

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
August 24, 2010

PRESENT: Reeve Robert Rydholm
Councillor Shirley Hunt
Councillor Grant Arnold

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Holland, Highway Committee Chair, Barb Maxwell,
Highway Committee member, Bob MacMaster, Highway Committee member.

ABSENT: Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt
Councillor Brenda Spithoff

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Rydholm called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2010-105

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared.
CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest on the part of any member of Council.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Kevin Holland, Chair, Conmee Highway Committee

Mr. Holland attended Council to provide an update on the activities of the Highway Committee. He noted that the Committee has had several meetings with Stantec and MTO and had participated in the PIC 2 meeting held on August 11th. At the PIC2 meeting, the Committee provided residents with copies of the maps of the four remaining routes with the social and financial impact of each of the routes on the back. The overwhelming majority of people who Committee members spoke to at the PIC2 meeting were grateful for the Committee's assistance as MTO/Stantec representatives were not very forthcoming with information. A number of people originally thought that none of the routes would impact them, until the Committee members provided them with the information on the financial impact to the Township.

Mr. Holland noted that the Committee sent invitations to Mr. Bill Mauro, MPP, Mr. John Rafferty, MP and Mr. Michael Gravelle MPP, asking them to attend the PIC2 meeting for informational purposes. Only Mr. Rafferty sent a representative and then met with some Committee members at a later date. Mr. Mauro required a resolution from Council and Mr. Gravelle did not respond.

Mr. Holland also noted that once the public had been given the information on the financial impact to the Township, most people were in favour of the route known as the Conmee Alternative, or BCD4.

Mr. Holland advised Council that the Committee was looking for approval for three things:

1. To appoint Mr. Glen Campbell to the Highway Committee. Mr. Campbell has already provided valuable assistance to the Committee, and he was involved in the original study in the 1970's.
2. To approve of a mass mailing of the route information to the residents of Conmee.
3. To approve of a public meeting, tentatively set for November 10, 2010.

Mr. Holland noted that Council already had a draft copy of a resolution that states Council's position that route BCD4 is the only viable option for Conmee Township. Mr. Holland urged Council to pass the resolution as the numbers support that conclusion.

Mr. Holland also noted that the social impact to the Township was considered during the 1977 study, but that the 2010 study does not take this into consideration. Mr. Holland questioned whether this was done because removing the social impact to the Township would make the MTO preferred route look better.

Mr. Holland advised that the Committee would be making a presentation and comments to Stantec/MTO on the BCD4 route at our next meeting with them tentatively scheduled for October.

Councillor S. Hunt was not comfortable with some concerns that maybe should be addressed in this resolution.

1. Will the Township assist the property owners that will be affected by choosing route BCD4. Mr. Holland had previously stated that Stantec had indicated to him that the route BCD4 could be adjusted enough to avoid the two residential properties that might be affected.
2. Would the Township of Conmee have to assume the responsibility and cost of maintenance to the present portion of the existing highway 11/17 through Conmee? Kevin Holland asked permission to respond. The Committee felt it was imperative that we submit our views through a resolution, choosing the route BCD4 and worry about negotiating ownership of the present highway when the time comes.

Councillor S. Hunt commended the Highway Committee for all the work they have done in order to present our case to Stantec and MTO but also felt it was imperative all Councillors were totally aware of the implications if we have to assume the maintenance of the present highway.

Councillor S. Hunt requested to defer the resolution to the next meeting when a full Council was present. Request was denied.

Reeve Rydholm thanked the Committee for their attendance and for all of their work on this issue.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Resolution No. 2010-106

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 27, 2010 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

It was noted that the name of the late Reeve of Dorion had been spelt wrong. It should be Tolmonen.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report – filed
- Landfill Report – filed
- 6.2 Fire Chief's Report – not at this meeting
- 6.3 Clerk's Report

Council deferred a decision on the deep fat fryer until more members of Council were present. They also deferred setting a Road Inspection date for the same reason. Council directed the Clerk to have the Community Centre roof inspected before a decision on putting solar panels up was made. The roof also needs repair to stop the leak.

Council requested that the Clerk find out where they could inspect samples of milled asphalt before they agree to put it on Holland Road.

The Clerk was directed to get prices for a concrete bench in the courtyard.

Council was notified that Sandei Beattie has submitted her resignation from the Library Board. Council requested that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Ms. Beattie and the vacancy be advertised in the next newsletter.

