

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
March 25, 2014

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Dombrowski, Green Mantle, Mark Kukkee, Resident, Barb Kuchurka, Resident, Terry Baxter, Resident, Allan Scott, Forester and Guest, Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent, Laura Bruni, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk

ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2014- 48

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Meeting Agenda was adopted by the spelling correction for Haul under 4.1 and the addition of Chris Dombrowski, representative from Green Mantle under 4.1 and moving Mr. Allan Scott to 4.2.

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 Chris Dombrowski – Green Mantle Forest

Mr. Dombrowski attended the meeting in reaction to several resident's concerns regarding the set-back requirements for forestry uses on crown land. The crown does not have to adhere to Township by-laws that call for a 30 metre setback from all property lines, however, Mr. Dombrowski advised that the company itself will use some of the reserve forest areas required by their crown cutting license, to have a 30 metre buffer on the south side by Mrs. Kuchurka's residence and on the road in front of the two residences on Sovereign Road. The company will also leave some trees along the rest of the lot lines as required by the cutting license.

Mr. Dombrowski noted that cutting this lot has been in the forestry management plan for this area for some time and that open houses were held when the management plan was being developed. Council agreed that a representative will attend the planning stages for the new management plan so that no one is surprised when loggers come in to cut.

Mrs. Kucherka noted that she was not aware of the forest management plan and that she would have liked notice of the intention to cut the

property sooner. Mr. Dombrowski advised that although the companies are required to contact the abutting property owners they don't have a list of names. Mayor Holland noted that the office could provide that information to Green Mantle. Mr. Dombrowski also advised that they are required to stay back 100m from a property line until the line is confirmed with the abutting property owner.

Mr. Kukkee spoke about his concerns with bears coming through his property to reach the apple trees on the abutting lot if the lot across the road is clear-cut. Mr. Dombrowski advised that the company may do some planting but they are required to leave 1 tree for every 4 square metres as a condition of a crown license.

Mrs. Kucherka voiced a concern about her well and was advised that there should be surface run-off only in the area. In response to her concern about respecting and identifying the property boundaries, Mr. Dombrowski agreed to send a map showing the agreed set-backs.

Council thanked Mr. Dombrowski for his willingness to compromise for the residents of the Township.

4.2 Allan Scott – Haul Permit

Mr. Scott attended Council to request a haul permit for Sovereign Road. He noted that he may be hauling fuel wood to homes in Conmee and O'Connor. Council advised that local delivery in Conmee would be exempt from the hauling permit but delivery to O'Connor would not. Council suggested that Mr. Scott use the Holland Road route that does not require a permit when hauling outside of Conmee Township.

Mr. Scott noted that he will be hauling gravel to Tienharra Road so that he can cut in that area. Council advised that this would not be subject to a haul permit as it is within the Township.

Council thanked Mr. Scott for attending the meeting.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2014-49**

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 11, 2014 be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

Council requested that the Minutes be amended to show Council held a minutes of silence for the "Late Councillor Robert Rydholm".

6. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed
 - Landfill Reports - filed
- 6.2 Fire Chief's Report - filed
- 6.3 Clerk's Report - filed
- 6.4 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland advised he had attended a meeting of the Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee, DSSAB, a skatepark meeting, the meeting held by Mr. Bill Mauro, MPP on the Hydro bills and had discussed issues with the proposed Assisted Living facility, since the last meeting of Council.

At the request of the Clerk, Councillor Arnold asked that the Joint Occupational Health and Safety meeting be moved to April 16, 2014 at 9:30 am.

- 6.5 Other Committee and Board Minutes
- Library Board Minutes – February 6, 2014 - filed

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 3B 2014

Resolution No. 2014- 50

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$52,259.14 as per Disbursement List No. 3B, 2014 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 8.1 AMO Conference Registration

Resolution No. 2014-51

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the following persons be approved to attend the AMO conference to be held in London Ontario, August 17th to 20th, 2014:

Mayor Holland
Clerk Maxwell

CARRIED.

- 8.2 AMO Communication re OPP Billing Model – filed

- 8.3 AMO Communication re Bill 69 – Prompt Payment Act – filed

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1 AMCTO Spring Meeting and Workshops

Resolution No. 2014 – 52

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the CAO/Clerk be approved to attend the AMCTO Workshop to be held on May 5th, the AMCTO Zone 9 Meeting to be held on May 6th and the AMCTO Workshop to be held on May 7th, 2014;

AND THAT the Treasurer be approved to attend the AMCTO Zone 9 Meeting to be held on May 6th, 2014.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS REGARDING AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL

Resolution No. 2014 – 53

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss matters regarding an identifiable individual at 8:44 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed applications for filling the vacant Councillor seat and two applications for an Extension Agreement on taxes.

Resolution No. 2014 – 54

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 10:03 pm.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2014 – 55

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we extend this meeting past 9:30 pm.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2014 – 56

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT Cathy Woodbeck be appointed to fill the vacant seat on Council for the remainder of the 2010-2014 term of office.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2014 – 57

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
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. 1037 being a by-law to enter into an Extension Agreement.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2014 – 58

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
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. 1038 being a by-law to enter into an Extension Agreement.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 LRCA – Minutes – February 19, 2014

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 2014-59

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:19 pm.
CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk