

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
June 23, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jack Larabee, Resident, Danny Gunsinger, Resident, Terry Baxter, former Deputy Fire Chief, Jason Fleck, Fire Chief, Paul DeOude, Member of Conmee Emergency Services, Laura Bruni, Treasurer

ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2015- 122

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 7.2 Disbursement List No. 6BB 2015, 8.8 By-law No. 1079 Budget, 8.9 Job Descriptions for Volunteer Firefighters, Fire Chief and Orientation Package and 9.14 Application for Consent 1B/13/15.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared a conflict with item 7.2

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Zack Larabee – Second Dwelling

Mr. Larabee attended Council to request permission to occupy his current house while building a new one. Council did not identify any problems with this. Mr. Larabee will be required to sign an agreement that the old house will be removed or repurposed when he occupies the new house. This agreement will be signed when he applies for a building permit.

4.2 Danny Gunsinger – Lot Creation

Mr. Gunsinger attended Council to see if he could create an additional lot near his current apartment building in order to build a house. Council advised that he would need to make an application to the Lakehead Rural Planning Board but that Council would comment that they had no concerns with the creation of the lot.

4.3 Matt Gladu – Property Purchase – deferred

4.4 Terry Baxter – For Presentation re Retirement

Mayor Holland presented Mr. Baxter with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 36 years of selfless service to the residents of Conmee as a member of the Conmee Emergency Services. Mr. Baxter was a founding member of the fire department and has helped the department grow into one of the best volunteer fire departments in the area. Mr. Baxter's knowledge and experience will be missed. Mayor Holland noted that the fire department door would always be open to Mr. Baxter in whatever capacity he felt he could fulfill.

Mayor Holland also asked Mr. Baxter to extend Council's appreciation to his spouse Diane for her support and work for the Fire Department Association and her acceptance of the time Mr. Baxter had to take from his own family to help others.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2015 - 123**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 26, 2015 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.2 **Resolution No. 2015 – 124**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on May 26, 2015 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed
 - Landfill Reports – not at this meeting
 - Generator Report – Not at this meeting
- 6.2 Fire Chief's Report - filed
- 6.3 Clerk's Report
 - Library Update – Verbal Report

The Clerk updated Council on the outstanding Library issues, including the return of the grant money.

6.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that 5 properties have been sent for tax registration. The property negotiations have not been successful. The WiFi hotspot has been installed but there is no date for the Grand Opening with Infrastructure Ontario.

6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including a Skatepark Committee meeting, an LMC meeting, a meeting with Shuniah Council, a food bank meeting, a budget committee meeting, attending the Malinoski and Ahola funerals, and the reception to honour Michael Gravelle's years of service as MPP.

Councillor MacMaster gave an update of the Ad Hoc Committee to repurpose the former library space. The Committee has suggested the name be the Conmee Community Network. Work is proceeding on getting the smart board and laptops. The books have been lent to Oliver Paipoonge Library. The preschool section is set up and there will be 6 computer stations donated to the space. The space will be painted.

Councillor MacMaster had to send his regrets to the Board of Health for the last meeting.

Councillor Arnold advised that he attended the LRCA meeting. The Hazelwood centre has now been demolished but most materials were donated to Habitat for Humanity. Councillor Arnold also attended the Skate Day at the Thunder Bay Marina to assist. Councillor Arnold will attend the EMO exercise in Oliver Paipoonge.

Councillor Maxwell advised that she attended a budget committee meeting as well as doing the food preparations and serving for the Boomhower and Malinoski funerals. Councillor Maxwell advised that more details would be available on the July 25th Teddy Bear Picnic which will be discussed at the Social Committee meeting on June 25th.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- Rural Food Cupboard – Minutes – May 4, 2015
- Rural Food Cupboard – Minutes – June 2, 2015
- LRCA – Minutes – April 19, 2015
- DSSAB – Minutes – April 30, 2015
- DSSAB – Minutes – Closed - April 30, 2015

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

7.1 Disbursement List No 6B 2015

Resolution No. 2015 -125

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$140,402.80 as per Disbursement List No. 6B 2015 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Disbursement List No. 6BB 2015

Resolution No. 2015-126

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$2,497.82 as per Disbursement List No. 6BB 2015 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Letter from MTO re Off Road Vehicle Act

The Clerk advised that an amended By-law to allow the other types of off road vehicles on Township Roads as per the Minister's letter, would be brought to Council once the actual wording of the Act is received.

8.2 Complaint from Resident re Calcium

Council discussed the complaint from a resident about not receiving calcium on his section of the road. The Clerk was directed to discuss options with the Road Superintendent.

8.3 By-law No. 1076 – Road Superintendent Agreement

Resolution No. 2015 – 127

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1076 being a by-law to enter into the Terms of Employment with Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent.

CARRIED.

8.4 By-law No. 1077 – CAO/Clerk Agreement

Resolution No. 2015 – 128

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1077 being a by-law to enter into the Terms of Employment with Patricia Maxwell, CAO/Clerk.

CARRIED.

8.5 By-law No. 1078 – Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk Agreement

Resolution No. 2015 – 129

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
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. 1078 being a by-law to enter into the Terms of Employment with Laura Bruni, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

CARRIED.

8.6 Policy No. 55 Re Bouncy Castle Ban

Resolution No. 2015 – 130

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee adopts Policy No. 55 being a Policy to ban the use of Bouncy Castle type structures on Township property.

CARRIED.

8.7 Letter from Thunder Bay Public Library – filed

8.8 By-law No. 1079 – Budget

Resolution No. 2015 – 131

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1079 being a by-law to establish the tax rates for 2015.

CARRIED.

8.9 Job Description – Volunteer Firefighter, Fire Chief and Orientation Package

Chief Fleck spoke to Council regarding these items and advised that he felt this would help to establish a more formal process and a minimum requirement for new recruits.

Resolution No. 2015 – 132

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee accepts the job description for the Fire Chief as prepared.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2015 – 133

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee accepts the job description for a Volunteer Firefighter as prepared.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2015 – 134

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee accepts the Orientation Package for Conmee Emergency Services members as prepared.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Resolution re Appointment to Food Bank

Resolution No. 2015 – 135

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee appoints Mayor Holland to be a representative on the Rural Cupboard Food Bank Board of Directors.

CARRIED.

9.2 Policy No. 56 – Electronic Fund Transfer Procedures

Resolution No. 2015 – 136

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

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee approves Policy No. 56 being a Policy to direct the procedures for Electronic Fund Transfers.

CARRIED.

9.3 Resolution Support Request re Sale of Hydro One

Resolution No. 2015 – 137

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

WHEREAS the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy; and

WHEREAS much of the economy of the province, including Northwestern Ontario, hinges on a solid, sustainable and reliable electrical transmission and distribution system; and

WHEREAS Hydro One Networks has recorded profits of \$2.297 billion over the last three years and paid dividends to the Province of Ontario in the amount of 588 million in 2012 and 2013 combined; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced that it will begin selling up to 60% of the value of Hydro One starting this fall; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has projected that it will receive \$9 billion as a result of the sale and %5 billion will go towards reducing outstanding debt and \$4 billion will be allocated towards transit, transportation and other priority infrastructure projects across the province; and

WHEREAS the Province will have to borrow in order to pay for much of the remaining infrastructure costs; and

WHEREAS it has been estimated that Hydro One Networks sees a return on investment in the range of 9 to 11% per year; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government is paying less than 3% on current borrowing; and

WHEREAS it does not make sense to turn over 60% of its profits of 9 to 11% to the private sector when it could retain 100% ownership of Hydro One Networks and borrow at less than 3% to pay for necessary infrastructure with a life span of 20 to 40 years; and

WHEREAS the privatization, partial or whole, of electricity has led to higher rates and less control; and

WHEREAS both Progressive Conservative and Liberal Government have in the past cancelled plans to sell all or parts to electrical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the selling of all or part of Hydro One Networks to relieve a temporary fiscal shortfall is a shortsighted one time fix that will have a detrimental effect on the citizens of Ontario forever;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Conmee calls on the Government of Ontario to stop the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One Networks as a wholly owned public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the following:

Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance
Bill Mauro, MPP
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DEFEATED.

9.4 Letter from MMAH re Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act – filed

9.5 Common Voice Northwest – Transportation Task Force Members – filed

9.6 Article from Influential Women of Northern Ontario re Councillor Woodbeck

Mayor Holland congratulated Councillor Woodbeck for receiving the Executive of the Year – Thunder Bay award from the Influential Women of Northern Ontario Awards Program.

9.7 Resolution Support Request re Community Mailboxes

Resolution No. 2015 – 138

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the Town of Newmarket to develop criteria for the installation of community mailboxes. (copy attached)

CARRIED.

9.8 Letter of Resignation – Selly Pajamaki

Resolution No. 2015 – 139

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee accepts the resignation of Selly Pajamaki as CEO of the Conmee Public Library.

CARRIED.

9.9 Resolution re Application for Funding under FedNor for Elevator and Skatepark

Resolution No. 2015 – 140

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee hereby directs the CAO/Clerk to submit an application to the FedNor Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for an elevator to be installed in the Conmee Community Centre to access the second floor.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2015 – 141

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee hereby directs that the Treasurer submit an application for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for the Conmee Sk8park Project.

CARRIED.

9.10 AON Reed Stenhouse Inc – Insurance Renewal

Resolution No. 2015 – 142

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee directs the CAO/Clerk to sign the necessary documents with AON Reed Stenhouse Inc. for the provision of insurance for the Township in the amount of \$26,474.12 including taxes.

CARRIED.

9.11 Resolution re CAO/Clerk as Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Resolution No. 2015 – 143

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee hereby appoints Patricia Maxwell, CAO/Clerk as the Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator.

CARRIED.

9.12 Thank you for Funeral Luncheon – filed

9.13 Letter from MMAH re Review of Elections Act, Municipal Act, Conflict of Interest Act – filed

9.14 Application for Consent – 1B/13/15

Resolution No. 2015 – 144

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee has identified no concerns with application for Consent to Sever a portion of Lot 2, Concession 2, numbered 1B/13/15.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CN Publication

10.2 Communications from Hicks Morely re Changes to Workplace Laws

10.3 AMO Communications

10.4 Letter from Michael Gravelle re our Support of Resolution to Review Ontario Mass Evacuation Plan

10.5 TB District Health Unit – 2014 Financial Statements

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 2015 - 145

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:38 pm.
CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk