

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Councillors: Handy, Loan, Racicot
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

Absent: Mayor Vezina, Councillor Foekens

Acting Mayor Racicot called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Acting Mayor Racicot declared an interest in item 9a) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

1. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by B.J. Loan

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018 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. A Road Department update was provided and roadwork in general was discussed. Gravel has been hauled from the Boreal Pit and work to stabilize the banks has been done. The pit is now closed for the year. The road employees have done culvert and road shoulder maintenance on Earl Road and ditching on Garbutt and Loghrin Roads will be starting next week.

The work bee scheduled at the O'Connor Cemetery on Saturday, September 22nd was discussed. The work at the cemetery that was suggested will be looked at further during the Township Inspection that is scheduled on Friday, September 14th.

The agenda for the upcoming Township Inspection was discussed. Council did not have any further items to add to the agenda. Reservations will be made for 12 noon at the Cascades Restaurant in Kakabeka Falls for lunch.

The Leadhand was asked if the possibility of the purchasing a transport truck and converting it into a dump truck would be feasible. Leadhand Johnson commented that he did not feel that it would be due to the cost of converting it and that it would be cheaper to just buy a used truck that is already setup.

The Administration and Road Voucher for August 31, 2018 was reviewed. It was

2. Moved by B.J. Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR AUGUST 2018 TOTTALLING \$70,798.06 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to August 31, 2018 were reviewed. It was noted that the renovations at the Firehall have not been started and administration was asked why as the work had been approved in the 2018 budget. Administration is aware that the work has not yet been done and will be sending out a request for quote to do the work shortly.

Acting Mayor Racicot left the room.

By-laws and Policies were reviewed as follows:

- a) The draft policy for Administrative Benefits was reviewed. Recommended changes have been made by administrative staff that are in line with Bill 148 - Fair Workplaces – Better Jobs. References to the Clerk-Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will be replaced with "Full-time Administrative Staff. Council approved the changes

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and the policy will be brought back to the next council meeting scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2018 for adoption.

Acting Mayor Racicot returned to the meeting.

The Consent Application Number 1B/18/18 for Leonard Cook, PT N ½ Lot 11, Concession 3, for a lot addition was reviewed and it was

3. Moved by B.J. Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/18/18 FOR LEONARD COOK, PT N1/2 LOT 11, CONCESSION 3, CONCERNING A PROPOSED LOT ADDITION BE APPROVED.

Carried.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) The Township of North Frontenac advocating for the new Provincial government to continue to support rural fire services and it was;

4. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by B.J. Loan

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE CORPORATION ON THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FRONTENAC ADVOCATING FOR THE NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RURAL FIRE SERVICES AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO COVER ADDITIONAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE CERTIFICATION INITIATIVE BE ENDORSED.

Carried.

- b) The Town of Oakville regarding regulating the display and distribution of objectionable images was filed.

- c) The Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry regarding paramedic services in Ontario and it was;

5. Moved by B.J. Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY PETITIONING THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO TO LIST PARAMEDIC SERVICES AS A FULL ESSENTIAL SERVICE BE ENDORSED.

Carried.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) September Newsletter was read. Council would like to see more information regarding bus safety and distracted drivers included in the next issue of the Cornerstone.
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) i) AMO Communication – Cannabis Retail consultation to start soon.
ii) AMO Communication – AMO Conference 2018 – “In Conversation” on Recreational Cannabis Retail Approach.
- c) AMCTO – AMCTO Advocacy Update – August 24, 2018.
- d) OPSEU i) News Release – OPSEU’s Thomas calls for public cannabis option.
ii) Copy of letter to AMO President, Lynn Dollin regarding the sale of cannabis.
iii) Letter from Warren (Smokey) Thomas regarding choice in public/private cannabis stores.
- e) Hon. Patty Hajdu, MP reply letter to Council’s resolution regarding support for the Court application to confirm a legitimate municipal and provincial regulatory role with respect of a CN Rail Development.
- f) Prime Minister’s Office reply letter regarding Council’s resolution in support of the Court application with respect to CN Rail Development.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

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Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Email from Richard and Glenda Bodnar regarding their 2018 Final Tax Bill. Mr. and Mrs. Bodnar are formally protesting the 2018 increase of their property taxes and would like to request a credit adjustment. Council would like a letter sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bodnar informing them that a public session with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation will be held later this year for the residents of O'Connor. The session will provide information on property assessments and how residents can submit an application for a Request for Reconsideration that could possibly reduce their property assessment. No credit adjustment will be made to their 2018 property taxes.
- b) Council reviewed the draft amendments to the Township's Asset Management Plan. Council did not have any issues with the changes and the Plan will be brought back to the next Council meeting to adopt the changes.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) A letter received by Ms. Shelly Thorne regarding the Guiding Stars Daycare's request for space in the O'Connor Community Centre to provide a play group one to two times per week. Discussion of the expense associated with opening the centre for the play group, such as heating, was discussed. Council would like Ms. Thorne invited to the next meeting to discuss her proposal further.
- b) Registration for the Thunder Bay District Municipal League's 2018 Annual Meeting and Conference was discussed and it was

6. Moved by B.J. Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO AT THE PRINCE ARTHUR WATERFRONT HOTEL ON DECEMBER 7TH AND 8TH, 2018.

**MAYOR JIM VEZINA
COUNCILLOR FOEKENS, COUNCILLOR HANDY, COUNCILLOR LOAN,
COUNCILLOR RACICOT, CLERK-TREASURER BUOB.**

REGISTRATION: \$160.00

Carried.

The TBDML is also asking if municipalities could contribute an amount towards the purchase of a prize for this years Conference and it was

7. Moved by B.J. Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR CONTRIBUTE TO THE 2018 THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CONFERENCE DRAW PRIZE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00.

Carried.

- c) Fred Dean's "User Friendly" Live Webinars was discussed. The Webinars are intended to assist new municipal staff in getting oriented to the municipal environment and it was

8. Moved by B.J. Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S PARTICIPATE IN THE FRED DEAN'S "USER FRIENDLY" WEBINARS THAT WILL ASSIST NEW STAFF IN GETTING ORIENTED TO THE MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENT. WEBINARS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20TH AND 26TH AND OCTOBER 4TH AND 11TH, 2018.

REGISTRATION: \$225.00 + HST

ERIN LAFOREST, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Carried.

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d) Northwest Ontario Municipal League (NOMA) will be hosting a FedNor Round Table and is inviting municipal councils and administrative staff to attend and it was

9. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by B.J. Loan

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE FEDNOR ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION TO BE HELD AT THE VICTORIA INN IN THUNDER BAY ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

REGISTRATION: N/A

MAYOR JIM VEZINA

Carried.

e) Request by the Association des francophones du Nord-Ouest de L'Ontario regarding proclamation of September 25th of this year and future years as Franco-Ontario Day and to symbolically raise the Franco-Ontarian flag at O'Connor's Municipal Office at 10:00 am on September 25th and that it remain raised for one month. Council declined.

Under further new business Council discussed a request by an O'Connor resident to have the speed limit reduced on Cronk Road. Council would like the resident contacted and ask to attend a Council meeting to discuss this matter further and staff will look into what would be required to reduce the speed limit if Council determine it is warranted.

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

a) Asset Management Ontario (AMONTario) invitation to participate in a two day workshop on municipal asset management to be held on September 26th and 27th in Thunder Bay and it was

10. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by B.J. Loan

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ASSET MANAGEMENT ONTARIO'S TWO-DAY MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 26TH AND 27TH, 2018 IN THUNDER BAY.

REGISTRATION: N/A

CLERK-TREASURER BUOB

LEADHAND JOHNSON

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT LAFOREST

Carried.

As Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot will be participating in Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) training on those days, the office will be closed.

b) FireSmart Plan update was discussed. There has been a staffing change at gck Consulting, the firm that is currently developing the Township's FireSmart Plan. Gck Consulting has contacted the office and confirmed that they are still on track to deliver the plan on schedule.

11. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by B.J. Loan

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 AT 8:30 A.M.

TIME BEING: 9:32 P.M.

Carried.