

**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 13, 2017 – 6:00 pm**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Len Arps, Public Works Manager, Laura Bruni, Treasurer

**ABSENT:** Clerk Patricia Maxwell

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2017- 117**

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

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

Removed from the agenda is 7.1, 7.2 & 7.3  
Added was a closed session at 10.1

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

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

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

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

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2017 - 118**

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

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 23, 2017 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED.**

5.2 **Resolution No. 2017 - 119**

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

**THAT** the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on May 29, 2017 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED.**

5.3 **Resolution No. 2017 - 120**

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

**THAT** the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on May 29, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

6. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

- 6.1 Public Works Manager's Report – filed
  - 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 - Not at this meeting
- 6.3 Clerk's Report – Not at this meeting
- 6.4 Treasurer's Report

**Resolution No. 2017 - 121**

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

**THAT** tender 01-2017 Grader Results be received as information and;

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Conmee award the tender to NORTRAX for one (1) new 2017 all wheel drive articulated variable horsepower motor grader and related attachments for the tendered price of \$421,119.36

Attached Tender

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution No. 2017 - 122**

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

**THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee approve the Draft Asset Management Plan.

**CARRIED.**

6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his attendance at the DSSAB Board Meeting, Planning Board Meeting, Food Bank Meeting and also the Celebration of Life in honour of Judy Fleck. Mayor Holland also reported on the recent tornado warning and the emergency procedures that were taken in order to be ready in the event that the weather escalated.

Councillor MacMaster attended the Fire Chiefs meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> and passed along regrets to the Thunder Bay District Health Board Meeting as he was unable to attend.

Councillor Arnold reported on his attendance at the Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority meeting.

Councillor Maxwell had nothing to report at this meeting.

Councillor Woodbeck reported on her attendance at the Municipal League conference and that plans are on schedule for the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary at Old Fort William.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- Minutes – Board of Health – April 19, 2017 – on file
- Minutes – DSSAB – April 20, 2017 – on file

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

- 7.1 Disbursement List No. 06A 2017 - removed
- 7.2 Disbursement List No.06AA 2017 - removed
- 7.3 Disbursement List No. 06AAA Payroll - removed

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Landfill Monitoring Well Replacement – Admin. Report #2017 – 06

Council requested further information on this matter be brought back to the next meeting.

8.2 Erdman OMB Decision

For information purposes – report on file.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Superior Country Tourism – Contribution Request

No action has been taken on this matter.

9.2 Hydro One Request for Distribution Rate Increase

**Resolution No. 2017 - 123**

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

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Conmee objects to the application from Hydro One Networks Inc. to increase the electrical distribution rates. The Premier of Ontario has just announced a reduction in the hydro rates because the average Ontario taxpayer cannot afford to continue with increases. It does not make sense to reduce the burden on the taxpayer through one avenue and simply increase it through another.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee calls on the Ontario Energy Board to deny the distribution rate increase.

**CARRIED.**

9.3 Resolution Re Amendment To Conservation Act

**Resolution No. 2017 - 124**

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

**WHEREAS** Bill 86, the Conservation Authorities Amendment Act, 2016 seeks to amend Section 14 of the Conservation Authorities Act and has passed First Reading;

**AND WHEREAS** Bill 86 will require that 50% of the members of a Conservation Authority have significant training, experience or employment history in an environmental or natural resource field;

**AND WHEREAS** Bill 86 will require municipalities to terminate all existing appointments within 6 months of Royal Assent of the Bill and re-appoint members in accordance with this Section;

**AND WHEREAS** Bill 86 will severely impact a municipality's ability to find and appoint such qualified members, especially in the small, rural communities;

**AND WHEREAS** Council feels that the main role of the Board Members is to represent their respective municipalities and to ensure the effective operations of the Conservation Authority;

**AND WHEREAS** Council feels that the scientific expertise should be the responsibility of the staff of the respective Conservation Authority and the appointed members of the Board should ensure that such qualified staff is maintained;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Conmee opposes the amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act and requests that the Province make no change to the composition of the Conservation Authority Boards.

**CARRIED.**

9.4 Cancellation of July/August 22<sup>nd</sup> Meetings

**Resolution No. 2017 - 125**

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

**THAT** the following regular meetings of Council be cancelled:

July 25, 2017  
August 22, 2017

**CARRIED.**

9.5 Invoice for Ambulance Tow – Information Only – On file

9.6 Request for Travel for Chief and Deputy re Terry Baxter Memorial – Admin. Report No. 2017 – 07

Council agreed that the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief may attend the memorial as long it fits within the 2017 budget.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONAL MATTERS REGARDING AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL INCLUDING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

**Resolution No. 2017-126**

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

**THAT** we adjourn this meeting to a Closed Session to discuss personal matters regarding an identifiable individual including municipal employees at 9:05 pm.

**CARRIED.**

Council discussed an employee's recent actions.

**Resolution No. 2017 – 127**

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

**THAT** we adjourn this Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 9:20 pm.

**CARRIED.**

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence for Council's consideration at this meeting.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 2017 - 128**

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

**THAT** we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:22 pm.

**CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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Clerk