

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
April 14, 2015

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kevin Holland  
Councillor Grant Arnold  
Councillor Robert MacMaster  
Councillor S. Maxwell  
Councillor Cathy Woodbeck

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent  
**ABSENT:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2015- 80**

**Moved by** Councillor Maxwell  
**Seconded by** Councillor MacMaster

**THAT** the Meeting Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 14, 2015 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED.**

The Meeting Agenda was amended by moving Item 8.3 to a Closed Session and the addition of two resolution regarding transfer of funds from reserve accounts and re-naming of reserve accounts under 9.6 and 9.7.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared an interest in Item 7.2 Disbursement List No. 4AA.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no Deputations or Petitions for Council's consideration.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2015 - 81**

**Moved by** Councillor MacMaster  
**Seconded by** Councillor Woodbeck

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 24, 2015 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

6. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed
  - Landfill Reports – Not at this Meeting
  - Generator Report - filed
- 6.2 Fire Chief's Report – Not at this Meeting
- 6.3 Clerk's Report –

## **Resolution No. 2015 – 82**

**Moved by                   Councillor Maxwell**  
**Seconded by            Councillor Woodbeck**

**THAT** the following persons be approved to attend the NOMA convention to be held in Thunder Bay on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Victoria Inn:

Mayor Holland  
Councillor Arnold  
Clerk Maxwell

**CARRIED.**

### 6.4 Treasurer's Report – Not at this Meeting

### 6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting, including attending a Skatepark meeting, Planning Board meeting, the Pancake Breakfast, Rural Food Cupboard Building Committee meeting, Rural Food Cupboard general meeting, and a meeting with possible investors for the Rydholm Residence project as well as setting-up and attending the 2 Bit Auction.

Mayor Holland noted that Michael Gravelle made an announcement that he would be requesting the Province to ban heavy truck traffic on Highway 102 which would shift that traffic to Conmee and Oliver Paipoonge. Mayor Holland will co-ordinate a letter with the Mayor of Oliver Paipoonge to protest this as it is not solving the problem just shifting it to another area.

Councillor MacMaster reported on the library ad hoc committee consisting of Clerk Pat Maxwell, Treasurer Laura Bruni and himself. The Committee is researching equipment for the digital centre as well as getting ready for the AMO "ribbon-cutting" ceremony for the Broadband service. Holly Bernier, a former Library volunteer and Lori Holland, Facilities Manager will attend the next meeting.

Councillor Maxwell reported on the Easter Breakfast as well as the Luau. A profit was realized on both events. Council discussed the use of the ground beef for the spaghetti take-out on May 9<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to purchase fresh ground beef.

Councillor Woodbeck reported on her attendance at the Skatepark meeting, as well as the Easter Breakfast and 2 Bit Auction. There were 54 baskets collected for the 2 Bit Auction. The Skatepark Committee had a basket for raffle at the Easter Pancake Breakfast and will have one at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale.

### 6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- Rural Cupboard Food Bank – Minutes – March 16, 2015
- Rural Cupboard Building Committee – Minutes – April 6, 2015
- Rural Cupboard Food Bank – Minutes – April 8, 2015
- Social Committee – Minutes – March 4, 2015
- Social Committee – Minutes – March 25, 2015
- Notes on Ad Hoc Meeting re Library
- TBDSSAB – Minutes – Closed Session – February 26, 2015
- TBDSSAB – Minutes – Closed Session – February 26, 2015

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 4A 2015

**Resolution No. 2015 -83**

**Moved by Councillor MacMaster**  
**Seconded by Councillor Arnold**

**THAT** the accounts in the amount of \$20,896.63 as per Disbursement List No. 4A 2015 be approved for payment.

**CARRIED.**

Disbursement List No. 4AA 2015

**Resolution No. 2015 – 84**

**Moved by Councillor Woodbeck**  
**Seconded by Councillor MacMaster**

**THAT** the Accounts in the amount of \$1,906.78 as per Disbursement List No. 4AA, 2015 be approved for payment.

**CARRIED.**

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 8.1 Contract with Oliver Paipoonge re Library Services and Discussion on Equipment/Materials Disposition

**Resolution No. 2015 – 85**

**Moved by Councillor Arnold**  
**Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck**

**THAT** the CAO/Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to sign the contract with the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge for the provision of Library services to Conmee ratepayers;

**AND THAT** the Treasurer be authorized to pay the fee in the amount of \$1,250.00 to the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge for this service in advance of receiving the Provincial Grant.

**CARRIED.**

Council discussed the disposition of the book collection. It was decided that the Oliver Paipoonge Librarian would be invited to take what she wanted from the collection for use in the Oliver Paipoonge libraries. The remainder would be offered for free to the residents of the Township during the Yard Sale to be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, and any remaining books will be disposed of.

- 8.2 Erdman Pit – Letter from KBM Group

Council reviewed the letter from KBM in response to Council's concerns regarding the plan to operate the pit 24/7. Council requested that the crusher not be operated on Sundays and be restricted from 7 am to 7 pm on the other days of the week. The application has been amended to show this restriction.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Appoint to Social Committee

**Resolution No. 2015 – 86**

**Moved by** Councillor Maxwell  
**Seconded by** Councillor MacMaster

**THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1073, being a By-law to appoint members to the Social Planning Committee.

**CARRIED.**

9.2 Invitation to Service Award – Maria Harding – filed

9.3 Resolution Support Request – Ernie Hardeman

**Resolution No. 2015 – 87**

**Moved by** Councillor Arnold  
**Seconded by** Councillor Maxwell

**WHEREAS** social housing providers in Ontario are currently required to purchase natural gas and insurance through the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) or pay a fee to purchase elsewhere; and

**WHEREAS** social housing providers should have the right to obtain natural gas and insurance at the lowest cost to provide value to those in need of affordable housing and all taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS** the HSC should be subject to the same level of accountability and oversight as government agencies;

**THEREFORE BE IT** resolved that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act introduced by Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman which would remove the mandatory requirement for social housing providers to purchase gas and insurance through the HSC, require HSC to report salaries over \$100,000.00 and give the Provincial Auditor General the authority to audit HSC.

**CARRIED.**

9.4 Resolution Support Request – Township of Madawaska Valley

**Resolution No. 2015 – 88**

**Moved by** Councillor Maxwell  
**Seconded by** Councillor MacMaster

**WHEREAS** the cost of hydro has doubled and in some cases more than doubled in the past five years;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of electricity in the Province of Ontario is forcing businesses to consider leaving;

**AND WHEREAS** many families are having difficulty keeping up with their monthly payments;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province's long term Energy Plan anticipates that consumers will face hydro rates that will rise by 42% over the next five years;

**AND WHEREAS** many rural municipalities have a population of 50% or more seniors on fixed incomes;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the call from the Township of Madawaska Valley that the Premier and Province of Ontario take immediate action to prevent these rate increases and take whatever other steps are necessary to bring the hydro rates down to a reasonable level.

**CARRIED.**

9.5 Video Surveillance Policy

**Resolution No. 2015 – 89**

**Moved by                    Councillor Arnold**  
**Seconded by                Councillor MacMaster**

**THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee adopts Policy No. 53, being a Policy to establish the guidelines for the use of video surveillance on Township property.

**CARRIED.**

9.6 Resolution re Reserve Account Transfers

**Resolution No. 2015 – 90**

**Moved by                    Councillor Maxwell**  
**Seconded by                Councillor Woodbeck**

**THAT** Council approve the transfer of funds from the following reserve funds set aside for specific purposes by Council to reflect in the 2014 Financial Statements in the amount of \$144,397.00:

1. \$75,244 from fire protection
2. \$30,136 from office equipment
3. \$7,570 from recreation
4. \$1,227 from roads projects

**CARRIED.**

9.7 Resolution re Re-naming Reserve Categories

**Resolution No. 2015 – 91**

**Moved by                    Councillor MacMaster**  
**Seconded by                Councillor Arnold**

**THAT** Council approves changing the categories of the reserve fund set aside for specific purposes by Council;

**THAT** Council remove all current categories with the exclusion of acquisition of capital assets, landfill and sick leave;

**THAT** Council add the category of operating reserve;

**THAT** the following opening balances be applied to each category:

1. Acquisitions of capital assets \$683
2. Landfill \$62,745
3. Sick Leave \$19,625
4. Operating reserve \$30,206.

**CARRIED.**

**ADJOURN TO A CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution No. 2015 – 92**

**Moved by           Councillor Arnold**  
**Seconded by       Councillor MacMaster**

**THAT** we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board at 9:10 pm.

**CARRIED.**

Council discussed the request from a resident to purchase a piece of property to establish a business, including the proposed purchase price and terms of sale.

**Resolution No. 2015 – 93**

**Moved by           Councillor Maxwell**  
**Seconded by       Councillor MacMaster**

**THAT** we do now adjourn this Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 9:59 pm.

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution No. 2015 – 94**

**Moved by           Councillor Maxwell**  
**Seconded by       Councillor Arnold**

**THAT** the Clerk be authorized to proceed as directed in the Closed Session.

**CARRIED.**

**10.   CORRESPONDENCE**

- 10.1 AMO Communications
- 10.2 AMO Communications re New Process for School Closures
- 10.3 AMO Communications re Highlights of March Board Meeting
- 10.4 AMO Communications re Housing and Homelessness Prevention
- 10.5 LRCA – Minutes – February 25, 2015
- 10.6 Letter from Sylvia Jones MPP re Private Members Bill 36 Respecting Private Property Act
- 10.7 AMO Watch File
- 10.8 Charter Challenge re Wind Turbines
- 10.9 Letter from MMAH re Meeting at OGRA/ROMA

**11.   ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 2015 - 95**

**Moved by           Councillor Woodbeck**  
**Seconded by       Councillor Maxwell**

**THAT** we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:02 pm.

**CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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Clerk