

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – APRIL 23, 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Councillors: Crane, Handy, Loan
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas

Absent: Mayor Vezina, Councillor Racicot

Acting Mayor Loan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by A. Crane
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report from March 23, 2019 to April 21, 2019 was read. There were three First Response calls since the last report. Fire Chief Mattas also included in his report the attendance of those present at the recent Fire Department meetings and as per Council's request the test results of the Scott Air-Pak functional tests.

The purchase of additional AED's for the Township was discussed. This will be looked into further with the First Response Co-ordinator to see if she feels this could be beneficial.

Training for the department members was discussed. Deputy Chief Budiselic can now monitor the online courses and know whether or not the members are following their schedule. Discussion was held with regard to probation period of new members and how long a member will remain on the team if they are not active.

Council addressed questions with Fire Chief Mattas that arose from the Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection workshop with regard to due diligence.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending and left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Administration and Roads Voucher to April 23, 2019 was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by A. Crane

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER 2019-04 DATED APRIL 23, 2019 TALLING \$95,334.16 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to March 31, 2019 were reviewed.

Under the new Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) the Township of O'Connor is required to enter into an agreement with a producer responsibility organization (PRO) to accept tires at the disposal site. It was

3. Moved by A. Crane
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2019-10 BEING A BY-LAW TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ETRACKS TIRE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

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- a) Township of Tudor and Cashel regarding the cost of service delivery and request for Hydro One and the Ontario Energy Board to review their plan and it was

4. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by A. Crane

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF TUDOR AND CASHEL REQUESTING THAT HYDRO ONE AND THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD REVIEW THEIR PLANS REGARDING DELIVERY SERVICE TO ENSURE THAT THE COST OF SERVICE DELIVERY IS FAIR TO EVERYONE BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- b) Peterborough County regarding the ongoing Opioid Crisis in Peterborough and it was

5. Moved by A. Crane
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM PETERBOROUGH COUNTY CALLING ON THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO TO ASSIGN A PROVINCIAL COORDINATOR WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG TERM CARE FOR THE PROVINCIAL RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID OVERDOSE CRISIS AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PROVINCIAL STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE OPIOID OVERDOSE CRISIS, BASED ON A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH; AND CALLING FOR FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT, ENHANCE, AND EXPAND EVIDENCE BASED TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, ADDICTION PREVENTION AND EDUCATION, AND HARM REDUCTION MEASURES; AND THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION ADD A YOUTH RESILIENCY PROGRAM TO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM WHICH INCLUDES COPING SKILLS TO GET THROUGH OBSTACLES IN LIFE E.G. ANGER MANAGEMENT, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND INFORMED DECISION MAKING BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- c) Municipality of Grey Highlands with regard to the OMPF funding review and potential reduction and/or loss of the allotment in future years was filed as Council has already endorsed a similar resolution at a previous meeting.
d) Town of Minot with regard to the OMPF funding review, again this resolution was filed as Council has already endorsed a similar resolution at a previous meeting.
e) City of Brantford with regard to Single-use plastic straws was filed.
f) Town of LaSalle with regard to vaping (e-cigarettes) advertising and it was

6. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by A. Crane

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWN OF LASALLE REQUESTING THAT HEALTH CANADA MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REGULATORY MEASURES UNDER CONSIDERATION TO FURTHER LIMIT VAPING PRODUCT ADVERTISING BE ENDORSED.

Carried

Correspondence were discussed as follows:

- a) Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding a meeting held with Mayor Vezina and Mayor Holland, Township of Conmee. As Mayor Vezina was absent from this meeting, if there is any further information that he would like to share with regard to that meeting it will be discussed at the next meeting.
b) AMCTO – regarding the 2019 AMCTO Provincial Budget Update.
c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) 2019 Budget Highlights.
ii) AMO's Deeper Look at the Provincial Budget. Council expressed their concern with regard to the matters relating to the land ambulance services and they will continue to watch for further details on this matter from the Province.
iii) Municipal budgets may be affected by animal cruelty enforcement changes.

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- d) Solicitor General – regarding Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) withdrawing from its current role of enforcing animal welfare legislation effective June 28, 2019.
- e) Cheryl Gallant – regarding Bill C-68, currently before the Senate, reversing changes to the Fisheries Act.
- f) Premier of Ontario – reply letter to Council's endorsed resolution with regard to the Indigenous Culture Fund.
- g) Environment and Climate Change Canada launches a new weather app, WeatherCAN. The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The approval of the 2018 Draft Financial Statements. It was

- 7. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by A. Crane

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DRAFT 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AS PRESENTED BY BDO, THE AUDITOR, AT THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 2019.

Carried

- b) An O'Connor Cemetery work bee, which was post-poned in 2018, was discussed and it was

- 8. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by A. Crane

THAT A CEMETERY WORKBEE BE SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019 AT 10 A.M.

Carried

The work bee will be advertised in the newsletter, the Cornerstone.

- c) An update was provided with regard to the City of Thunder Bay's By-law to divert traffic from Highway 102 and Arthur Street. As the members of the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) would like to attend a City Council meeting to do a deputation to City Council, Mr. Hanchard, CAO/Clerk from the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge has sent out an email, providing the current status of a possible meeting and noting that the City is currently polling their members for their availability to try to ensure full attendance at their meeting when the vote is taken.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Superior North Emergency Medical Services (SNEMS) – First Quarter Levy for 2019. The Township of O'Connor levy will increase by \$2,896.00.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Hydro One Networks Inc. regarding Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference and Invitation to Community Information Centres for the Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line. Public meetings will be held, including one in Kakabeka Falls on May 14, 2019.

For information purposes no building permits have been issued since the last meeting.

It was

- 9. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by A. Crane

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.
TIME BEING: 9:22 P.M.**

Carried