

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2017

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

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
Leonard Arps, Public Works Manager

ABSENT: Pat Maxwell, CAO/Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2017-84

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

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared.
CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared a pecuniary interest on 6.5 – Councillor Arnold's Report.

Mayor Holland declared a pecuniary interest on 7.2.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

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

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2017 - 85**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 28, 2017 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

6. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

6.1 Public Works Manager's Report – On File. Mr. Arps also requested a rented porta potty be considered to be installed behind the playground for public use.

Landfill Report –

The Public Works Manager has scheduled an appointment with True Grit at the Landfill on April 26th to discuss future plans with staff and placement of bins.

Generator Report

The Public Works Manager reported that the generator is in good condition.

Tank Level Report

The Public Works Manager reported that all tank levels are good.

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – Not at this meeting.

6.3 Clerk's Report – Not at this meeting.

6.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported on her attendance at the Asset Management Symposium in Toronto on April 4th and 5th. She also discussed the upcoming OCIF for 2017.

6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including attendance with the Federal Finance Minister in Oliver Paipoonge to discuss Asset Management concerns, a Food Bank Executive Board Meeting, an LRMC Meeting and a LRPB Meeting. Upcoming activities include a meeting with Don Rusnak, MP and an LRMC Meeting.

Councillor Woodbeck reported on her attendance at the last Thunder Bay District Municipal League Meeting and requested a photo of the Municipal Complex. Councillor Woodbeck also reported her attendance as a Council Representative at the Grand Opening of the IGA Pharmacy located in Kakabeka Falls.

Councillor Maxwell reported on her attendance at the Emergency Management Meeting and will be cooking at the Easter Brunch and Bunnies event.

Councillor Arnold reported on his attendance at the Emergency Management Meeting and an upcoming meeting between the Fire Chief and Council Liasons for costing of a new fire truck. Mayor Holland declared a conflict during the discussions of the fire truck.

Councillor MacMaster reported on a matter where the OPP responded to an incident. Councillor MacMaster requested that Council consider having Ian Robson, By-Law Officer to attend a Council Meeting to discuss By-Laws and enforcement. Councillor MacMaster also reported on attending the next meeting for the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

Minutes – Social Committee – December 14, 2016

Minutes – LRCA – Regular Meeting – February 22, 2017

Minutes – LRCA – Spring Melt Meeting – March 24, 2017

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

7.1 **Resolution No. 2017 - 86**

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

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$96,074.47 as per Disbursement List No. 04A, 2017 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Payroll Disbursement

7.2 **Resolution No. 2017 – 87**

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Payroll in the amount of \$12,645.74 as per Disbursement List No. 04AA, 2017 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 **Resolution No. 2017 – 88**

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT Kevin Holland is hereby designated to be the Conmee Emergency Information Officer.

CARRIED.

8.2 **Resolution No. 2017 – 89**

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee donates \$100.00 to the Thunder Bay Municipal League to support their anniversary celebrations.

CARRIED.

8.3 **Resolution No. 2017 – 90**

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Conmee is a member municipality of “Area One” for the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB);

AND WHEREAS Area One municipalities have been concerned for some time over the significant difference between the amount of money paid in levies to the TBDSSAB and the value of the services delivered to our constituents;

AND WHEREAS historic requests for information from the TBDSSAB office on this subject matter have been met with resistance and information has not been provided since 2013;

AND WHEREAS the Board implemented a new software program which, it is respectfully submitted, should be able to generate the data required to respond to this request;

AND WHEREAS the provision of general statistical and financial information is not a breach of any confidence;

AND WHEREAS the residents and ratepayers of our community have requested that this information be made available to them;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Conmee respectfully requests that the Administration of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board provide to the Council a breakdown of the services delivered within our municipality and the value of those services;

AND THAT in the event that it is impossible to compile this information for the Corporation of the Township of Conmee specifically, Council requests that the Administration of the TBDSSAB provide a breakdown of the services delivered within all of the Area One member municipalities, collectively, and the value of those services; and

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Conmee hereby consents to the TBDSSAB releasing information pertaining to the Township of Conmee to other Area One member municipalities who are making this same request to the TBDSSAB.

CARRIED.

8.4 **Resolution No. 2017 – 91**

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee approves of Mayor Holland taking a seat at the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) for the remainder of the current term of Council, if the Ministry of Community and Social Services awards Area One two more seats;

AND THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports a process whereby, starting with the 2019 council term, the TBDSSAB seats will be filled by the submission of expressions of interest by Council members from the six Area One municipalities, to the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC).

AND THAT these expressions of interest would then be brought back to each individual Council for their direction to their respective Mayors or Reeves on who the Mayor or Reeve should support for the three seats by voting in their favour, at the LRMC meeting where this matter is presented;

AND THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee will support the winning candidates as chosen by ballot at the LRMC;

AND THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee also supports the candidates holding the seats at the TBDSSAB for the term of Council, as long as they remain a member in good standing with their respective Council.

CARRIED

8.5 **Resolution No. 2017 – 92**

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Conmee is one of six member municipalities comprising “Area One” for the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB);

AND WHEREAS these same six municipalities work together on a variety of issues and formed an organization called the “Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition” (LRMC);

AND WHEREAS the LRMC members have been concerned for some time over the financing, operations and service delivery of the TBDSSAB, and have been bringing their concerns to the Ministry’s attention for several years;

AND WHEREAS the LRMC members, in pursuing their issues with the TBDSSAB have discovered that there are many other municipalities across Ontario with significant concerns about the operations of the Social Services Board they belong to;

AND WHEREAS at the conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario held in Niagara Falls in August of 2016, the Minister of Community and Social Services, Dr. Helena Jaczek, announced that the Ministry would embark on a province-wide review of Social Service Administration Boards in 2017;

AND WHEREAS the Deputy Minister of Community and Social Services, Janet Menard, spoke to the LRMC at a meeting on October 21, 2016, and at that meeting, re-iterated that this review would be undertaken, that it would be “comprehensive” and it would be extremely important for our member municipalities to participate in the process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Conmee respectfully requests that the promised review:

- a) Commence immediately;
- b) Be comprehensive;
- c) Involve direct dialogue with, and input from, individual municipalities who are required by law to fund Social Services Administration Boards;
- d) Be completed promptly; and
- e) Be acted on swiftly

AND FURTHER that this resolution be sent to the Honourable Dr. Helena Jaczek with a request for a written reply;

AND FURTHER that the resolution be copied to the Honourable Premier Kathleen Wynne, and the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs, Bill Mauro.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to consider.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Proposed Changes to the Aggregate Act
- 10.2 Letter from Sylvia Jones, MPP – PC Critic for Infrastructure
- 10.3 AMO News – Bill 68 Changes to Municipal Act, Conflict of Interest Act

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2017 - 93

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

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 8:32 pm.
CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk