads Up Alert – May 19, 2016 – OGRA Calls Upon Province to Review Funding Allocation Formula.
- h) Canadian Association of Radon Scientists – regarding the Potential Liability of Municipalities arising from Failure to Apply Building Code.
- i) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) - MPAC News – June 2016.
- j) Accessibility Directorate of Ontario – regarding Accessibility compliance.
- k) Clean Air Partnership – regarding the 2016 Great Lakes Climate Adaptation Forum – Call for Papers. No comments will be made at this time.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) NOMA – Common Voice Northwest regarding Comments to the Ontario Minister of Energy with regard to the Ontario Long-Term Energy Plan. Comments presented were reviewed and it was

7. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ENDORSE THE POSITION OF THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (NOMA) IN THEIR COMMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE NEXT LONG-TERM ENERGY PLAN, AS PREPARED BY THE COMMON VOICE NORTHWEST ENERGY TASK FORCE ON BEHALF OF THE REGION.

Carried

The letter will be sent off to the new Minister of Energy by the June 15th deadline.

- b) Township of O'Connor Administrative Report – final as amended. The Clerk-Treasurer noted the changes made to the report as a result of the correction to revised lifespan of the disposal site, which was noted at the May 24, 2016 meeting. Council discussed the costs of testing required at a disposal site once it is closed. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to contact the Township of Conmee, as they do have a closed site, for the annual estimated post-closure costs.

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- c) FireSmart – A copy of Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement next steps were discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer will inquire further to see who is eligible to perform the work required and a request for proposal will be sent out. Council provided a couple company names to enquire with.
- d) Municipality of Neebing – Notice of Passage of By-law 2016-018 to Amend Zoning By-law 860-2010 was reviewed.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the Notification of Environmental Registry Posting of proposed Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation webinar. It was noted that the Deputy Fire Chief Budiselic and Fire Department member, Morris Douglas, are registered for this webinar. The Clerk-Treasurer has also notified Fotenn to make them aware of the information opportunity and the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will also sit it on the webinar.
- b) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) – Annual Conference – January 29 - 31, 2017 to be held in Toronto. Council would like to support the conference by sending one or two members of Council. This item will be brought back to the July Council meeting to allow Council to confirm their availability and to meet the early bird registration deadline.
- c) FedNor – Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150). Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to look into where or not consulting or design work for a project would be eligible for funding under this program. Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis, however they encourage applications as soon as possible as the initial round resulted in numerous applications.
- d) The Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law, as prepared by Fotenn, were reviewed. Council were provided with copies prior to the meeting for their review and any comments, questions or concerns were discussed and noted for further communication with Fotenn.

This process did take some time and needed to be completed prior to the Open House to be held prior to the next Council meeting. It was

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

TIME BEING: 10:30 P.M. THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING CONTINUE.

Carried

Discussions with regard to the draft Zoning By-law continued.

The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Fotenn with Council's comments, changes and requests for clarification on some of the items. Drafts will be amended by Fotenn, if necessary, and copies will be prepared for the Open House to be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 for 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- e) The Clerk-Treasurer notified Council that she will be putting on a "Working Together, the Code and the AODA Training" for staff on Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. if they wished to participate at that time.
- f) Under further new business, Councillor Racicot noted that a local contractor approached him and asked that they be provided the option to apply for work within the Township. This information will be forwarded on to Mr. Johnson, Leadhand.

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

- a) The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management – Announcing a new Amethyst Sector Field Officer, Ms. Sharon Bak. Ms. Bak will be working out of the Thunder Bay office as of June 20th.
- b) AMO Policy Update – Provincial Cabinet Shuffled Halfway through mandate. Bill Mauro, MPP for Thunder Bay – Atikokan has been moved from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Michael Gravelle, MPP for Thunder Bay – Superior North will remain in his current post as Minister of Northern Development and Mines. It was also noted that the Minister of Community and Social Services did not change, this being good news as the Minister has been

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involved with our current DSSAB issues.

For information purposes, no new building permits have been approved since the last meeting.

The meeting then moved to the Closed portion and it was

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(E) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 10:43 P.M.

Carried

The current Mediation process and agreement between the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) and the Municipalities of Area One was discussed.

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

TIME BEING: 11:03 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

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

THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE EMERGENCY TABLE TOP EXERCISE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M. IN OLIVER PAIPOONGE.

TIME BEING: 11:04 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer