

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 8, 2016

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

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer, Leonard Arps, Public Works Manager,
Dayna Bernier, Resident

ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2016- 228

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Meeting Agenda was amended by the addition of 9.8 By-law No. 1112 Borrowing By-law and the addition of a closed session to discuss matters regarding an identifiable individual.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared an interest in item 7.2 Disbursement List No. 10CC 2016.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no deputations or petitions for Council's consideration.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2016 - 229**

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on, October 25, 2016 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

5.2 **Resolution No. 2016 - 230**

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on October 25, 2016 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Public Works Manager's Report

Mayor Holland and the Council members welcomed Leonard Arps, the new Public Works Manager. It was noted that it would be to Mr. Arps' advantage to attend Council meetings to listen to the issues being brought forward and to offer a perspective on anything that affects the Departments he is responsible for.

Mr. Arps advised Council that a situation has been identified on Mokomon Road where a large boulder has been placed into the ditch that may obstruct water flow or snow clearing. Council noted that if it is on the road allowance it can be removed by the Township crew.

Council discussed the report on the testing the road crew did on the Oliver Paipoonge grader which is similar to the grader that the department is considering for purchase. It was noted that the old grader would be kept as a spare until it became too expensive to repair.

- Landfill Report

Council discussed the landfill report and a question was raised regarding what type of reports other Council's may be receiving. It was directed that staff find out if there are any template reports that could be used. Mr. Arps was asked to advise Council if there was any legislation that we should be following that may not be being done at the present time.

- Generator Report – Not at this Meeting
- Tank Level Report – Not at this Meeting

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – Not at this meeting

6.3 Clerk's Report

The Clerk requested a date for union negotiations. Council agreed to December 12, 2016 beginning at 6:00 pm.

6.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer requested Council's input into whether new phones should be purchased for the Landfill Attendants as well as walkie-talkies. The Public Works Manager noted that there were some unused hand-held radios that could be used at the landfill rather than purchasing new walkie-talkies. Council directed that a phone without data service be purchased for the safety of the Landfill Attendants.

Once the contracts are up for the rest of the Township phones, they will be moved to the Bell system as there is little coverage in our area by Tbaytel.

Mr. Arps suggested that any phones purchased should at least have a camera to record any issues encountered. Councillor MacMaster requested that staff also purchase a battery powered charger for the landfill and that any pictures taken be forwarded to the office and kept on a USB in the permanent files.

6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including attending the Thunder Bay District Municipal League meeting, a food bank meeting and the Grand Opening of the food bank. Mayor Holland noted that

the venue for the League meeting was very good and the event was better organized than in the past but that the Agenda was still lacking in relevant topics. Councillor Woodbeck suggested that we should be forwarding topics to the League all year so that they would have some ideas to move forward with at the time of the conference.

Councillor Maxwell reported on the Halloween party. She noted that there was a good turnout but that the numbers were down from last year. Councillor Maxwell also noted her attendance at the November 7th public meeting for the Tycon Zoning Amendment.

Councillor Woodbeck reported on her attendance at the League Board meeting prior to the conference and the League conference. She noted that next year is the League's 100th anniversary and that the League was looking for funding and for pictures and a short history for each member municipality. Councillor Woodbeck also noted that she had attended the Common Voice Northwest meeting and that one of the topics they were dealing with was the disparity of railway payments to municipalities between Southern Ontario and Northern Ontario. Mayor Holland noted that the Township of Conmee had the facilities to host a League conference in the future.

Councillor Arnold reported on his attendance at the LRCA meeting, the grand opening of the food bank and the public meeting on the zoning application.

At this point Councillor Arnold asked the Public Works Manager to comment on the proposed log haul on Mokomon Road. Mr. Arps noted that he would be concerned with the width of the road to support heavy truck traffic. Mayor Holland explained the Haul Permit System and noted that Council would be relying on his input to establish a bond amount for damage to the roads. It was suggested that signs could be erected warning the public of the trucks using the road, however, Mr. Arps did not feel that was sufficient as signs could be missed or ignored. It was suggested that a spot be found for a pull-over area and that perhaps the land owner or log hauler would need to place a person at the intersection to ensure that everyone knew that large vehicles were using the road and perhaps be an escort for any public vehicle that wanted to use the road. Council did not feel that closing the road temporarily was an option as it is a public road and the property is privately owned along the road. It was also noted that the haul would take place in the winter as it has been indicated that the construction on the Highway at Mokomon will not be complete until the end of December and the trucks must come completely out to the highway. They will not be allowed to use Illka Drive. Council also discussed limiting the time allowed for a haul to limit the liability.

Councillor MacMaster reported on his attendance at the League meeting and apologized for leaving early. Councillor MacMaster acknowledged that he had requested to attend but that he did not feel the agenda was relevant enough for him to take the time away from his business. Councillor MacMaster noted that he did not have an opportunity to review the agenda prior to the first day of the conference. Therefore, Councillor MacMaster paid back the registration fee to the Township.

Councillor MacMaster also reported on his attendance at the public meeting for the Tycon Zoning Amendment. Councillor MacMaster acknowledged that there was a great deal of passion on the part of the residents who were against allowing the gravel pit. Councillor MacMaster noted that he had explained that there are two sections to this issue; one is the zoning by-law and the other is the aggregate licence which would regulate the issues regarding the environment such as noise, dust, traffic and operations.

Councillor MacMaster also reported on his attendance at the Thunder Bay District Board of Health meeting. It is anticipated that there will be no increase in levies to member municipalities this year.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- Minutes – Board of Health – September 21, 2016
- Minutes – DSSAB – September 28, 2016

The Clerk noted that the Minutes contained resolutions hiring at least four new positions and that discussion was held on hiring more. New hires included a Communication and Community Engagement Officer, the addition of a Manager – Child Care and Early Years Program, as well as a Data and Research Analyst position, and a Tenant Support Coordinator position, with the possibility of more hires in this area. The Clerk also noted that the DSSAB was participating in a MMH pilot project called Housing Survivors of Domestic Violence – Portable Housing Benefit. Mayor Holland asked that these issues be brought to the next LRMC meeting for discussion.

- Minutes – DSSAB – Closed Meeting – September 28, 2016
- Minutes – LRCA – September 28, 2016

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

7.1 Disbursement List No 10C 2016

Resolution No. 2016 - 231

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

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$83,084.22 as per Disbursement List No. 10C 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Disbursement List No. 10CC 2016

Resolution No. 2016 - 232

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

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$442.00 as per Disbursement List No. 10CC 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

7.3 Payroll Disbursement

Resolution No. 2016 – 233

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

THAT the Payroll in the amount of \$13,626.34 as per Disbursement List No. 10CCC Payroll 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Resolution re Voting Method for 2018 Elections

Resolution No. 2016 – 234

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

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee has carefully studied the financial and other requirements to implement ranked ballot voting for the 2018 election and have decided that the Township will be retaining the current paper ballot voting method.

CARRIED

8.2 Continuation of EMO – Admin. Report #029

The Clerk advised that several members of the EMO were inquiring about continuing the EMO after the retirement of John Coupland. Council noted that an in-house CEMC was better and that although it meant that funds would need to be expended on training for the CEMC, that would be off-set by the saving of the Emo yearly levy.

8.3 New Quote from Spectrum Group and Monthly Fees

Resolution No. 2016 – 235

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

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee directs the Treasurer to proceed with the purchase of new radios and 2 portable radios for the Public Works Department and 2 accessory portables for emergency use in the amount of \$653.88 plus tax. The Township will pay \$100.00 per year in stand-by fees for the two emergency portables, with a drawdown option of \$10.00 per month if the portables are used in an emergency. If the drawdown exceeds \$100.00 the Township will be responsible for paying the total fee of \$50.00 plus tax per month.

CARRIED.

8.4 Summary of Changes in Draft Landfill Certificate

Council directed that the requested changes be forwarded to True Grit for an official response to MOE.

8.5 By-law No. 1111 – Zoning Amendment Tycon

Council discussed the comments and concerns raised by residents at the public meeting. It was noted that the environmental concerns would be addressed at the aggregate licence level and that Council would forward those concerns as a commenting agency. Councillor Woodbeck questioned the reference to nuisance noise and asked if there was a definition. It was noted that there needed to be a scientific component of any definition, which would, at this time, generally be considered the Ministry of the Environment acceptable levels. It was also noted that the current requirements in the Official Plan for details on operations is now the responsibility of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry under the Aggregate Licencing Act. Those requirements will be removed from any future Official Plans. It was also noted that the Province dictates what a municipality can and can't do and that the Provincial Policy Statement is pretty clear on when developments for aggregate resources can be denied. Councillor MacMaster acknowledged that it was a no-win situation for Council.

Councillor MacMaster did note that the road issue was still a great concern and that Council needed to protect the road. Mayor Holland stated that he had read the Clerk's notes and discussed the issues presented at the public meeting and had taken them into consideration. Mayor Holland noted that he took exception to comments that Council members and himself in particular did not care about the best interests of the Township or the residents. It was noted that aggregate uses are permitted under the Rural Designation in the Official Plan provided a zoning amendment is obtained, and that there were no planning reasons for Council to deny the application. Councillor Woodbeck reiterated that the resident's concerns would be forwarded on their behalf when the Council comments on an aggregate licence permit. It was also noted that the By-law was not in force and effect until the aggregate licence was approved and the concerns with heavy truck use of Mokomon Road were addressed to Council's satisfaction.

Resolution No. 236 – 2016

Moved by Councillor Arnold
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. 1111 being a by-law to amend the Zoning By-law to permit an extractive use on a part of PCL 3387 Sec DFWF: Mining Location R702 except Lews5329 SRO, PFW877 & MRO as in LEW32837, also known as Lot C, Concession 6 in the Township of Conmee.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Letter from OPP re Collective Bargaining Agreement – filed
- 9.2 Resolution Support Request – Town of Latchford re Autism Support

Resolution No. 2016 – 237

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution as circulated by the Town of Latchford regarding support funding for Ontario's Intensive Therapy Funding/Services for Children with Autism. (copy attached).

CARRIED.

- 9.3 Letter from TBT Engineering re Paving Highway 590

The Clerk was directed to make a comment to the Engineering Firm that Fleming Road will not be allowed as a detour route.

- 9.4 Resolution Support Request – Mun. of Charlton and Dack re Signatures on Nomination Papers

Resolution No. 2016 – 238

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the Municipality of Charlton and Dack regarding removing the requirement for 25 signatures on the Nomination Forms for Municipal Elections (copy attached).

CARRIED.

9.5 Letter from TB District Health Unit re Delay in Budget – filed

9.6 Letter from MNR re Highlights of Changes to Aggregate Act - filed

9.7 LRCA – Draft Budget – filed

9.8 By-law No. 1112 – Borrowing By-law

Resolution No. 2016 – 239

Moved by Councillor Arnold
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. 1112, being a by-law to authorize and amend the terms and conditions of the credit facilities provided to the Corporation of the Township of Conmee by TD Commercial Banking.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONAL MATTERS REGARDING AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL INCLUDING A MUNICIPAL OR BOARD EMPLOYEE

Resolution No. 2016 – 240

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees at 8:48 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed a back to work plan for an employee as well as hiring temporary employees to cover injured or sick workers.

Resolution No. 2016 – 241

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT we do now adjourn this Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 9:10 pm.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Ontario Small, Urban Municipalities Conference
- 10.2 AMO Watchfile
- 10.3 AMO – 2015 Gas Tax Report

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2016 - 242

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:12 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk