

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Leadhand, Kelly Johnson . Arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Absent: Councillor Bishop Racicot

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none.

1. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mrs. Jennifer Silvaggio had been scheduled to attend tonight's meeting. Mrs. Silvaggio wished to address Council with regard to getting WIFI in the O'Connor Community Centre. This item was moved forward on the agenda as Mrs. Silvaggio was not in attendance.

Leadhand Kelly Johnson was scheduled to attend tonight's meeting at 7:15 p.m. Item 6 on the agenda was moved forward to discuss with the Leadhand when he arrives for the meeting.

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

2. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR OCTOBER 2016 TOTTALLING \$115,555.13 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to October 31, 2016 were not available .

The quotes for the 2016 to 2019 Township of O'Connor Audit were brought back to Council for consideration. The Clerk-Treasurer's summary of administration's meeting with BDO Canada LLP was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE QUOTE OF BDO CANADA LLP TO CONDUCT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AUDIT FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM, THOSE YEARS BEING 2016, 2017, 2018 AND 2019, AT A COST OF \$12,500.00, \$12,500.00, \$13,250.00 AND \$13,250.00 RESPECTIVELY, BE ACCEPTED.

Carried.

Kelly Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. Roadwork in general was discussed. The roads crew is currently ditching on Fleming road and will be ditching on Connolly Road next week. Gravel will also be hauled to roads where needed.

The Equipment Report for 2016 was reviewed. Truck #9 may need a new radiator in the near future, however, they are hoping to get through this winter before replacing it. The engine on Truck #9 has undergone a major overhaul and should be good for a few more years. Truck #7 is still in good condition and has had minor maintenance done as a result of this year's safety. It was commented by Mr. Johnson that the engine and

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transmission are still all original. The Ford 150 truck is in good running condition, however, there are areas where the paint needs to be touched up. The 420 CAT backhoe has had some minor repairs and the cab doors are rusting and will need to be repaired. The Volvo Grader is in good shape with new tires, however, a new stinger board will need to be purchased for the next season. The compactor at the Disposal site is working well with the exception of the occasional hydraulic glitch which is addressed by the roads crew when it occurs.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is in the process of amending the Aggregate Resources Act. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot and Mr. Johnson sat in on the technical information session via a webinar that was held on Monday, November 7th that provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Act. There is currently a 60 day comment period being held and submissions may be made until December 5, 2016. Council would like a written comment submitted addressing the issue of the Ministry not having to pay royalties to municipalities where their aggregate pits are located. Currently permit holders, other than the Ministry, are required to pay royalties with a portion paid to the municipality where the site is located. These payments help to compensate the municipality for the wear and tear of their roadways.

A letter from TBT Engineering regarding upcoming culvert replacement and an invitation to identify any environmental or other concerns was read. A second letter with regard to the proposed detour for Highway 590 in the year 2018 was also read. Pitch Creek culvert and Whitewood Creek culvert on Highway on 590 are scheduled for replacement. They have determined that Highway 595 and Highway 588 will serve as the detour when these culverts are being replaced.

A letter from Firesteel Contractors was read. The letter extended their thanks and appreciation, on behalf of themselves and Resolute Forest Products, to the Council and staff for the use of roads during the closure of Highway 590 this summer. A contribution was received from Firesteel for the use of the roadways. A thank you letter will be sent to Firesteel and Resolute Forest Products. Council would also like a thank you letter sent to Taranis Contracting expressing Council's appreciation for the gravel they supplied for Fleming Road during the Highway 590 closure.

The issue of contractors possibly bringing tilt trailers to the Disposal site was discussed. Council would like information placed in the next issue of the Cornerstone reminding residents that waste generated outside the Township is not accepted at the Disposal Site. Council also discussed the possibility of implementing a tipping fee for tilt trailers. .

The need for plow truck drivers for winter storms was discussed. Mr. Johnson is concerned with the lack of availability of casual employees that he can rely on when the snowplowing season starts. Council decided that a request for drivers be included in the next issue of the Cornerstone.

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

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Peterborough County requesting additional Health Care funding and that there be no further downloads or future costs for land ambulance/paramedic services was filed.
- b) The Municipality of Charlton and Dack with regard to the new requirement for anyone running for municipal office to submit the signatures of twenty-five (25) voters supporting the nomination and it was

4. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by B.J. Loan

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHARLTON AND DACK REQUESTING THE PROVINCE TO RE-EVALUATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ANYONE WISHING TO RUN FOR OFFICE ON A COUNCIL MUST SUBMIT THE SIGNATURES OF 25 VOTERS SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION AND ALLOWING IT TO BE AN OPTIONAL LOCAL DECISION TO AVOID NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES TO MANY MUNICIPALITIES BE ENDORSED.

Carried.

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c) The Municipality of Neebing opposing the passage of schedule 5 of Bill 7 which will download the enforcement of residential tenancy standards to municipalities and it was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF SCHEDULE 5 OF BILL 7 WHICH WILL DOWNLOAD THE ENFORCEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL TENANCY STANDARDS TO MUNICIPALITIES WITHOUT COMPENSATION TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE INCREASE WORKLOAD THAT WOULD RESULT BE ENDORSED.

Carried.

d) E-mail from Mr. Rob Morton, Executive Assistant to Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby-Oshawa requesting that Council pass a resolution in support of Bill 9 entitled End Age Discrimination Against Stroke Recovery Patients Act, 2016. Council agreed to support the bill and it was

6. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by B.J. Loan

WHEREAS BILL 9, ENTITLED, END AGE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST STROKE RECOVERY PATIENTS ACT, 2016 INTRODUCED BY MPP LORNE COE WAS DEBATED AND PASSED SECOND READING IN THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE AND HAS NOW BEEN REFERRED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL POLICY FOR ITS CONSIDERATION;

AND WHEREAS THE BILL SAYS SIMPLE THAT SUBSECTION 6(1) OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: 12. TO ENSURE THAT ANY TREATMENT RECOMMENDED BY A PHYSICIAN FOR A PATIENT WHO IS RECOVERING FROM A STROKE IS PROVIDED TO THAT PATIENT PROMPTLY, REGARDLESS OF THE PATIENT'S AGE;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR SUPPORT BILL 9 WHICH STATES THAT ALL STROKE VICTIMS RECEIVE CARE REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO ERIC HOSKINS, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE.

Carried.

e) Township of South Stormont regarding the suspension of the Pupil Accommodation Review for one year was filed.

A letter from the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administrative Board (DSSAB) was read regarding their resolution No. 16/96(B) that was passed at the board meeting held on October 27, 2016. The resolution supported the District of Nipissing DSSAB's resolution regarding the Ministry's review of the District Social Services Administration Board Act.

A second letter from the Thunder Bay DSSAB was read with regard to Council's request that the interest charges accrued as a result of non-payment of the required levy payments from January to June of 2016 be waived. The board has approved that the interest charges to the Township be deferred for a period of twenty-four (24) months and that it be waived if the municipality continues to pay its monthly levy payments in a timely fashion for that 24 month period.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ontario Power Generation regarding their plan to conduct call tests for Dam Safety Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans between November 21 and 25, 2016.
b) The Ministry of Housing regarding Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy for 2016.

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- c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - i) Watch File for October 27, 2016.
 - ii) Watch File for November 3, 2016.
 - iii) Watch File for November 10, 2016.
 - iv) AMO Communication – Federal Fall Economic Statement Increases National Infrastructure Spend
 - v) AMO Annual Report, Federal Gas Tax for the year ending December 31, 2015.
 - d) Minister of Finance regarding the 2017 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocation. The Township's allocation is \$217,800.00.
 - e) Office of the Minister of Finance responding to the Township's letter regarding income tax rules for small business.
 - f)
 - i) Ontario Provincial Police letter regarding reconciliation of the municipal policing costs in relation to the collective agreement negotiations.
 - ii) Ontario Provincial Police November newsletter.
 - g) Northern Policy Institute requesting a donation. No donation will be made.
 - h) Premier Kathleen Wynne's e-mail responding to Council's resolution regarding the government's new investment in autism.
 - i) Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC)
 - i) Minutes from the July 7, 2016 meeting.
 - ii) Minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting.
 - iii) Copy of letter to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) requesting that they change the board structure. A letter will be sent to ROMA on behalf of the Township with regard to making changes to the board structure.
- The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under old business Council discussed

- a) Emergency Management Organization regarding Mr. John Coupland's retirement and a request that member municipalities get together as a group and do or get something for him for his years of service. Council agreed that they would contribute.
- b) A thank you note was read from Catriona Earl.

Under new business Council discussed

- a) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority draft budget. Council was asked if they wished Tammy Cook, CAO to come out and discuss the budget with Council. Council did not feel that it would be necessary.
- b)
 - i) Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF) reminding the Township of the October 31, 2016 deadline to submit an application to receive funding.
 - ii) Administrative report to Council with regard to the application that was submitted to the CWWF for the replacement of a number of culverts on various Township roadways. The Township is eligible for up to \$75,000 in funding.
- c) Ontario Trillium Foundation regarding new 2017 deadlines for applications. Council would like administration to look into what is eligible for funding.
- d) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the Proposed Wetland Conservation Strategy for Ontario Information Session that was held on November 10, 2016. The 100 day comment period will close on November 16, 2016. No comment will be made.
- e) Gillies Community Centre requesting a donation for their upcoming Christmas Tea and it was

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

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR DONATE AN O'CONNOR HISTORY BOOK TO THE GILLIES COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THEIR UPCOMING PENNY AUCTION TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2016.

Carried.

Item 5 on the agenda was discussed. Currently WIFI, that is provided by the Township, is not available in the Community Centre. Council would like administration to look into what would be required to access the Township's WIFI in the Centre. It was suggested that the O'Connor Community Club could be approached with regard to fundraising, depending on the cost that would need to be incurred.

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8. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 8:55 P.M.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer