

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JULY 8, 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand
Janice LeBoeuf

Absent: Councillor Racicot

Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by B. Jerry Loan
Seconded by A. Crane

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
JUNE 24, 2019 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

The visitors were asked if they wished to address Council and they replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. Roadwork in general was discussed. Mr. Johnson informed Council that he is currently finishing up his gravel hauls. There were a few washed out areas that he is also fixing up after that last rain fall. He has applied three loads of calcium to the Township roads, with one more load to be done this week. There was a windstorm on July 3rd which hit the O'Connor/Oliver Paipoonge Townline areas, taking down several trees. Some still need to be cleaned up, however all roads were cleared that evening. North Rock Environmental Inc. has started on the Disposal Site Study and Mr. Pitton has been at the site digging test holes for them this week. WSP has also provided a draft Structural Inspection Report of the five large culverts for review by staff.

Mr. Johnson also provided Council with an update on the Highway 590 washout and Cedar Creek scheduled culvert replacement. In preparation for the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) requested detour, the road department hauled gravel to Fleming Road. Due to the Highway 590 washout, some traffic is required to use the detour of Sovereign Road, Fleming Road and Strom Road in both directions as this is the only access in and out of the area between the two closures. This includes Taranis Contracting's gravel pit and any traffic attending the Township of O'Connor's disposal site. The MTO have told Mr. Johnson to keep track of the material and expenses the Township of O'Connor is incurring to keep this detour in a reasonable condition. They have also provided permission for the Township to haul material out of the Strom pit for the detour roads. The Cronk Road detour has not officially been opened and identified, as there are still several soft spots in the road. The MTO have marked the extended route of Highway 590 to Highway 588 and back to Highway 595 as the detour route. An increased amount of traffic is using all of the through roads between Highway 590 and Highway 595, rather than the posted detour. Due to the Highway 590 washout, Mr. Johnson contacted Firesteel and asked them to have their trucks use Earl Road as it was in good condition and the calcium had been applied. These trucks are continuing to use the through roads and are driving at a safe speed. Mr. Johnson inquired into the duration of the repairs to Highway 590 washout and he was informed that they should have the old pipe out today and the new one installed tomorrow and the road should be opened by the end of next week.

Council asked about the fork in the road at Diana Road and Blaikie Road, which was washed out in the June storm. Mr. Johnson has mentioned in the past that he would like to remove this entrance and was considering doing it now, rather than repair it. It was noted that there was a concern from a resident regarding the site line at the open intersection and suggested that this intersection be closed instead. Mr. Johnson will brush out the inside of the corner which will open up the site line for the vehicular traffic.

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Council asked Mr. Johnson about the reduced speed limit signs for Cronk Road. Mr. Johnson informed Council that he has received quotes for the signs and will be ordering them soon. He will not be putting them up until after the detour is complete and Council also have to pass a by-law to move forward first. A By-law will be prepared and brought to Council prior to the completion of the Highway 590 construction as the MTO do have construction 60 km speed limit signs posted now.

Mr, Johnson was thanked for attending and he left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The Administration and Roads Voucher dated July 8, 2019 was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by A. Crane
Seconded by B. Jerry Loan

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER 2019-09 DATED JULY 8, 2019 TOTTALLING \$116,752.21 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to June 30, 2019 were unavailable.

A By-law to approve the amendments to the Emergency Management Program was reviewed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2019-13 BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND SCHEDULE "A" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Consent application 1B/14/19 for Jacob and Tamara Posthumus was reviewed. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that the document they are reviewing was not the Official Notice from the Lakehead Rural Planning Board (LRPB), only the application. As there will be no other Council meeting prior to the August LRPB meeting she did not want to hold up the application if Council were in agreement. Council agreed to move forward with the application and it was

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

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/14/19 FOR JACOB AND TAMARA POSTHUMUS FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CONCESSION 2, S ½ LOT 6 FOR A SEVERANCE OF 4 HECTARES BE APPROVED.

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Township of Warwick regarding the Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms. It was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO AND AGRICULTURAL LEADERS TO FIND A BETTER WAY FORWARD TO ENSURE STRONGER ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS – OR NEW LEGISLATION – TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ONTARIO'S FARM FAMILIES, EMPLOYEES AND ANIMALS BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- b) County of Oxford – regarding the Regional Government Review was filed.

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c) Town of Oakville regarding Traffic Calming and Speed Limit Review and it was

6. Moved by A. Crane
Seconded by B. Jerry Loan

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE REQUESTING THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH MUNICIPALITIES AND THE ONTARIO TRAFFIC COUNCIL ON THE SWIFT ADOPTION OF THE REGULATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING THE USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE MONETARY PENALTIES BY MUNICIPALITIES BE ENDORSED.

Carried

d) City of Brantford regarding Retail Cannabis Stores was filed.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – i) regarding The Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance (MDRA) program and increase in coverage for municipalities. As a part of the pilot project, the province will provide municipalities that qualify for MDRA funding with up to 15 per cent above the estimated cost of rebuilding damaged public infrastructure to make it more resilient to extreme weather.
- ii) Lynn Buckham, Director of the Municipal Services Office North has retired from the Ministry and announcing Bridget Schulte-Hostedde as her replacement.
- iii) Save the Date – 2019 Planning Workshop – October 23, 2019.
- iv) Save the Date – 2019 Northern Treasurers' Forum - October 24, 2019.
- b) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) & Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML) – 2019 Levy. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that this item was missed in the 2019 budget.
- c) District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) – 2018 Annual Report.
- d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) AMO Executive Director, Pat Vanini to Retire.
- e) Ontario Provincial Police – i) Thunder Bay Detachment - July 2019 Newsletter. Council would like to see the information with regard to transport truck collisions, and if there is room, boating safety information, included in the August Cornerstone.
- ii) Municipal Policing Bureau – invitation to meet with them at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in August.
- f) Tribunals Ontario regarding Proposed changes to the Assessment Review Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
- g) Prime Minister's office – reply to Council's endorsed resolution regarding Bill C-68, an Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Acts in consequence.
- h) Premier of Ontario – reply to Council's endorsed resolutions, regarding public health funding and Bill 115.
- i) Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition – invitation to meet with her at the AMO Conference in August.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC)'s information with regard to allocation of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). A spreadsheet, showing the current formula used by the Ministry versus a couple of different options that the LRMC will be proposing the Ministers was explained by Mayor Vezina.

Under further old business, Council asked if administration had contacted Mr. Rickford, MPP for Kenora – Rainy River with regard to attending a Council meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that she has sent out an invitation and is awaiting a response.

Councillor Crane informed Council of a video he has come across with regard to outdoor AED's. The item is called a Cardiac Save Station. Council asked that he forward the information to the office to be forwarded to them for review.

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Councillor Loan asked when the by-law would be prepared for the reduced speed limit signs for Cronk Road. The Clerk-Treasurer will have it prepared prior to the construction reduced speed signs being removed.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) An email from Gillons, the Township of O'Connor's new insurance company. The email is regarding liability insurance for the helipad. Currently, the Township is not covered for liability associated with the helipad and they are recommending that the Township have a separate aviation liability policy. As the Township does get funding to maintain the helipad and there is a surplus it was

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

THAT THE QUOTE OF GILLONS INSURANCE BROKERS INC. FOR AVIATION LIABILITY FOR THE O'CONNOR HELIPAD AT A COST OF \$1,800 PLUS 8% PST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried

- b) North of Superior Workforce Planning Board (NSWPB) invitation to participate in Service System Manager Community discussion. No one will attend.

For information purposes no new building permits were approved since the last meeting.

- 8. Moved by B. Jerry Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:00 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer