

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2017

Minutes of the meeting held on March 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot

Absent: Councillor Foekens

Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in items 15 a) and c) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

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

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 27, 2017 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Mayor Vezina asked the visitors if they wished to address Council on any personal matters and they replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. A Road Department update and roadwork in general was discussed. The Road Department employees have been watching the ice buildup in the culverts and are steaming them as necessary. Water and ice have been going over the road in some cases and the frost heaves and bumps are starting. Warning signs have been put up where necessary. Mr. Johnson was successful in purchasing the 2014 CAT backhoe from the Ritchie Bros. Auction in Bolton, Ontario on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The road employees will be preparing the old backhoe for resale and have started the transfer of the radio and fire extinguishers from the old to the new. A suggested sale price for the old backhoe was discussed. Mr. Johnson will try to sell it through local sources and if it is not sold by June he will bring it to the Ritchie Bros. sale in Oliver Paipoonge.

Mr. Johnson reported on the purchase of the new backhoe. The previous owner lost a contract that they were using it for and it is still in excellent shape. There is still warranty left on the power train until November 5, 2017. There was an issue with the transmission. CAT has come out and fixed it under the warranty, however the Township will be responsible for the mileage of the service call. The serviceman also provided tips for maintenance and care of the machine.

The different options of the financing of the machine were discussed. The combination of using money from the Road Equipment reserves, a possible loan, and the 2017 capital budget were discussed. It was agreed that if possible, the Township will wait until budget time to determine what combination of these resources would be best. Also by that time the old backhoe may be sold and we will know the revenue amount from the sale.

The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge Boundary Road Agreement was discussed. Mr. Bowles from Oliver Paipoonge has informed Mayor Vezina that the Municipality will be chip sealing the Harstone Road from Luckens Road to the Harstone Bridge this year. He asked if the Township of O'Connor would consider amending the Boundary Road Agreement, which was just signed in October of 2015 for ten years and take over the summer maintenance portion of the Harstone Road from the boundary line and Luckens Road to the turnaround. Mr. Johnson tried to speak with Mr. Bowles to get more information on his request but he was on holidays. There is no other boundary road to trade any work off with them and this would be an additional 3 km of roadway with a windy, narrow hill for the Township of O'Connor to grade. Council agreed to wait until Mr. Johnson has a chance to speak with Mr. Bowles on this matter before discussing it further.

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

The Administration and Roads Voucher and bills to be paid were reviewed and it was

2. Moved by Chantal Alkins  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR FEBRUARY 2017 TOTTALLING \$170,584.40 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR MARCH 2017 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE MARCH 2017 ADMINISTRATION AND ROAD VOUCHER.**

<b>CK#14186 STAPLES (OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES)</b>	<b>\$ 764.04</b>
<b>CK#14187 LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES (FUEL)</b>	<b>\$ 289.23</b>
<b>CK#14188 THUNDER BAY VETERINARY SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>CK#14189 FOTENN CONSULTANTS INC.</b>	<b><u>\$1,663.36</u></b>
	<b>\$2,816.63</b>

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the revised Statement of Revenue and Expenditures and noted that the Township of O'Connor will have a small surplus for the 2016 budget at year-end.

By-laws were discussed as follows:

- a) i) A draft version of the Grant Agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs for Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (MDRA) was reviewed. The agreement must be fully executed by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Council did not have any issues with the draft agreement as presented.  
ii) By-law Number 2017- 10 - Being a By-law to enter into an agreement for MDRA funding was reviewed. Council agreed to pass the By-law to enter into the agreement so that when the final agreement does arrive, upon review to ensure it remains the same as the draft, that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer will be authorized to sign without having to bring back to the next meeting. It was

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

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2017-10 BEING A BY-LAW TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE JUNE 25, 2016 FLOOD REPAIRS BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

- b) i) A letter agreement from Ornge with regard to the Company-Approved Helipad Agreement to set out the terms and conditions of the use, operation and maintenance of the Helipad was reviewed.  
ii) By-law Number 2017-11 – Being a By-law to enter into an agreement with Ornge was read and it was

5. Moved by Chantal Alkins  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2017-11 BEING A BY-LAW TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ORNGE FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE USE, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE HELIPAD BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

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Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Township of Lake of Bays – regarding Schedule 5 of Bill 7 – An Act to Amend or Repeal Various Acts with respect to Housing and Planning (Property Standards) was filed.
- b) Municipality of Thames Centre & Township of Zorra – requesting that the Premier and the Minister of Education, develop a policy to allow individual elementary and secondary schools to have an AED installed in their schools and it was

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

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA REQUESTING THAT THE PREMIER, AND THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DEVELOP A POLICY THAT ENABLES ALL SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BOARDS IN ONTARIO TO HAVE AN AED INSTALLED IN THEIR SCHOOLS.**

**AND THAT ALL SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BOARDS IN ONTARIO DEVELOP A POLICY TO INSTALL AEDS IN ALL SCHOOLS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN BE ENDORSED.**

Carried

- c) Regional Municipality of Peel – requesting the Premier and the Minister of Health and Long Term Care undertake appropriate and comprehensive toxicity testing and take legislative responsibility for the regulation and administration of HFSA in water fluoridation treatments was filed.
- d) Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards – regarding the Proposed Amendments to Ontario Building Code – Change #08-09-03 and it was

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

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF KILLALOE-HAGARTY-RICHARDS REQUESTING THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS RESCIND THE PROPOSED BUILDING CODE CHANGE B-08-09-03 BE ENDORSED.**

Carried

A copy of the letter from the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administrative Board (TBDSSAB) to the Honourable Minister of Community and Social Services requesting the change to the Board Composition was read. The package submitted to the Minister with the letter included a copy of the member municipalities resolutions stating their position on the change.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Thunder Bay District Veterinary Services Committee Annual Meeting – 2017 Meeting was held March 8, 2017. i) Minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting  
ii) Minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting.  
Mayor Vezina reported that he attended the meeting held on March 8, 2017 and he has been appointed to the board.  
Councillor Alkins expressed her interest in being on this board if one of the current appointees were no longer interested.
- b) Mayor Kloosterhuis - invitation to attend presentation by Lakehead University's Florence Bailey, March 21, 2017 regarding Economic Development. It was

- 8. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE PRESENTATION BY FLORENCE BAILEY, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY, REGARDING INDUSTRY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION TO BE HELD MARCH 21, 2017 IN OLIVER PAIPOONGE. REGISTRATION FEE – NO CHARGE  
COUNCILLOR LOAN**

Carried

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- c) Ministry of Education – regarding response letter to concerns with regard to pupil accommodation reviews.
- d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
  - i) AMO Watchfile – March 2, 2017.
  - ii) AMO Watchfile – March 9, 2017.
  - iii) AMO Communications – AMO Policy Update – Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy Released.
  - iv) AMO Communications – AMO Policy Update – Highlight of Bill 68 – Modernizing Municipal Legislation.
  - v) AMO Communications – MEPCO Update – OMERS Announces 2016 Investment Returns.
- e) Don Rusnak, M.P. - reply to Council's endorsed resolution with regard to a National Pharmacare Program.
- f) Hon. Patty Hajdu, P.C. M.P. – reply to Council's endorsed resolution with regard to a National Pharmacare Program.
- g) Ministry of Infrastructure – regarding the BUILD ON 2017 Infrastructure Update.  
The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Township of Gillies' decision to be a part of the Joint Police Services Board with the Municipality of Neebing and the Township of O'Connor and the Township of Conmee.
  - b) Tbaytel's request for Concurrence regarding the Proposed New Telecommunications Tower at 330 Highway 595. Tbaytel provided Council will all the information that was sent out for notification to our residents. Tbaytel only received one request for further information from one resident, with another follow up question to their response from the same resident. There were no objections to the installation and it was
9. Moved by Chantal Alkins  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR IS SATISFIED THAT TBAYTEL HAS MET ALL THE TERMS OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 60 METER SELF-SUPPORTING TOWER AT 330 HIGHWAY 595, AND COUNCIL HEREBY DIRECTS THE CLERK-TREASURER TO WRITE A LETTER OF CONCURRENCE TO TBAYTEL FOR THE PROPOSED TOWER.**

Carried

- c) Ontario Building Code changes –
  - i) Chief Building Official, Gordon Cuthbertson's report on recent training he attended with regard to SB-12 2017 and concerns with regard to Drain Water Heat Recovery was read.
  - ii) Article from Daily Commercial News - Municipal Affairs issues new "recipes" for energy efficiency regarding the Ontario Building Code changes was read.
  - iii) Municipality of Neebing – copy of Administrative Report with regard to Amendments to the Ontario Building Code was read
  - iv) A draft copy of a letter to Minister Bill Mauro with regard to the Building Code changes was read.

Council agreed to send Minister Mauro a letter expressing Council's concerns with regard to the new Building Code changes. The letter also recommend's that Minister Mauro speak directly to Mr. Kraemer from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit with regard to the effects these changes will make on rural septic systems.

- d) The Ministry's One Window preliminary comments, and Fotenn's comments to the Ministry's comments, for the Township of O'Connor's new draft Official Plan were reviewed. Council started to read each response and made comment. Due to the time, Council will continue with the process at the next meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer will forward Council's comments so far, to Fotenn so they can start to prepare their response to the Ministry.

Time being 9:25 p.m. Councillor Loan left the meeting.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

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Under New Business, Council discussed

a) Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) – Blue Box Outreach Sessions for 2017 – Thunder Bay April 7, 2017. It was

10. Moved by Chantal Alkins  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT FUND CIF BLUE BOX OUTREACH SESSION FOR 2017 TO BE HELD APRIL 7, 2017 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**REGISTRATION FEE – NO CHARGE**

**DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT**  
Carried

Item 15 c) was moved forward on the agenda.

c) Accessibility Directorate of Ontario Forum – “Accessibility: Honouring the Past, Showcasing the Present and Inspiring the Future” to be held in Thunder Bay on June 14, 2017 was discussed and it was

11. Moved by Chantal Alkins  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ACCESSIBILITY DIRECTORATE OF ONTARIO – REGIONAL FORUM – “ACCESSIBILITY: HONOURING THE PAST, SHOWCASING THE PRESENT AND INSPIRING THE FUTURE” TO BE HELD JUNE 14, 2017 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**REGISTRATION FEE – NO CHARGE**

**CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**  
**DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT**  
Carried

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- b) Minister of Seniors Affairs – regarding a nomination for the 2017 Senior of the Year Award. Possible nominations were discussed and a nomination will be made.  
d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – regarding the upcoming AMO Conference, to be held August 13 – 16, 2017 in Ottawa. At this time no one will be attending.

Under further new business, Council discussed possibly setting limits on the Township's reserve accounts. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to look at the current reserve accounts and bring back to Council where the administration thinks they should be at.

It was also brought forward that part-time staff should be invited to attend a Council meeting once or twice a year to discuss their position and any concerns or comments they may have with regard to the job. The Clerk-Treasurer will arrange this.

Issues brought forward or letters received after the agenda was mailed.

a) Dates for 2017 budget meetings were discussed and it was

12. Moved by Chantal Alkins  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE FOLLOWING DATES BE SET FOR BUDGET MEETINGS:  
ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET – APRIL 10, 2017 AT 6 P.M.  
FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET – APRIL 24, 2017 AT 6 P.M.  
FULL BUDGET – MAY 15, 2017 AT 7 P.M.  
THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
Carried

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- b) Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence. No nominations will be submitted.
- c) The Premier of Ontario's reply letter with regard to Council's endorsed resolution with regard to Pharmcare was read.
- d) Office of the Federal Minister of Finance reply letter to Council's endorsed resolution with regard to taxation of employer-sponsored health and dental plans was read.

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

- 13. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD  
ON MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 9:45 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer