

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 AT 7 P.M.  
O'CONNOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Absent, if any, please call – Councillor Racicot

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof
  
4. Minutes – a) Special Meeting of Council – August 14, 2023 - enclosed  
b) Council Meeting August 14, 2023 – unavailable  
c) Notes from Public meeting re: Budget increase – 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. – Leadhand, Kelly Johnson
  - a) Road Department update and roadwork in general
  - b) Loghrin Road Traffic/Speed count - enclosed
  - c) Update of Bank stabilization project
  - d) Update on MTO Road Agreement
  - e) Update on the Sale of 93 Ford Truck
  
8. Voucher for September 11, 2023 – a) Admin and Road - Bills to be paid passed around the table
9. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – to August 31, 2023 - unavailable
  
10. By-laws and Policies – a) Policy 5.5 – DRAFT Policy for Volunteer Firefighter Training – enclosed  
b) By-law Number 2003-08 – A By-law to Provide Relief of Financial Hardship by Allowing for Cancellations of Increases in Residential Taxes for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities – for review - enclosed
  
11. Consent applications – none at time of mailing
12. Tenders and Quotes – none at time of mailing
  
13. Resolutions for endorsement – a) Township of Emo – re: Black Ash Tree Classification as “endangered” under the Endangered Species Act – enclosed  
**b) Town of Grimsby re: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income – on table**
  
14. Correspondence – copies of letters enclosed
  - a) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – i) re: response to article about MPAC in the Toronto Star, entitled “Is Your Property Tax Fair”  
ii) Extension of the current assessment cycle through to the end of 2024 taxation year.  
iii) Do we still want to schedule a public meeting with MPAC if there are no changes again in 2024?
  - b) AMCTO the Municipal Experts – re: Advocacy Update – August 29, 2023 – Update on our Assessment Cycle Advocacy
  - c) Ministry of Infrastructure – i) Red Tape Reduction for Designated Broadband Projects

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### 14. Correspondence (cont'd)

- c) ii) AMP it Up 3.0 – additional investments in Asset Management support tools and programs
- d) Ontario Provincial Police – Municipal Policing Bureau – re: Distribution of Police record Check Revenue to Municipalities
- e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – re: Building Faster Fund
- f) Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – re: Governments of Canada and Ontario are investing to help improve the removal, handling, and disposal of deadstock across the province.
- g) Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) – re: Second Community Disbursement of CIF Surplus Funds
- h) Balance of the correspondence to be passed around table

### 15. Old business

- a) Update re: Meeting between LRMC members and the Norwest Community Health Centre and service offered at the Kakabeka Clinic
- b) Discuss meeting with the Fire Department members to be held September 12, 2023
- c) Discuss Public meeting held on August 16, 2023 re: tax levy increase
- d) Request for meeting with MPP Holland - discussion
- e) Further old business

### 16. New business

- a) Discussion re: Status of Lightning strike at the Township office on August 25, 2023
- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing MSO-North – 2023 Northern Treasurers' Forum – October 18 and 19, 2023 - enclosed
- c) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – NOMA Strategic Plan requesting feedback via survey – enclosed and emailed
- d) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) – re: Draft 2024 Budget Consultation - enclosed
- e) Township of Gillies – re: potential “4 Seasons of Reconciliation” training - enclosed
- f) Official Plan Amendment application received – set date for public meeting
- g) Canada Community Building Fund (formerly Federal Gas Tax) current Municipal Funding Agreement ends in 2023.
- h) Further new business

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

18. Information purposes: Building permits were approved as follows: #2023-09 – 313 Blaikie Road – Modular home, #2023-10 – 526 Highway 595 – new home

19. Closed Portion – no issue at time of posting

20. Open meeting

21. Adjournment

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Council - Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7 p.m.  
Meeting with the Fire Department members – Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7 p.m.  
in the O'Connor Community Centre