

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – MAY 24, 2017

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas

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 MAY 8, 2017 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. There was one mutual aid call and one grass and brush fire since the last report. Fire Chief Mattas would like to add two new members to the team's roster and it was

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

THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AS MEMBERS OF THE O'CONNOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND/OR FIRST RESPONSE TEAM:

1. CHRIS CURRIE
2. DAVID FROWEN

Carried

A letter was read from the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau with regard to motor vehicle collision reports and collision information which is now available to municipalities. In order to receive this information there is a one-time fee of \$250 and the municipality will have to register as an authorized requester. Fire Chief Mattas would like to recommend, for emergency purposes, that the Township register for this service. Council agreed to have this added to the budget.

Fire Chief Mattas reported to Council that the First Response Team hosted a Stroke Awareness session as a part of the team's training on Tuesday, May 23rd. It was very informative and well presented.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending and he left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

A By-law with regard to tax ratios for the Township for 2017 was reviewed and it was

3. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2017-17 BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH THE TAX RATIOS FOR THE YEAR 2017 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Town of Lakeshore with regard to a request to ease restrictions of surplus dwelling severances in areas zoned agriculture was filed.
- b) Township of Essa requesting "new driver" signage for G1 and G2 drivers was filed.

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DSSAB issues were discussed as follows:

- a) A letter was read from the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) with regard to the Board composition, informing Council of the amendments to Schedule 6 of Ontario Regulation 278/98 of the District Social Services Administration Boards Act to increase the Board Representation for Area One municipalities from one to three members. A copy of a letter from the Ministry of Community and Social Services to the Board informing the Board of the approval was also attached.
- b) A letter was read from the TBDSSAB, along with a copy of the letter from the Ministry to the Board, with regard to the Ministry of Community and Social Services update on the status of the District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) governance and accountability review. The Ministry has finalized parameters for the review and are currently working through formal procurement processes to secure a third-party reviewer by June 2017.
- c) The TBDSSAB is seeking interested candidates to apply for their new Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Advisory Table. No one from Council will be applying.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition – Minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting.
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) AMO Communications – Policy Update – Several Important Amendments to Bill 68 Achieved. In this update the key amendments to the Bill included information on Integrity Commissioners Regime, Meetings, Municipal Election Act, including a change to the term of Council and the use of electronic methods for meetings. These changes will be discussed further when the changes are officially passed.
 - ii) AMO Watchfile – May 11, 2017.
 - iii) AMO Watchfile – May 18, 2017.
 - iv) AMO Communications – Ontario Announces New Proposed Changes to the Land Use Planning and Appeal System.
 - v) AMO Communication – AMO Members Update – Changing Workplaces Final Report Released.
- c) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority – 2016 Audited Financial Statements.
- d) Office of the Prime Minister – reply to Council's endorsed resolution regarding National Pharmacare Program.
- e) The Premier of Ontario – i) reply to Council's endorsed resolution referring to the health of the Great Lakes.
 - ii) reply to Council's endorsed resolution regarding the need for a provincial opioid strategy.
- f) Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) regarding Farms Forever initiative.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Tbaytel – regarding the tower lease agreement and building lease agreement
 - i) Email for Mr. Prokosh, Tbaytel.
 - ii) Copy of current agreement with the City of Thunder Bay for the central office.
 - iii) Copy of optional draft agreements – one to include just the tower, second to include the tower and the central office.

The Clerk-Treasurer noted that she has a call into the City Clerk's office to see if it would be possible to enter into one agreement, as the current central office building agreement is with the City of Thunder Bay and the tower will be with Tbaytel. Council agreed that if it was possible they would prefer to enter into one agreement.

- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – regarding the Ministry not moving forward with the proposals requiring regular inspection and pumping out of septic tanks.
- c) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Ontario legislature has passed Bill 39, Aggregate Resources and Mining Modernization Act.
- d) Canada 150 – i) email from Ceremonial and Symbols – denying our request for promotional items. Council was asked if they wished to purchase any Canada 150 items. The Clerk-Treasurer has picked up some paper Canada 150 flags and tattoos from the MP's office to use at our event on July 8th. Council were in agreement not to purchase any further items.

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- ii) Council discussed their part in the July 8th Canada 150 event. Council will sponsor a Horseshoe Tournament. Council will find sponsors for prizes. We will charge \$1 per person to play. Mayor Vezina will speak with Mr. Corrigan to see if he would be interested in running the Tournament as he has previously done so for O'Connor Day.
- iii) Council was also asked if they would be interested in having older cars on display during the event. Council had no concerns with this if anyone wanted to bring some.
- e) Student Councillor – Council previously discussed possibly having one and asked that it be brought back for further discussion at budget time. Information from the Town of Marathon and the Municipality of Greenstone was reviewed. Council would like to see if anyone is interested. Information will be put into the Cornerstone for the months of July, August and September with the term running from October 2017 to June 2018. The applicants will be asked for a letter of interest and will be asked to attend a short interview. There will be volunteer hours provided for their time with no honourarium being paid. If they attend any conference or training their expenses will be covered. A policy will be drafted in this regard and brought back for Council's approval.
- f) The Request for Proposal for the renovations and furnace replacement for community centre were discussed. A site visit will be called and the quotes will be requested for the next meeting.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) i) Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot regarding Emergency Management Program. Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) the Municipality shall have an Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC) and every Municipality shall have a Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG). Our current Township Emergency Plan includes a Community Control Group which includes the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Medical Officer of Health and the TBDSSAB. This is not the same. It is being recommended that the committee and the group be appointed. This Group must also receive four hours of training each year and Ms. Jacobson, CEMC of Oliver Paipoonge is currently looking into organizing a joint training session for this.
- ii) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – Fire Marshal & Chief, Emergency Management Guidance: 2017-01-23 Topic: Ontario Regulation 380/04 Training Requirements.

Under Further Old Business, the security cameras around the municipal property were discussed. Council asked if they have been installed and if they are working out. The Clerk-Treasurer noted that they have been installed. It was noted that they are battery operated and are using a lot of batteries. It was suggested that we look further into rechargeable batteries. They do use a camera battery and the Clerk-Treasurer will look into this further to see if they make rechargeable for this type.

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

- a) Amberley Gavel webinar – New Municipal Employees June 19-22, 2017. The Clerk-Treasurer asked Council if they had any concerns with Ms. Laforest participating in these webinars. Council informed the Clerk-Treasurer that this would be her decision. If it was beneficial for Ms. Laforest's training they had no concerns.
- b) Stephan Huzan, Northern Planning regarding inquiry into Loghrin Road property and request to attend the June 12th Council meeting to discuss possibly planning amendments for this property. Council asked that the Clerk-Treasurer contact Fotenn to see if they have any comments with regard to this request. Council would like Mr. Huzan to attend the meeting to discuss this further.

- 4. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
TIME BEING: 8:58 P.M.**

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer