

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
February 9, 2016

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Laura Bruni, Treasurer, Jim Mikulinski, Delegation  
**ABSENT:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2016- 32**

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

**THAT** the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.  
**CARRIED.**

The Agenda was amended by the addition of 9.5 – Mokomon Road Closure

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared an interest in Item 7.2 – Disbursement List No. 2AA 2016 – Payroll and during the Fire Chief's Report Mayor Holland declared an interest in a report on damages to a Township Fire Truck. Mayor Holland left the room during both discussions.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Jim Mikulinski – Land Use on Kaministiquia River

Mr. Mikulinski spoke to Council about using some of the property that the Township owns along the Kaministiquia River near the Kakabeka Flying Club, as a space in which to store his plane in the summer months. Mr. Mikulinski advised that at the Flying Club they are required to use a dolly to move their planes up and down the hill to get them out of the river as there are only a few parking spots that are on level ground near the water. This requirement to use the dolly can result in delays and other issues. Mr. Mikulinski advised that he was only speaking for himself at this time, however there may be other interested plane owners as well.

Mayor Holland responded that the Township had some development plans in place for adjacent property and was concerned that this use would preclude some of the other possible uses of the property. Mayor Holland also noted that the Township had previously had conversations with CN Rail about a public crossing over their tracks and that there were significant barriers to achieving this. Mayor Holland noted he would not be in favour of this type of development in the area for these reasons.

Councillor MacMaster requested that Mr. Mikulinski provide a more detailed study of his proposal before it could be considered at length. Councillor

Arnold, Councillor Maxwell, and Councillor Woodbeck agreed that there was not enough information for Council to make a decision at this time.

Mayor Holland thanked Mr. Mikulinski for attending the meeting.

## **5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **5.1 Resolution No. 2016 - 33**

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

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 26, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

## **6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

### **6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed**

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

### **6.2 Fire Chief's Report – Filed**

Council discussed the report of an accident with damage to a Fire Vehicle. Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room. The Clerk was directed to proceed with an insurance claim.

### **6.3 Clerk's Report – filed**

### **6.4 Treasurer's Report - filed**

### **6.5 Councillor Reports**

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting. He has attended a food bank meeting, a Planning Board Meeting and the round-table pre-budget meeting. Mayor Holland noted that it was the intention of the Federal Government to focus on the middle class, which they defined as anyone earning between \$49 to \$80 thousand per year. Mayor Holland spoke to the group about Provincial and Federal programs being funded with Municipal tax dollars and that the Federal Government should focus on providing social housing in the communities where people live instead of forcing them into larger centres.

At this time Council spoke about the need for better sound insulation in Council Chambers. The Clerk was directed to investigate possible solutions.

Mayor Holland also requested confirmation that Council wished to use a portion of Hume Road to test a different type of gravel with less clay content. Council agreed that this was appropriate given that major portions of Hunt Road were fixed with better gravel after the 2012 flood. Council will monitor the use of the gravel on Hume Road and if the test is successful it will be used on other roads.

Councillor MacMaster reported on the Skatepark Committee meeting. Chris Fiorito was elected Chair, Councillor MacMaster is Vice Chair and Laura Bruni will continue as Secretary. Councillor MacMaster advised that the Committee has decided to change directions slightly and aim for a park made in sections so that something gets built that the children can use. It will be built so that it can be expanded as the Committee raises funds.

Mayor Holland noted that a delegation should be made to the appropriate Ministry to allow the Committee to be approved for lottery licences for these types of projects.

Councillor Arnold reported on his attendance at the LRCA meeting where Bill Hartley was elected Chair and Donna Blunt was elected Vice Chair. It was noted that Mervi Hentonen will be retiring this year, and that the Conservation Authority is moving forward with building plans.

Councillor Woodbeck reported that she will be attending the Municipal League meeting and asked if anyone was interested in taking the position for a stronger leadership role in the League. Mayor Holland noted that the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition will be increasing their lobbying activities. Councillor Woodbeck reminded Council of the up-coming dinner in support of the Skatepark.

Councillor Maxwell did not have a report to present as the Social Committee has an upcoming meeting in February.

- 6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports
  - LRCA – Minutes – November 25, 2015 – filed
  - DSSAB – Minutes – December 17, 2015 - filed

## **7. DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 02A 2016

### **Resolution No. 2016 - 34**

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

**THAT** the accounts in the amount of \$65,058.91 as per Disbursement List No. 02A 2016 be approved for payment.

**CARRIED.**

Payroll Disbursement

### **Resolution No. 2016 – 35**

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

**THAT** the Payroll in the amount of \$13,407.40 as per Disbursement List No. 02AA 2016 Payroll be approved for payment.

**CARRIED.**

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 8.1 Thank You from Resident re Snow Plowing – filed
- 8.2 Response from DSSAB re Escrow Letter – filed
- 8.3 Food Service at Community Centre – Admin. Report #2016-08

The Clerk presented a report on food service at the Community Centre during hall rentals. Council requested that the issue of the Social Committee providing food service at some rentals be discussed at the Committee before being included in the plans. The Clerk will bring back an amended Policy to the next Council meeting.

#### 8.4 Escrow Agreement

Council reviewed the draft Escrow Agreement and noted that prior permission had been given to the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the Township of Conmee.

#### 8.5 Hymer's Fall Fair Ad

The Clerk requested that Council provide some input into what they would like to see in the new full page ad. Some suggestions included the website and facebook pages, information on the CCN, email and phone for the municipal office. Councillor MacMaster offered to work up a draft of the page.

#### 8.6 By-law No. 1094 – Procurement

##### **Resolution No. 2016 – 36**

**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. 1094 being Procurement By-law.

**DEFEATED.**

#### 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

##### 9.1 NOHFC Reception – filed

##### 9.2 Clerk's Attendance at Planning Workshop

##### **Resolution No. 2016 – 37**

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

**THAT** the Clerk be authorized to attend the Planning Workshop on March 30 – 31, 2016.

**CARRIED.**

##### 9.3 Invitation – Lakehead Social Planning Council – filed

##### 9.4 Resolution Support Request – Township of Wainfleet

##### **Resolution No. 2016 – 38**

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

**THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the Township of Wainfleet regarding the Request for Proposals regarding wind generation contracts (copy attached).

**CARRIED.**

##### 9.5 Mokomon Road Closure

Council discussed the request from MTO to close Mokomon Road West intersection during the replacement of the Brule Creek Culvert on Highway 11/17 this summer. Council declined to allow the road to be closed due to the significant increase it would cause to the response time for emergency calls for residents on Mokomon Road, as well as the upper end of Enders

Road. Council felt that the road could be accommodated during construction. It would not be a problem to close the east side intersection as it was a short detour for residents and emergency vehicles. It was also noted that no equipment would be allowed to park on the Township sideroads and that the sideroads will not be used as a detour for highway traffic.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 10.1 AMO Communications
- 10.2 AMO Board Report
- 10.3 FCM

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 2016 - 39**

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

**THAT** we do now adjourn this meeting at 8:04 pm.  
**CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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Clerk