

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 27, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Sheila Maxwell

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer, Tara Wupori, Resident, Debra Groulx, Ratepayer, Samantha Rizzo and John Staal – Eco Depot, Dave Pyhtala, Austin Harrison, Mr. Chaschuk,

ABSENT: Councillor Grant Arnold, Councillor Cathy Woodbeck

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2016- 192

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Meeting Agenda was amendment by removing item 9.4 – By-law No. 1106 and replacing it with Benefits Renewal Package.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared a pecuniary interest in items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Tara Wupori – Widening of Holland Road East Past Torrie Road

Ms. Wupori attended the meeting with her spouse Austin Harrison to request that Council widen Holland Road East past Torrie Road to the same width as the other section of Holland Road. She stated that her section of Holland Road receives less maintenance than Torrie Road north of Holland Road and no one lives on it. Ms. Wupori noted that the grader had been down her section only once but had done Torrie Road North many times. Ms. Wupori stated that she had to take her son to the intersection of Torrie and Holland as the school bus driver says they can't turn around on Holland. As Council refused the request for a turn-around to be built, Ms. Wupori was now requesting the road widening.

Ms. Wupori quoted information from the Conmee Asset Management Plan that identifies \$23,000 to be spent on Holland Road East and wondered why none of that had been spent on the portion of the road past Torrie Road. Mayor Holland replied that the Asset Management Plan was a guide to help Council and the road crew determine the maintenance schedule and that \$23,000 had not been spent on Holland Road East. Mayor Holland also noted that Council receives a report on the roads being graded at each meeting and did not note that Torrie Road North of Holland had been graded except after a flood event but that the Road Superintendent would be requested to look at the area. Mayor Holland advised that when the lots with frontage on Holland Road East past Torrie Road were created in 2001, the Council of the day should have required the road to be brought up to standard. Mayor Holland noted that widening the road was not in the budget

for this year but that if money was found they would see if any work could be done before the next budget. Austin Harrison asked if the grass could be removed from the area and Mayor Holland replied that the issue would be passed onto the Road Crew.

4.2 Debra Groulx – Application for Haul Permit

Ms. Groulx attended Council to ask them to approve a haul permit for Mokomon Road east to remove wood chips. Mayor Holland advised that information had been obtained that the lot that Ms. Groulx wants to log has been identified by the Province of Ontario as an Area of Natural Scientific Interest. As per the Provincial Policy Statement 2014, such lands must be protected. Mayor Holland advised Ms. Groulx to approach the Ministry of Natural Resources for approval prior to bringing the haul permit application back to Council.

4.3 Samantha Rizzo – Eco Depot

Ms. Rizzo made a presentation to Council on a new private initiative to do organic waste diversion from landfills. Eco Depot would enter into an agreement with the Township to pick up organic waste of various kinds. There would be a cost to the Township to provide the bin and a transportation cost to move the material to the depot in Oliver Paipoonge. It was noted that there is funding available from the Provincial Green Fund to help pay for the costs. Mayor Holland advised that the Township might be interested in the diversion of waste but since the Township of Conmee was working under new regulations from the Ministry of the Environment this plan would require Ministry approval. Mayor Holland noted that they would need some cost for the 2017 budget process and will review the proposal when those numbers are provided.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Resolution No. 2016 - 193

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 13, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.2 Resolution No. 2016 – 194

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

THAT the Minute of the Closed Meeting of Council held on September 13, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed

- Grading Report - filed
- Landfill Report – filed
- Generator Report – filed
- Tank Level Report – filed

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – Not at this meeting

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 including a Planning Board meeting, a Food Bank meeting, an SRSSB meeting, a Building Committee meeting for the Food Bank, the NOMA conference and the funeral for Terry Baxter.

Councillor MacMaster also attended the funeral, the NOMA conference and a Board of Health Meeting.

Councillor Maxwell attended the funeral and coordinated the luncheon as well as attending the NOMA conference.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- Minutes – Board of Health – June 15, 2016

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Disbursement List No. 9B 2016

Resolution No. 2016 – 195

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$9,212.26 as per Disbursement List No. 9B 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

7.2 **Resolution No. 2016 - 196**

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$2,506.08 as per Disbursement List No. 9BB, 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and remained out of the room.

7.3 Payroll Disbursement

Resolution No. 2016 – 197

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Payroll in the amount of \$8,914.25 as per Disbursement List No. 9BBB Payroll 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and remained out of the room. Mayor Holland returned after item 7.3 was discussed and voted on.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Letter of Response from Tbaytel

Council discussed the letter of response on the Township's concerns regarding phone, internet and cell phone coverage. Council did not feel that the letter adequately address those concerns and Council directed the Clerk to respond to Tbaytel to ensure that they understand that this is a loss of service levels we previously had. Council also directed the Clerk to post the Tbaytel response on the Township Facebook page.

8.2 Thank You Card and Donation from Dianne Baxter – filed

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Resolution Support Request – Town of Aurora – OMB Reforms

Resolution No. 2016 – 198

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

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee joins with the Town of Aurora in endorsing the recommendation of the OMB Reform Update to restrict the OMB jurisdiction to matters of law or process and to require the OMB to uphold municipal planning decisions unless the decision is contrary to the processes and procedures as set out in legislation.

CARRIED.

9.2 Resolution No. 2016 – 199

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

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee agrees to forward a letter to the City of Thunder Bay supporting the City's proposed Event and Convention Centre.

DEFEATED.

9.3 Bridge Engineering Reports

The Bridge Engineering Reports on the Maxwell Road Bridge and the two Mokomon Road bridges have been given to the Roads Department for review.

9.4 Resolution No. 2016 – 200

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

THAT the employee Benefits Renewal Package as presented by GBK Strategic in the amount of \$44,123.04 be accepted.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Northern Policy Institute Rural Report – Two Solitudes in Thunder Bay District? Urban or Extremely Rural

10.2 AMO Communications

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 2016 - 201

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

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

Mayor

Clerk