

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETING – FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AT 7 P.M.

Absent, if any, please call

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof
4. Minutes – Council Meeting February 12, 2024 – enclosed
5. Visitors, if any
6. Any person who requested to be on the agenda – to date of mailing - none
7. 7:00 p.m. – Fire Chief Henry Mattas and Acting Deputy Fire Chief Biloski
  - a) Fire Department Report – enclosed
  - b) Fire Department issues
  - c) O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department – 2023 Monthly Incident Statistical Report – enclosed
  - d) Area Fire and First Response calls - monthly stats for 2024 - enclosed
  - e) Discuss LRMC meeting held with Fire Departments, Council and Administration on February 20, 2024.
  - f) Ontario Regulation 343/22 – Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 re: Firefighter Certification.
  - g) By-law Number 2023-08 – Being a By-law to establish and regulate a Volunteer Fire Department (Enabling By-law, as discussed at February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting)
  - h) Joint Health and Safety training for Fire Department
  - i) Set date for Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) meeting and training
  - j) Set date for Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC) – to review Emergency Plan and Emergency Management Program
  - k) **O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Minutes of Meetings – on table - i) January 13, 2023  
ii) March 14, 2023  
iii) April 11, 2023  
iv) June 13, 2023  
v) October 10, 2023**
8. Voucher for February 12, 2024 – a) Admin and Road - Bills to be paid passed around the table
9. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – i) Draft to December 31, 2024 – available at meeting
  - ii) Discuss possible transfers to Reserve
  - iii) Reserve Balances as of December 31, 2023 – on table
10. By-laws and Policies – a) Draft By-law Number 2024-05 - Being a By-law to Regulate the Running at Large and Controlling of Dogs within the Corporation of the Township of O'Connor and to Repeal By-law Number 2023-31 and all By-laws amending By-law Number 2006-04. – enclosed

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10. By-laws and Policies (cont'd)
  - b) Policy for Dog Control - enclosed
  - c) By-law Number 2024-06 – Being a By-law to amend the miscellaneous fees and charges for the Corporation of the Township of O'Connor - enclosed
11. Consent applications – none at time of mailing
12. Tenders and Quotes – none at time of mailing
13. Resolutions for endorsement –
  - a) City of Hamilton re: Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy – enclosed
  - b) Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands – re: rural and small urban water and wastewater systems – enclosed
  - c) Township of Perry – re: request to the Province to Amend blue Box Regulations for “Ineligible” Sources – on table**
14. Correspondence – copies of letters enclosed
  - a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) – O'Connor 2022 Financial Information Return
  - b) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) – re: 2024 Levy Request
  - c) The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board – Update from the Board February 13, 2024
  - d) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) re: International Student Cap and the Terrace Bay Mill closure impacts on economic growth in Northwestern Ontario.
    - i) Resolution 2024-01 endorsing the appeals of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, Confederation College, and Lakehead University regarding Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada reforms to the International Student Program.
    - ii) Copy of letter to Premier Ford and Minister Graydon Smith, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry seeking government assistance to find a new operator for the Terrace Bay mill to reopen the facility.
    - iii) Copy of letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship re: International Student Cap to Impact Economic Growth in Northern Ontario
    - iv) Copy of letter from the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC) re: International Student Cap will impact economic growth in Thunder Bay and Northern Ontario
  - e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) –
    - i) Policy update February 21, 2024, re: Advancing Energy, Environmental, Social and Economic Prosperity Advocacy
  - f) Ministry of Transportation (MTO) re: Licence Plate Renewal
  - g) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) re: Regulation of Development for the Protection of People and Property from Natural Hazards in Ontario
  - h) City of Timmins and Township of Hornepayne – re: Northern Ontario Women's Caucus.
  - i) Balance of the correspondence to be passed around table

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### 15. Old business

- a) Tbaytel – re: Lighting Strike follow up - enclosed
- b) Lakehead Police Services Board (LPSB) – update re: Insurance coverage for Board Members - enclosed
- c) Shannon Dodd-Smith – Superior Consulting Team – re: Official Plan Amendment #2023-01 – Planning Opinion for decision discussion - enclosed
- d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) re: Confirming Councillor Training attendance
- e) Further old business

### 16. New business

- a) Set dates for budget meetings
- b) EA Modernization Team – Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks re: Seeking input on proposed new environmental assessment regulation for municipal Infrastructure - enclosed
- c) Further new business

### 17. Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed – copies will be available at the Council table

- a) Town of Mono – reply to Council’s supporting resolution regarding Road Safety Declaration and Initiatives Support**
- b) Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery – reply to Council’s supporting resolution for funding for abandoned cemeteries.**
- c) Autism Ontario – invitation to participate in Autism Ontario’s Fly the Flag campaign on April 2, 2024.**
- d) The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) – 2024-2027 Strategic Plan**
- e) MPAC – re: Organizational structure changes**

### 18. Information purposes: Building permits were approved as follows: none at time of mailing

### 19. Closed Portion – a) Review application for By-law Enforcement Officer position – on table

### 20. Open meeting

### 21. Adjournment

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7 p.m.