

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Kirsten Annis, Project Coordinator, gck Consulting
Scott Boone, Professional Forester, gck Consulting
Paul Phillips
Kelly Johnson, Leadhand arrived at 7:10 p.m

Acting Mayor Alkins 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 16 e) 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 AUGUST 14, 2017 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mr. Phillips was asked if he wished to address Council on any personal matters and he replied no.

Ms. Kirsten Annis and Mr. Scott Boone were welcomed to the table. Introductions were made. Ms. Annis and Mr. Boone will be working on the Township of O'Connor's Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan and were invited to meet with Council and staff. A date to meet with staff, Fire Chief Henry Mattas and Deputy Fire Chief Monica Budiselic was set for Tuesday, September 26th to discuss the project and gather information.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. Mr. Johnson provided an update on the Road Department and roadwork in general was discussed. Mr. Johnson reported that they have approximately fifteen more culverts to change over for the Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF) Projects. Mr. Johnson also reported that four driveway culverts have been changed which is two more than was anticipated. Culvert replacements are scheduled for Connolly Road and work still needs to be done at the Disposal Site. The issue of visibility on the corner of Connolly Road and Highway 595 was discussed. Brushing had been done last year.

A date for a fall Township inspection was discussed and it was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR TOWNSHIP INSPECTION.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017.**

Carried

Mrs. Lorna Krieg has approached the Township with the possibility of holding a work bee at the O'Connor Cemetery to fix up the Cremated Ashes Garden. She has suggested a number of repairs and improvements that should be done to the garden. Council agreed that they would look at the garden during the Township Inspection. Mrs. Krieg will be contacted to let her know that Council will be looking further into her suggestions.

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

Bills to be paid were reviewed and it was

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

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR AUGUST 2017
TOTALLING \$95,489.71 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

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

**THAT THE ROADS VOUCHER FOR KEVIN'S TIRE SERVICE FOR AUGUST
2017 TOTALLING \$1,297.07 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

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

**THAT THE CLEAN WATER WASTEWATER PROJECT VOUCHER TO
AUGUST 31, 2017 TOTALLING \$55,165.72 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to August 31, 2017 were reviewed.

The policy for a Student Councillor was read and it was

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

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR THE
APPOINTMENT OF A NON-VOTING STUDENT COUNCILLOR FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A
STUDENT PERSPECTIVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN MUNICIPAL DECISIONS
AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A VALUABLE LEARNING
EXPERIENCE AND THAT THIS POLICY BE APPROVED AND ENTERED
INTO THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S POLICY BOOK.**

Carried

The By-Law to authorize the borrowing of monies was reviewed. It was agreed that this item will be deferred to the September 25, 2017 Council meeting.

The Quote from DP Construction for minor renovations to the O'Connor Community Centre, which was previously submitted and opened at the June 12, 2017 meeting was reviewed and it was

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

**THAT THE QUOTE OF DP CONSTRUCTION FOR VENTED SOFFAT AND
FASCIA AND FLASH SMALL WINDOW ON THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY
CENTRE AT A COST OF \$3,400.00 PLUS HST BE ACCEPTED.**

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Township of Georgian Bay regarding Invasive Plants Species was read and it was

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

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY
REQUESTING THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE MINISTRY OF
THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO ERADICATE THE
INVASIVE SPECIES GIANT HOGWEED, JAPANESE KNOTWEED AND
PHRAGMITES ON PROVINCIALLY OWNED LANDS BE ENDORSED.**

Carried

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- b) Township of Oro-Medonte regarding the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program was read and it was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF ORO-MEDONTE REQUESTING THE PROVINCE TO EXPAND THE ONTARIO'S WILDLIFE DAMAGE COMPENSATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE EVIDENCE OF PARTIAL CARCASS' TO ALLOW ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS TO PROCESS LEGITIMATE CLAIMS AND TO RELY MORE HEAVILY ON THE OPINIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL INVESTIGATOR BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- c) City of Kawartha Lakes regarding farm house severances was read and filed.
- d) Town of Halton Hills encouraging all Ontario municipalities to pass a resolution to support zero tolerance against racism and condemn all racism acts of violence. Council felt that the Township's policy on Workplace Harassment and Violence addresses this issue and the resolution was filed.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services letter of Compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and its associated Regulation, Ontario Regulation 380/04. The Township is in compliance.
- b) Ontario Provincial Police – Thunder Bay OPP – September Newsletter. Information regarding impaired driving will be included in the October issue of the Cornerstone.
- c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) AMO Watchfile – August 17, 2017.
ii) AMO Watchfile – August 24, 2017.
iii) AMO Watchfile – August 31, 2017.
iv) AMO Watchfile – September 7, 2017.
v) AMO Policy Update – Report to Member Municipalities, Highlights of the August 2017 Board Meeting and Helping Latest Double Hatter Firefighters.
vi) AMO – The Waste-Free Ontario Act: What it Means for Current and Future Waste
- d) Patrick Brown, MPP, Leader of the Official Opposition regarding his speech at the Association of Municipalities on Ontario's annual conference.
- e) Northern Policy regarding new Service Boundary Map is launched in Northern Ontario.
- f) Health Canada response letter to Council with regard to the need for a national pharmacare program.
- g) Ministry of Natural Resources response Council's letter supporting the Municipality of Brockton's resolution regarding MPP Forster's private member's Bill 86.
- h) Beth Stewart, Thunder Bay District Municipal League, e-mail regarding health and sustainability of the food we eat and announcing that Dr. Charles Levkoe, Canada Research Chair in Sustainable Food Systems will be at the Waverley Auditorium on Saturday, September 23rd to speak on a national food policy.
- i) Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change follow up e-mail regarding the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry posting of a regulatory proposal that facilitates the organization wind up of Industry Funding under the Waste Diversion Transition Act.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

The Survey by FedNor for the Development of the Prosperity and Growth Strategy for Northern Ontario. Council will look at the survey and send their responses to the office for administration to submit before the deadline of September 15th.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) i) Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML) invitation to the 100th Anniversary Conference to be held on October 27th and 28th. It was decided that registration for this event will be determined at the next council meeting.
ii) Press Release from the TBDML announcing Gord Hume to Speak with Municipal Leaders at the 100th Annual Conference.

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b) E-mail from Judy Jacobson, Deputy Clerk for the Municipality of Oliver Paipouge announcing that Wednesday, November 1, 2017 has been set for the mandatory training of the Municipal Emergency Control Group and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S PARTICIPATE IN THE MANDATORY TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO BE HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M.

MAYOR JIM VEZINA, COUNCILLORS ALKIN, FOEKENS, LOAN, RACICOT, CLERK-TREASURER BUOB, FIRE CHIEF HENRY MATTAS.

Carried

c) E-mail from Rosalie Evans, Solicitor-Clerk for the Municipality of Neebing regarding the recording of the November 1st mandatory training session for the Municipal Emergency Control Group was read.

d) The date for the Emergency Table Top Exercise was discussed and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR A TABLE TOP EXERCISE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AT 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Carried

Councillor Racicot left the room.

e) 7th Annual Northern (Thunder Bay) Municipal Treasurer's Forum registration was discussed. This item will be deferred to the September 25th Council meeting.

Councillor Racicot returned.

f) Invitation from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) to their September 28th Consultation Session for their First Strategic Plan was read and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON'S PARTICIPATE IN THE LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY'S FIRST STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 IN THUNDER BAY

**REGISTRATION: N/C
MAYOR JIM VEZINA, COUNCILLOR ALKINS**

Carried

g) Forum North – Thunder Bay Ontario's OH&S Conference registration was discussed and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND FORUM NORTH TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2017.

LEADHAND KELLY JOHNSON, ADMIN ASSISTANT ERIN LAFOREST

REGISTRATION: EARLY BIRD BY OCTOBER 17TH - \$329.00 + HST

Carried

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- h) The 2018 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference registration was discussed. This item will be deferred to the next council meeting.
- i) The Closed Meeting Investigator agreement with Mr. Paul Heayn was discussed. Council agreed that the Township will not be entering into an agreement with Mr. Heayn for 2018. A letter will be sent to Mr. Heayn to notify him of the decision.
- j) Local Authority Services Communication regarding the upcoming Train the Trainer workshop in Thunder Bay on October 11, 2017. No one will be attending.

Under further new business, Council discussed the possibility of obtaining a Quonset building from the Ministry of Transportation and using it for a salt shed for the Township. Councillor Racicot will look further into this matter.

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

- a) Cheryl Gallant, MP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke requesting that Council members fill in a survey with regard to opposition to new taxes. Council was provided the online link to fill in the survey.
- b) Municipal Finance Officers Association (MFOA) Policy Update regarding Back to Work at the Ontario Legislature.
- c) AMO Communication regarding Ontario Announces Cannabis Control Board to Retail Cannabis Products and its Provincial Cannabis Framework.

For information purposes building permit #2017-04 was approved for new roof - 20 Flint Road.

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

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:14 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer