

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 22, 2016

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

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer, Len Arps, Public Works Manager,
Dave Thomson, Thomson Environmental

ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2016- 243

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 Liquor Permit.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest on the part of any member present.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Dave Thomson – Hydrogeological Installation and Property Lease/Access

Mr. Thomson attended the Council meeting to discuss two proposed hydrogeological installations on the Kaministiquia River, including a lease of the Conmee property in one location and the shoreline reserve in another. Mr. Thomson advised that the type of installation will not impact the river as previous proposals would have with a simple intake pipe upstream, an underground viaduct to the outflow pipe and a small single car garage size building for the generator station. Mr. Thomson provided information on the possible participation of Council as a partner in the project. Mayor Holland advised that they would discuss that matter during the closed session.

Mr. Thomson noted that this project would require either a lease or purchase of the Conmee property. He also noted that the question of access and crossing the railway is still under discussion. Mr. Thomson advised that the FIT program intake ended this Friday. Mayor Holland questioned why they were approaching the Council at such a late date. Mr. Thomson noted that they had originally been in consultation with the Municipality of Oliver Paipouge but that those negotiations had fallen through.

Mayor Holland thanked Mr. Thomson for attending the meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Resolution No. 2016 - 244

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Public Meeting of Council held on November 7, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.2 Resolution No. 2016 - 245

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 8, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.3 Resolution No. 2016 - 245

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on November 8, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Public Works Manager's Report

Mr. Arps advised that he had measured Mokomon Road and it is .6 km long with only one area that could be used as a pull-over area. It was noted that no log haul could take place until the trucks can come straight out to the Highway.

Mr. Arps reported that the manual door openers at the garage were unavailable during the last power outage and that there was no power to the pump to fill the trucks. However the road staff was able to manually open the doors and fuel the equipment. Council requested that Mr. Arps look into the cost of having these items powered by a generator.

Mr. Arps also advised that he had checked the generator at the community complex after the power outage and there was very little fuel used and all other fuel levels were good. Council requested that staff confirm that the generator is powering the new addition.

- Landfill Report – Not at this meeting
- Generator Report – Not at this meeting
- Tank Level Report – Not at this meeting

6.2 Fire Chief's Report

Council questioned whether anyone had checked the fire hall during the power outage and if they cleared the doors to the halls. Council feels that a weekly or monthly schedule should be developed for daily inspections since the fire halls are not manned. It was noted that the equipment in these halls is a significant portion of the assets of the Township. It was also noted that the plow should have been on the quad as a regular winter preparedness program.

The Clerk advised that a regular meeting will be set up between herself and the Fire Chief.

6.3 Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised that an error was made in the resolution approving the purchase of new radios for the Public Works department. Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2016 – 247

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Township of Conmee directs the Treasurer to purchase the new public works radios in the amount of \$1,100.00 plus tax per radio.

CARRIED.

6.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported on the unfunded liabilities of sick leave and landfill closure costs. Staff was directed to ask True Grit for the estimated costs of closure of the landfill. It was also noted that the old landfill has not been officially closed and information on this process should also be requested.

The Treasurer also submitted some initial information on 2017 budget priorities.

6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his attendance at the LRMC meeting.

Councillor Arnold reported on his attendance at the LRCA meeting.

Councillor MacMaster reported on his attendance at the Board of Health meeting.

Councillor Maxwell reported on her attendance at the Social Committee meeting.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- Minutes – Board of Health – October 19, 2016

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 11B 2016

Resolution No. 2016 - 248

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$24,938.79 as per Disbursement List No. 11B 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Payroll Disbursement

Resolution No. 2016 – 249

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

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$10,054.57 as per Disbursement List No. 11BB Payroll 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Resolutions re Hydrogeological Proposal for FIT Program

Resolution No. 2016 – 250

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

THAT the Mayor be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix his signature to the completed resolutions in support of the FIT program application. (copies attached).

CARRIED.

8.2 Response from MOE re Changes to Draft Landfill Approval

Based on the MOE's refusal to allow the heavy cardboard to be burnt, Council requested staff to obtain information on whether GFL will take the materials for recycling.

8.3 Letter from DSSAB re Interest Charges – filed

8.4 Playground Inspection Report - filed

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Resolution Support Request re Stroke Recovery Therapy

Resolution No. 2016 – 251

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

THAT the Township of Conmee supports Bill 9 which states that all stroke victims receive care regardless of their age.

CARRIED.

9.2 Resolution Support Request re School Closures

Resolution No. 2016 – 252

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

THAT the Township of Conmee supports the Township of South Stormont regarding the Pupil Accommodation Review and requests that the Ministry of Education restore the requirement for school boards to take the social, economic or geographic implications of school closures into consideration prior to closing schools. (Copy attached).

CARRIED.

9.3 Northwest Response Forum

Resolution No. 2016 – 253

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

THAT the CAO be authorized to attend the Northwest Response Forum to be held in Dryden on April 11th, 12, and 13th, 2017.

CARRIED.

9.4 OMPF Allocation – filed

9.5 Resolution re Liquor Permit

Resolution No. 2016 – 254

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

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee declares the liquor event to be held on December 31, 2016 to be of municipal significance.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD

Resolution No. 2016 – 255

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

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss matters of the security of the property of the municipality or local board at 10:10 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed property owned by the Township.

Resolution No. 2016 – 256

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

THAT we do now adjourn this Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 10:40 pm.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Township of Madawaska Valley – Resolution re Enforcement of Residential Tenancies Act

10.2 Municipality of Neebing – Resolution re Enforcement of Residential Tenancies Act

10.3 Legislative Changes to Municipal Act and Conflict of Interest Act

10.4 AMO Communications – OMPF Fund Allocation

10.5 AMO Communications

10.6 Ombudsman’s 2015/2016 Report

10.7 AMO – Gas Tax Report

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2016 - 257

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

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:43 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk