

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JUNE 27, 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas

Absent: Councillor Foekens

Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

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

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016 AND THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Fire Chief Henry Mattas was welcomed to the table. As he was unable to attend last month's Council meeting, the Fire Department report was for two month, from April 21 to June 26, 2016. There were two fire related calls, five first response calls and one motor vehicle collision since the last report.

Fire Chief Mattas noted that enrollment in the department is still low and new members are needed. The Open House BBQ held on Saturday, June 25th did have a good turnout of the current members and some residents came out in conjunction with the Township's Open House and Public Meeting also held that day. The bad weather did discourage people from attending and no new prospects for the department were found.

The list of surplus items was reviewed. These items were also on display at the Open House BBQ but due to the weather were left inside the fire hall. It was

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

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR HEREBY DECLARES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SURPLUS AND AGREE TO THE SALE OF THESE ITEMS TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS AS IS, WHERE IS.

1991 350 4X4 FORD, 225 GALLON WATER TANK, PORTER CABLE ELECTRIC AIR COMPRESSOR, 18 HP VANGUARD PUMP, 5000 COLEMAN POWER MATE GENERATOR, EVEN SPRAY PUMP AND HOSE REEL, RICHIO AFICIO 1035 PHOTOCOPIER/FAX MACHINE.

Carried

The bids will be opened at the next Council meeting to be held on July 11, 2016.

The recent thunderstorm and flooding was discussed. The Township did declare a State of Emergency on Sunday, June 26th in the morning. Communication between the Fire Chief and Mayor were held during the event. Each explained what they did during the emergency to the rest of Council. There was a first response call on Saturday evening for a car in a washout on Highway 590 which triggered a serious of inquiries into other areas of the Township by the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and the Leadhand. A report from the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer with regard to how the emergency progressed for her, starting with the First Response call was read. The Clerk-Treasurer was out of the area until noon on Sunday.

Councillor Loan had a personal emergency and thanked and complimented the First Response members who attended under the circumstances.

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Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

Bills to be paid were reviewed and it was

- 3. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded Bishop Racicot

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

Ck#13662	HYDRO ONE	\$ 700.86
CK#13663	SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA	\$ 1,070.52
CK#13664	LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	\$21,534.21
CK#13665	THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC DIST SCHOOL BOARD	\$ 1,805.34
CK#13666	CSDC DES AURORES BOREALS	\$ 139.48
		\$25,250.41

Carried

Policies and By-laws were reviewed as follows:

- a) A draft Accessibility Policy was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE ACCESSIBILITY POLICY REQUIRED TO RECOGNIZE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S OBLIGATION TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2005 AND ALL REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THE ACT BE APPROVED AND ENTERED INTO THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S POLICY BOOK.

Carried

- b) A draft Accessible Employment Policy was reviewed and it was

- 5. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE ACCESSIBILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY REQUIRED TO RECOGNIZE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE INTEGRATED ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS, ONTARIO REGULATION 191/11 OF THE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2005 AS THEY RELATE TO EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS BE APPROVED AND ENTERED INTO THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S POLICY BOOK.

Carried

- c) The By-law respecting Construction, Demolition and Inspections and to set out the rates for permits was discussed. The Public meeting was held on Saturday, June 25th with regard to the new proposed fees. There was no objection or comment at the meeting with regard to the new fees and it was

- 6. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2016-12 BEING A BY-LAW RESPECTING CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION, INSPECTIONS, AND TO SET THE RATES FOR PERMITS WITHIN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR, AND TO APPEAL BY-LAW #2006-14 IN ITS ENTIRETY BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

A resolution for endorsement from the Township of Larder Lake supporting the Municipality of Chantam Kent regarding a Climate Action Plan was filed.

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Mayor Vezina provided Council with an update on the mediation process with the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board and the Board meeting in which he and the Area One Mayors & Reeve attended on June 23, 2016. The Board voted on the mediation recommendation. Mayor Kloosterhuis requested a recorded vote and it was one vote in favour, that being Mayor Kloosterhuis as the Area One representative, and the rest against. At this point Mayor Vezina is not sure where this issue is going. The Minister of Community and Social Services will be contacted with the results of the mediation process. The next meeting of the Area One representatives is July 7, 2016.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) The Premier of Ontario – i) reply letter regarding Council's comments to the Climate Change Action Plan.
ii) reply email to Council's supporting resolution regarding new investment in autism services.
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File – June 16, 2016.
ii) Watch File – June 23, 2016.
iii) AMO Communications – Government to Consult on Expanding Medical Responses through Fire Services.
iv) AMO Communications – Local Government Summit: Common Advocacy for Greater Autonomy.
v) AMO Communications – Waste Diversion Ontario Announces 2016 Steward Obligation Decision for Blue Box Program Funding.
vi) MEPCO Update – OMERS Sponsors Corporation Announces Results of Board Composition By-Law Review.
vii) AMO Communications – Review of Canada Post.
- c) NOMA – Comments and Highlights from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show, June 2-5, 2016 in Winnipeg.
- d) MPAC – Zone 7 Organizational Update – Mary Dawson-Cole Regional Manager.
- e) 2017 ROMA Conference – early line-up of confirmed speakers. Discussion was held with regard to why the conference is still being held in Toronto if they are trying to promote Rural and Small Communities. It was suggested that perhaps to get the Ministers to attend and until they gain credibility this location is preferred.
- f) Township of North Frontenac and Township of Addington Highlands – Requesting financial support from the Provincial Government for responding to medical calls.
- g) Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario regarding The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and Councillors' record – April 2016.
- h) Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) 2015 Annual Report, Powering a Connected World.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The Open House for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review held on June 25, 2016 was discussed. Twenty-six people attended including Council and staff. Copies of the draft documents were available for pickup and will continue to be available at the office or can be viewed on the Township's website. A power point presentation was playing during the Open House and copies of this are also available. Request for comments, concerns or questions from the residents was made at the Open House. This information will also be available in the July issue of the Cornerstone for those still interested in the process.
- b) Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP150) – reply from Aime Dimatteo regarding the eligibility of projects. Council had requested that the Clerk-Treasurer inquire into whether or not consulting and design work of a new building would be eligible under this funding. Mr. Dimatteo replied that funding is being provided towards the renovation/enhancement of existing infrastructure and new buildings are not eligible.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Township of Gillies – Public Notice regarding their Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight to discuss closure of a portion of Main Street, being a boundary road with the Township of O'Connor. As this meeting is being held on the same date as this Council meeting no one from Council was able to attend. Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was planning on attending but due to the recent flooding and required road repairs he

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also was unable to get off work in time to attend. An email was sent to the Township of Gillies with Mr. Johnson's comments with regard to the road closure.

- b) Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) – Notice to Bargain. A negotiating committee for bargaining was discussed and will be chosen at the next meeting, as well a date to negotiate will be set. Council will review the current agreement and a proposal will be discussed under the Closed portion of the Council meeting to be held on July 11, 2016.
- c) Disposal Site Caretaker Casual Relief position. Mr. DeRoover has informed the Clerk-Treasurer that he will no longer be interested in the position as he is moving away from the Township. An advertisement for the position will be included in the July issue of the Cornerstone.
- d) Waste Diversion Ontario – WDO Board Decision on 2016 Blue Box Steward funding obligation. The Township of O'Connor's 2016 Municipal share of the funding total payment will be in the amount of \$3,442.00, slightly higher than budgeted.
- e) Cheryl Gallant, MP – Official Opposition Critic for FedNor – regarding the Enabling Accessibility Fund. The Township currently does not have any projects for this program.
- f) Canadian Union of Postal Workers – regarding the Federal Government reviewing our public postal service – Have your say! Letter was read. No comments will be made at this time.

Under further new business, Council discussed the recent storm. It was confirmed that local contractors had been contacted to assist with the repairs. Not all were available. It was also noted that in an emergency it may be possible to use material out of the Ministry of Transportation pit on Strom road, however the material would have to be replaced with new material once the work was completed. Pictures of the damage were taken by Mayor Vezina, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot and the road employees.

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

- a) A reply letter from Confederation College with regard to the recent complaint of low flying airplanes was read. They have provided the information requested by the Township including a map of their flight paths and Council were satisfied with the response. Information on what information is required when making a complaint in this regard will continue to periodically be included in the newsletter.
- b) The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) - July Newsletter was read. The article - Wildlife Safety message for motorists, will be included in the Cornerstone as well as a pitch for the Can Am Police Fire Games to be held in the City of Thunder Bay in July.

No building permits were approved since the last meeting.

- 7. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:05 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer