

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETING – MARCH 27, 2023 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, March 13, 2023 – enclosed
5. Visitors, if any
6. Any person who requested to be on the agenda –
 - a) 7:00 p.m. – Ministry of Transportation - **Heather Boyer**, Manager, Regional Services and Relationships, **Lori Zimak**, Head of Maintenance, **Bruce Caldwell**, Manager of Highway Operations – Maintenance of Highway 595
7. 7:30 p.m. – Fire Chief Henry Mattas
 - a) Fire Department Report – enclosed
 - b) Fire Department issues
 - c) Social Media page – Teri Treftlin is interested in administering a Facebook page, - see Township Social Media Policy in your binders for reference.
8. Voucher for March 27, 2023 – a) Admin and Road - Bills to be paid passed around the table
9. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – unavailable.
10. By-laws and Policies –
 - a) By-law Number 2023- 11 – Being a By-law authorizing the execution of an agreement with Ornge as it sets out the terms and conditions of the use, operation and maintenance of the Helipad – enclosed
 - b) Draft Policy 5.1 – Policy for the Volunteer Fire Department
 - c) Draft Policy 5.3 – Policy for the Stipend Paid to Volunteer Fire Department Members
 - d) Draft Policy 5.4 – Policy to Establish a Training and Mileage Allowance for Volunteer Fire Department Members.
11. Consent applications – none at time of mailing
12. Tenders and Quotes – none at time of mailing
13. Resolutions for endorsement –
 - a) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – re: A Call to the Provincial government to Address Homelessness in Ontario - enclosed
 - b) Municipality of North Perth re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras - enclosed

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13. Resolutions for endorsement (cont'd)

- c) Municipality of Calvin – requesting the Provincial Government through the Minister of Education extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews – enclosed
- d) Town of Essex – i) re: Tax Classification of Short-Term Rental Units - enclosed
ii) re: The reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales – enclosed
- e) Township of Lucan Biddulph re: Future Accuracy of Permanent Register of Electors – enclosed
- f) Corporation of the County of Huron – re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act - enclosed
- g) Township of Warwick – re: CN Railway Contribution Requirements under the Drainage Act and Impacts on Municipal Drain Infrastructure in Ontario – enclosed

14. Correspondence – copies of letters enclosed

- a) Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) – Minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting.
- b) Ministry of Infrastructure re: Accelerated High Speed Internet Program (AHSIP) – Update.
- c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Housing and Homelessness Update.
- d) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – i) re: March 16, 2023 update to the proposal to make amendments to Ontario Regulation 161/17 under the Public Lands Act regarding the use of floating accommodations.
ii) Inspection of 2023 – 2024 Annual Work Schedules.
- e) Tbaytel – re: Local 10-Digit Dialing starting April 1, 2023
- f) Balance of the correspondence to be passed around table

15. Old business

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) – re: Township of O'Connor's application to the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program for the Spring 2022 flooding approval - enclosed
- b) Lakehead Police Services Board – i) Appointment of Community Representative. Would Council like someone from Council to be a part interview with the two applicants?
ii) Paul Greenwood, CAO, Municipality of Shuniah – re: Update on Proposal for OPP Detachment Board – Thunder Bay - enclosed
- c) Further old business

16. New business

- a) NorthWestern Ontario Recreational Trail – i) Update from Clerk-Treasurer re: Letter from the Township to all property owners along the proposed route along the Township roadways. (letter previously emailed to Council)
ii) Open House Information Session in O'Connor – April 18, 2023. Poster enclosed
- b) Approval of Mayor Vezina's nomination to sit as the Thunder Bay District Municipal League's Board Member on the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, representative committee.

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16. New Business (cont'd)

- c) Discuss date for BDO Audit presentation.
- d) Further new business

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

- a) The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board – re: Homelessness Crisis**
- b) Attorney General re: Update on modernization initiatives in Ontario's Provincial Offences Act (POA) courts**
- c) Discuss budget meeting dates**
- d) Update on Infrastructure Ontario – Loan application**
- e) Connolly Road lot – forest harvesting update**

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

19. Closed Portion – no issue at time of posting

20. Open meeting

21. Adjournment

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7 p.m.