

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
January 25, 2011

**PRESENT:** Reeve Kevin Holland  
Councillor Grant Arnold  
Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt  
Councillor Robert MacMaster  
Councillor Robert Rydholm

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent, Shirley Hunt, Township Resident

**ABSENT:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2011-15**

**Moved by** Councillor Hunt  
**Seconded by** Councillor Arnold

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

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

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

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Bill Mauro, MPP

Mr. Mauro attended to meet the new Council. Mr. Mauro asked whether we were attending OGRA/ROMA, and if we had requested any meetings with Ministers as he would attend those meetings if we wished.

Mr. Mauro advised that the Province may be releasing more infrastructure money.

Mr. Mauro advised that he has been lobbying on behalf of the smaller Townships to get some money for volunteer fire departments.

Mr. Mauro listed some of the recent accomplishments of the Provincial Government, including increasing physicians and other health workers, building a new court house, conversion of 2 coal-fired plants, concessions to Bowater on energy costs and a long-term care facility.

Mr. Mauro asked what issues the Township was facing. He was advised that Grant money should be less restricted. Council also noted that there was a discrepancy in the funding formula for claw-back of social services that resulted in an increase in the DSSAB funding that we were responsible for, with no off-set in the OMPF funding. Council also advised that there were issues with the cost of energy for small businesses, as well as there being no funding for re-tooling when small businesses are forced by legislation to meet green-house gas emissions targets, even

though the Province gives significant funding to large manufacturers for the same purpose.

Mr. Mauro was questioned regarding his lack of interest in the effects of the 4-lanning of Highway 11/17 on Conmee Township. Mr. Mauro noted that he does not get involved when a public consultation process is underway.

Mr. Mauro advised that he has a standing offer to meet with Council to discuss these and other issues in depth.

Reeve Holland thanked Mr. Mauro for attending.

Council also discussed inviting Mr. Rafferty to a meeting to discuss issues such as Aboriginal Funding for DSSAB services and the use of Federal Gas Tax money.

## **5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### 5.1 Minutes – Regular Meeting – January 11, 2011

#### **Resolution No. 2011-16**

**Moved by                    Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by                Councillor MacMaster**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 11, 2011 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED.**

The Minutes were amended by capitalizing Councillor Hunt's name in Section #3, the resolution number is missing from the adjournment resolution and under section 8.4, it is a right turn lane that is requested.

### 5.2 Minutes – Closed Meeting – January 11, 2011

#### **Resolution No. 2011-17**

**Moved by                    Councillor Hunt**  
**Seconded by                Councillor MacMaster**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Closed Session held on January 11, 2011 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

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

### 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report

Council questioned Mr. Malinoski on the repairs to the bulldozer at the landfill. Mr. Malinoski noted that it is still not working, however, the mechanic is working on it. Mr. Malinoski also noted that he could get by without the bulldozer for the winter, but that it was not really the type of machine that should be used for the job. Mr. Malinoski suggested that a backhoe would be more appropriate.

Council asked that some of the roads be scarified to reduce the roughness.

Council discussed the Maxwell Road Bridge and directed the Clerk to obtain costs from KGS to have an engineer's report completed. KGS is to

be requested to provide costing for an exemption for the farmer to take his machines across the bridge in the meantime.

- Landfill Report

Although there was no landfill report on this meeting Reeve Holland noted that he had gone to the landfill and was impressed by the temporary worker.

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – filed

6.3 Clerk's Report – filed

6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland advised that he had met with Mayor Polkowski from Neebing. Mr. Polkowski advised he had concerns with some of the decision making that has been done in the past few months and feels that control should be brought back to the Council table.

Reeve Holland noted that the Townships of Oliver Paipoonge, Shuniah and Neebing have forwarded letters of support to our letter regarding the election of a representative to the NOMA board.

Reeve Holland advised that the Treasurer's office has switched to an accrual basis accounting system which should supply Council with better reports.

Reeve Holland noted that he had attended several DSSAB meetings and the amount of information to be acquired was large. Reeve Holland questioned why there was no Aboriginal representation on the DSSAB board since Aboriginals using the system are increasing. Along with that representation should come the funding for the use of the system. Reeve Holland also noted that the rural representation should be split into two seats with Shuniah, Oliver Paipoonge and Conmee being one chair and O'Connor, Gillies and Neebing being the other. The term of the rural representatives is only two years and this should be increased to the term of Council.

Reeve Holland noted he has been appointed to the DSSAB Steering Committee, the Social Housing Committee, and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Reeve Holland advised that he had suggested that DSSAB should be making a case study for funding to the Province on a per program basis rather than trying to fit the programs into the current funding model.

Councillor MacMaster advised that he is working on the report to Council on the ROMA organization and will provide his findings shortly.

Councillor Arnold asked if Council would support his bid for Vice Chair of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. Support was granted. It was noted that the open house for the new LRCA office building proposal should be attended by all Council members able to.

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

7.1 Disbursement List No. 01B 2011

**Resolution No. 2011-18**

**Moved by                      Councillor Rydholm**

**Seconded by            Councillor Hunt**

**THAT** the Accounts in the amount of \$15,890.03 as per Disbursement List No. 01B 2011 be approved for payment.

**CARRIED.**

**8.    UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Policy #20 – Councillor Attendance at Conferences

**Resolution No. 2011-19**

**Moved by                Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by            Councillor Arnold**

**THAT** Policy No. 20 – Councillor Attendance at Conferences be approved as amended.

**CARRIED.**

8.2 LRCA Notice of Information Session re Office Building

All Council members able to attend will do so.

**9.    NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Solar Logix – Admin. Report #2011-03

Council reviewed the information forwarded to the office and directed the Clerk to ask the company to attend a meeting to answer questions.

9.2 Standard of Care Course re Safe Drinking Water Act

Councillor Arnold will find out if the Township needs to attend this session.

9.3 MMAH Report re Borrowing Limit – filed

9.4 Resolution Support Request – Mun. of Shuniah Re Highway Maintenance

**Resolution No. 2011-20**

**Moved by                Councillor Arnold**  
**Seconded by            Councillor Rydholm**

**THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah regarding winter highway maintenance (copy attached).

**CARRIED.**

9.5 Letter from Resident re ATV's on Conmee Roads

Council was generally in support of the request to allow ATV's on Conmee's roads, but directed the Clerk to research whether a separate by-law would be required for snowmobiles. A suggestion was made to invite an OPP officer to speak to Council on this matter. The Clerk will also respond to the letter to advise that the subject is under review.

9.6 TBD Municipal League – Conference

**Resolution No. 2011-21**

**Moved by                Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by            Councillor Arnold**

**THAT** the following persons be approved to attend the Thunder Bay District Municipal League meeting to be held in Thunder Bay on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

Councillor M. Hunt  
Councillor R. MacMaster  
Councillor R. Rydholm  
Reeve Holland  
Clerk Maxwell

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution No. 2011-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Hunt  
**Seconded by** Councillor MacMaster

**THAT** the following person be approved to attend the Councillor Orientation Training to be held March 3, 2011:

Deputy Treasurer Dawn Niemi.  
**CARRIED.**

- 9.7 Request to Participate – Health and Safety Improvement Program – filed
- 9.8 Watershed Assessment Report – MOE - filed

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was at this meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 2011-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Arnold  
**Seconded by** Councillor Rydholm

**THAT** we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:20 pm.  
**CARRIED.**

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Reeve

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Clerk