

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
July 8, 2014

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Peder Foss, Resident, Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent

**ABSENT:** Councillor Cathy Woodbeck

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2014- 138**

**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 5.3 - Minutes, 8.3 By-law No. 1051 - Borrowing, 8.4 By-law No. 1050 – 2014 Budget and a Closed Session to discuss security of Township property.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

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

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Peder Foss

Mr. Foss attended the Council meeting to discuss Conmee's Emergency Plan. Mr. Foss was involved with emergency planning in Sweden. Mr. Foss went through some areas where he felt the Township plan was lacking. The Clerk advised Mr. Foss that the information he was reading on the internet was not Conmee's official emergency plan. Mayor Holland advised that some of the points Mr. Foss raised had already been either dealt with or discussed but that Mayor Holland would be pleased if Mr. Foss could assist the Township in updating the plan when Council was able to schedule it. Mayor Holland requested that the Clerk forward the emergency plan to Mr. Foss. The Clerk noted that some parts of the plan contained contact information that was not available to the public but that the other parts of the plan would be forwarded. Mayor Holland thanked Mr. Foss for attending the meeting.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2014 - 139**

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

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 24, 2014 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**5.2 Resolution No. 2014 – 140**

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

**THAT** the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on June 24, 2014 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**5.3 Resolution No. 2014 – 141**

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

**THAT** the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Council held on July 7, 2014 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed
  - Landfill Reports - - filed
- 6.2 Fire Chief's Report – not at this meeting
- 6.3 Clerk's Report - filed
- 6.4 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including attending a meeting with an architect, the June 26<sup>th</sup> DSSAB meeting, and assisted in the installation of the playground equipment.

Councillor Arnold reported on his attendance at the LRCA and noted that a motion was passed that the municipalities not be billed in the future for applications regarding municipal road work.

Councillor Hunt advised that the Recreation Committee would be meeting to plan the Conmee Days event scheduled for September 6, 2014.

Councillor MacMaster advised that the Library will be holding a Teddy Bear Picnic and a dedication to Bob Rydholm on July 26<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that the Skatepark Committee has decided on a design which has been sent to NewLine Skateparks Inc for development. Councillor MacMaster also noted that there should be garbage cans, seating, washroom facilities and bike racks.

**7. DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 7A 2014

**Resolution No. 2014- 142**

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

**THAT** the accounts in the amount of \$40,447.08 as per Disbursement List No. 7A 2014 be approved for payment.

**CARRIED.**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Resolution re Participation in Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee

**Resolution No. 2014 – 143**

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

**Whereas** the Townships of Gillies, O'Connor and Conmee, and the Municipalities of Shuniah, Oliver Paipoonge and Neebing, recognize that, as rural municipalities geographically surrounding The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay, they have many common issues and concerns;

**And whereas** these municipalities believe that they can assist one another through the sharing of ideas for best practices, and the combination of their individual voices as one for issues of common concern;

**And whereas** these municipalities together established a working group, known as the "Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee", formed of the heads of each municipal council and the Clerk or CAO/Clerk of each municipality;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Corporation of the Township of Conmee continues to approve of the participation of the Head of Council and CAO/Clerk on the Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee; and expressly authorizes their attendance at, and participation in, meetings of the Committee;

**And that** the Head of Council report back to this Council for specific direction on individual items of business involving financial contribution by this municipality that are recommended by the Committee as a result of discussions held with the other member municipalities.

**CARRIED.**

8.2 Resolution re Support for Alternate DSSAB Structure

**Resolution No. 2014 – 143**

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

**Whereas** the municipalities making up "Area One" in the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board service area, being the Townships of Gillies, O'Connor and Conmee, and the Municipalities of Shuniah, Oliver Paipoonge and Neebing, pay a disproportionate amount of money to the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board compared to the cost of services that the Board delivers to their residents;

**And whereas** these municipalities, working together as the "Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee", commissioned an independent consultant to determine whether it would be financially feasible for them to deliver social services independently of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board;

**And whereas** the independent consultant concluded that such a model can be financially sustained:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Conmee supports the efforts of the members of the Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee in seeking changes to the wording of Ontario Regulation 278/98, passed under the authority of the District Social Services Administration Boards Act, in order to allow an alternate structure for social services delivery to their residents which is outside of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board as it is currently constituted.

**CARRIED.**

8.3 By-law No. 1051 – Authorize Borrowing

**Resolution No. 2014 – 145**

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

**THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1051 being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of sums.

**CARRIED.**

8.4 By-law No. 1052 – 2014 Budget and Tax Rate

**Resolution No. 2014 – 146**

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

**THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1052 being a by-law to establish the tax rates and levies for 2014.

**CARRIED.**

**9.    NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Questions from TBDML re Bob Rydholm Award

Council discussed the request from the Thunder Bay District Municipal League for suggestions on criteria for the recipient of the award to be presented annually in Bob Rydholm's name. Council decided that this should come from the family. The Clerk will advise the League.

9.2 Resolution Support Request re Small and Rural School Alliance

**Resolution No. 2014 – 147**

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

**THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the Town of Penetanguishene for the formation of a small and rural school alliance. Copy of the resolution is attached.

**CARRIED.**

9.3 Resolution Support Request re Temporary Foreign Worker Program

**Resolution No. 2014 – 148**

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

**THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the Municipality of Red lake regarding the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. A copy of the resolution is attached.

**DEFEATED.**

9.4 Resolution re Support for Little Lions Daycare at Whitefish School

**Resolution No. 2014 – 149**

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

**WHEREAS** the Township of Conmee has been informed that the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board will be returning \$1,300.00 in unused funds from their Child Care Allocation;

**AND WHEREAS** it has come to the attention of Council that the Little Lions Daycare located in the Whitefish Valley School has been denied funding by the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board to enable them to continue to operate due to extraordinary circumstances;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee commits \$320.00 of the returned funds to the Little Lions Daycare at Whitefish Valley School to enable this vital service to the rural residents to continue until other arrangements can be made.

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution No. 2014 – 150**

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

**THAT** we extend this meeting past 9:30 pm.

**CARRIED.**

9.5 By-law No. 1050 re Advance Vote

**Resolution No. 2014 – 151**

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

**THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1050 being a by-law to establish a date for an Advance Poll for the 2014 Municipal Election.

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution No. 2014 – 152**

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

**THAT** we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss matters regarding the security of Township property at 9:21 pm.

**CARRIED.**

The Clerk provided information from the Solicitor on the purchase of property.

**Resolution No. 2014 – 153**

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

**THAT** we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 10:46 pm.

**CARRIED.**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 10.1 AMO Communication – Speech from the Throne
- 10.2 AMO Alert – 2014 Budget Allocations
- 10.3 Letter from Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re New Regulations on Fire Safety in Vulnerable Occupancies
- 10.4 LRCA – Minutes – May 21, 2014
- 10.5 AMO Report – Highlights of June Board Meeting
- 10.6 Letter from Bob Chiarelli re Council Responsibility for Energy Reporting
- 10.7 OPP July Newsletter
- 10.8 TBDSSAB – Minutes – May 22, 2014
- 10.9 TBDSSAB – Minutes Closed – May 22, 2014

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 2014- 154**

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

**THAT** we do now adjourn this meeting at 11:00 pm.

**CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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Clerk