- 6.4 Councillor Reports – not at this meeting

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Resolution No. 2010-107

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$60,961.08 as per Disbursement List No. 8A 2010 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 By-law No. 973 – By-law Enforcement Officer

Resolution No. 2010-108

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Reeve and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 973, being a by-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer.

CARRIED.

8.2 Resolution re Highway

Resolution No. 2010-109

Moved by **Councillor S. Hunt**
Seconded by **Councillor Arnold**

Whereas, The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario has undertaken a route planning and environmental assessment study for the twinning of highway 11/17 between Kakabeka Falls and Shabaqua corners, known as plan # GWP6054-03-00

And whereas, the route will traverse the Township of Conmee,

And whereas, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Conmee believe that the results of the current study supports the results of a study done by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario in 1977

And whereas, the conclusions reached by Conmee council in 1977 showed a severe negative economical impact to the Township as a whole,

And whereas, the council of 1977 proposed an alternate route known as the Conmee Route (currently designated as BCD4),

And whereas, the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario in 1977 recognized the Conmee alternative as a very viable option,

And whereas, the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario engineers in 1977 studied and refined the Conmee alternative and shifted the route eastward so that it became, by Ministry of Transportation of Ontario criteria, the best scoring of all routes proposed through the Township of Conmee,

And whereas, research by the Township of Conmee in 2010 continues to support these conclusions of the 1977 study,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee hereby deem the route designated as BCD4 to be the only viable route to preserve, maintain and protect the existence of the Township of Conmee.

CARRIED.

The Clerk read a submission by Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt also in favour of this route as the only viable option.

8.3 Letter of Support re Highway

Council was provided with a copy of an email from Conmee residents in favour of route BCD4.

8.4 Revision of Hall Rental Form to Require PAL Insurance – Admin. Report #22.

Resolution No. 2010-110

Moved by **Councillor S. Hunt**
Seconded by **Councillor Arnold**

THAT the revisions to the Hall Rental form, as attached, are accepted by Council and staff are directed to ensure that all renters of the Conmee Community Centre are aware of these revisions.

CARRIED.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 By-law No. 972 – Tax Ratios

Resolution No. 2010-111

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Reeve and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 972, being a By-law to establish the 2010 Tax Ratios.

CARRIED.

9.2 Enabling Accessibility Funding

Council directed the Clerk to apply for funding for a chair lift for the library as well as an automatic door opener for the handicapped washroom.

9.3 Ontario Land Owners Association – filed

9.4 NOMA Resolution Support Request re Census Form

Resolution No. 2010-112

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from NOMA regarding the cancellation of the mandatory long form for the 2011 census (copy attached).

CARRIED.

9.5 NOMA Resolution Support Request re Bill 13 Water and Wastewater

Resolution No. 2010-113

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from NOMA regarding Bill 13 Water and Wastewater Systems (copy attached).

CARRIED.

9.6 Atikokan Resolution Support Request

Resolution No.2010-114

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the Town of Atikokan regarding Utility Vehicles (copy attached).

CARRIED.

9.7 Ontario Good Roads Funding Request

Resolution No. 2010-115

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Township of Conmee forward the amount of \$100.00 to the Ontario Good Roads Minimum Maintenance Standards Litigation Fund.

CARRIED.

9.8 Township of Gillies – Letter to B. Mauro re Farm Rebate Program

Council discussed the letter from Gillies Township regarding the farmland property tax reduction and the lack of compensation to some municipalities. Council directed the Clerk to forward our support.

9.9 Township of Gillies – Call for EMO Meeting

The Clerk noted that a meeting has been called for immediately following the close of the NWOR Conference on October 1, 2010.

9.10 Township of O`Connor – Invitation to O`Connor Days – filed

9.11 NWORC-NOMA Fall Meeting

Resolution No. 2010-116

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the following persons be approved to attend the Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference to be held September 29th, 30th and October 2, 2010 in Thunder Bay:

Councillor Arnold
Reeve Rydholm
Clerk Maxwell

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 DSSAB – Letter to Min. of Industry re Long Form Census

10.2 Hymers Fair – Commemorative Benches

10.3 Response from City of Kawartha Lakes re Donation to `Polluter Should Pay` Initiative

10.4 Canada Post Union – Job Losses due to Modernization

Resolution No. 2010-117

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss issues regarding an identifiable individual at 8:45 pm.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2010-118

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 9:03 pm.

CARRIED.

Council directed the Clerk to forward the information received to the OPP.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2010-119

Moved by Councillor S. Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:05 pm.

CARRIED.

Reeve

Clerk