

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor Cathy Woodbeck

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer

ABSENT: Councillor Grant Arnold

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2016- 40

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Agenda was amended by the addition of 9.17 – resolution re liquor functions.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared an interest in item 7.2 Disbursement List No. 3AA Payroll 2016.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no depositions or petitions for Council's consideration

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2016 -**

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 9, 2016 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Minutes were amended in section 6.5, Councillor Reports by changing Lakehead Rural Municipal League to Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition.

6. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report

Councillor MacMaster asked that Council's appreciation be passed on to the Road Crew for the excellent job done on removing the snow at intersections.

Mayor Holland presented some information on software to help Public Works keep track of activities including maintenance and data management. Mayor Holland also advised that he had spoken to an equipment supplier while at ROMA/OGRA and got the contact information to see if they had any grader parts for our grader since it is getting more difficult to find them. Councillor MacMaster noted that he had charted the repairs to the grader since 2001 and it is very apparent that the grader will have to be replaced soon.

- Landfill Report – not at this meeting
- Generator Report – not at this meeting

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – filed

6.3 Clerk's Report –

The Clerk reported that MTO has agreed to leave Mokomon Road West open during the upcoming highway repairs. Council appreciates MTO support to enable us to continue to provide needed access on this road.

6.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that all current Extension Agreements for repayment of taxes have been completed. Council commended the Treasurer for her work on the collection of outstanding taxes. The Treasurer also noted that she hoped to have a preliminary budget to Council by the second April meeting.

6.5 Councillor Reports

Councillor MacMaster – Board of Health Report – filed

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including attending an LRMC meeting, the ROMA/OGRA conference where he had 3 deputations with various Ministries, a meeting of a new group forming for municipalities under 6000 population, a food bank meeting, an Official Plan update meeting, a budget meeting, a DSSAB mediation meeting and the dinner theatre event for the Skatepark.

Councillor Woodbeck reported on her attendance at the Skatepark committee meeting and the dinner theatre event which was well attended.

Councillor Maxwell reported on her attendance at the ROMA/OGRA conference and a Social Committee meeting.

Councillor MacMaster reported on his attendance at the Skatepark meeting and noted his work on charting the grader repairs.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- Minutes – Social Committee – October 14, 2015
- Minutes – Social Committee – November 19, 2015
- Minutes – Board of Health – January 20, 2016 – Annual Meeting
- Minutes – Board of Health – January 20, 2016
- Minutes – Rural Cupboard Food Bank – February 3, 2016
- Minutes – Thunder Bay Veterinary Services – February 25, 2016
- Minutes – LRC – January 27, 2016

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 03A 2016

Resolution No. 2016 - 42

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

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$40,760.44 as per Disbursement List No. 03A 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Payroll Disbursement

Resolution No. 2016 – 43

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

THAT the Payroll in the amount of \$12,730.41 as per Disbursement List No. 03AA Payroll 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 8.1 TBDSSAB – Final Year 2016 Levy Apportionment – Amended – filed
- 8.2 Policy No. 39 – Kitchen Rental Amended – deferred
- 8.3 By-law No. 1094 – Request for Proposal Detail Added

Resolution No. 2016 – 44

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

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1094 being a By-law to amend the Procurement and Purchasing procedures.

CARRIED.

- 8.4 Township of Gillies – Approval re Joint Police Services Board – filed

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1 Resolution – Dissolution of Conmee Skatepark Committee

Council reviewed the resolution of the Conmee Skatepark Committee to disband the group as a Committee of Council. The members indicated they will re-form as a private group and will advertise for new members. They intend to continue activities to raise funds to build a Skatepark and Council has agreed to continue to support the group by the donation of the land however there will no longer be Councillors or staff on the committee. Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2016 – 45

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

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee hereby rescinds By-law No. 1093, being a By-law to appoint members to a Skatepark Committee. Any prior By-laws regarding the establishment or appointment to a Skatepark Committee are also rescinded.

CARRIED.

- 9.2 MNR – FireSmart Communities Funding – filed
- 9.3 Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – Compliance – filed.
- 9.4 TBDML – Fall Meeting – Request for Sponsorship – defer
- 9.5 NOMA Annual Meeting

Resolution No. 2016 – 46

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the following persons be approved to attend the NOMA Annual General Meeting to be held at the Victoria Inn on April 27, 28 and 29, 2016:

Councillor MacMaster
Mayor Holland
Clerk Maxwell

CARRIED.

Councillor Woodbeck advised she would also be attending but that her fee will be paid by her employer.

- 9.6 AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting Attendance

Resolution No. 2016 – 47

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the CAO/Clerk and the Treasurer be approved to attend the AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting to be held at the Victoria Inn on April 26th and 27th, 2016 and

THAT the Treasurer be approved to attend the MFIPPA – Learning the Ropes Workshop to be held on April 25, 2016 at the Victoria Inn.

CARRIED.

- 9.7 Town of Carleton Place – Request for Support – Fair Infrastructure Funding

Resolution No. 2016 – 48

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the Town of Carlton Place calling for a fairer and more equitable formula for awarding infrastructure grants (copy attached).

CARRIED.

- 9.8 **Resolution No. 2016 – 49**

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the Town of Aurora requesting the Province to change the mandate of the OMB to require them to uphold planning decisions of a Municipal Council unless they are contrary to the processes and rules set out in legislation.

CARRIED.

9.9 Ontario Community Environment Fund – Application – filed

9.10 CN Hazardous Goods 2015 Shipping Report – filed

9.11 Appointment of Weed Inspector – filed

9.12 Letter from Oliver Paipoonge re Truck Routes

Council discussed the decision of the Council for the City of Thunder Bay to approve truck routes through the City of Thunder Bay which would ban heavy truck traffic from Highway 102. Council noted that they did not see how forcing the heavy trucks to use the Expressway from the intersection of Highway 11/17 to the intersection of Highway 102 would alleviate any of Council's concerns. It appears this would simply move the problem from Highway 102/Dawson Road to that part of the Expressway.

Council also noted that the same problems that residents complain about on Highway 102, such as the heavy traffic while trying to enter the highway from sideroads and the existence of a school on that road, also exist in Conmee and Oliver Paipoonge, including a school that is significantly closer to the travelled portion of the road.

Mayor Holland suggested that a meeting should be set up between himself, Mayor Kloosterhuis of Oliver Paipoonge and Mayor Hobbs of the City of Thunder Bay to discuss this issue.

9.13 Letter from NOMA re Financial Contribution

WHEREAS there are 21 rural and remote municipalities in Northwestern Ontario and a number of First Nation Communities who do not have direct access to piped natural gas, and

WHEREAS the residents and business in those communities without natural gas service must pay significantly more to heat their buildings and homes than communities with natural gas services, and

WHEREAS we believe there is a public interest and benefit in extending natural gas services to rural and remote communities, and

WHEREAS we often hear from the residents and businesses expressing their interest in having access to natural gas and the limitations and barriers they face in not having access to natural gas causes; and

WHEREAS current economic tests and ratemaking mechanisms associated with new connections to the existing natural gas distribution system do not encourage utilities to expand in Northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS currently natural gas expansion in Northwestern Ontario requires the new customer to pay. In contrast the vast majority of the existing system was paid for by the ratepayers as a whole; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board has initiated a hearing on its own motion to consider what mechanisms may be used to recover the costs of expanding natural gas service to Ontario communities that do not currently have access to natural gas, and

WHEREAS NOMA, NOACC, and CVNW (the Coalition) have requested intervenor status on behalf of their member ratepayers (current and future) in Northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the position of the Coalition is that the cost of expanding natural gas service to communities without it should be shared by all gas rate payers in the Province of Ontario, and the OEB implement new ratemaking mechanisms including changes to current economic tests to expand natural gas distribution on such basis.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee advised the Ontario Energy Board that it supports the position adopted by NOMA, NOACC and CVNW that the expansion of the natural gas distribution system should be paid for by all current and future gas ratepayers and the OEB implement new ratemaking mechanisms including changes to current economic tests to expand natural gas distribution on such basis.

DEFEATED

9.14 Memo from Gordon Cuthbertson re Building Permit Fees

Council requested that the Clerk research more options on this issue and bring it back to Council.

9.15 IT Policy – deferred

9.16 AMO – Resolution Support re Investment Program

Resolution No. 2016 – 51

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

THAT Council supports the resolution from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario calling for the Province to change the current Municipal Act investment regulations to allow municipalities to invest consistent with the Prudent Investor Standard if such investments are made through the One Investment Program (copy attached).

CARRIED.

9.17 Resolution re Liquor Events

Resolution No. 2016 – 51

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

THAT the Comedy Night to be held on April 2, 2016 is of municipal significance to the Township of Conmee; and

THAT the Wine and Paint Night to be held on May 6, 2016 is of municipal significance to the Township of Conmee.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 MNR – Fall Bear Hunt
- 10.2 AMO Communications
- 10.3 AMO Communications

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2016 - 53

Moved by Councillor
Seconded by Councillor

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:35 pm.
CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk