

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Cathy Woodbeck

ALSO PRESENT: Shirley Hunt, Resident, Sheila Maxwell, Candidate, Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent

ABSENT: Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2014- 84

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Agenda was amended by the addition of 8.7 Skatepark Sponsorship package and 9.9 By-law 1042 – Appoint to Skatepark Committee.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared an interest in item 7.2 Disbursement List No 05AA.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Shirley Hunt

Mrs. Hunt submitted a letter to Council regarding the condition of Hunt Road, and asking that Council consider the road as a priority. Mrs. Hunt requested that Council consider hard surfacing the road. Mrs. Hunt also questioned why certain sections of Hunt Road has been given higher priority than others by the company hired to produce the Asset Management Plan. Mrs. Hunt also advised that trees were growing near the ends of the culverts and questioned why the company who had backhoes working in the area last year had not cleared them out.

Mayor Holland replied that Council understood the residents' frustration with the condition of the roads but that some was due to the time of year as well as the hard winter last year. Mayor Holland advised that Council had already requested that the Road Department use a material with less clay content as some of the roads turn very soupy when it rains. Mayor Holland also advised that the company was not able to work around water without a permit when they were in the area last year and that the concern with the trees would be forwarded to the engineers for a solution this year if possible. Mayor Holland noted that the Township is constantly searching for funding to make road repairs and hoped to someday be able to fund hard surfacing of all of the roads.

Mayor Holland thanked Mrs. Hunt for her submission.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Resolution No. 2014 - 85

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 22, 2014 be approved as circulated

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report

The Road Superintendent updated Council on the Department's activities since the last meeting, including snowplowing, sanding and steaming culverts. The Road Superintendent also reported on the resolution of several on-going issues including the parking lot and provided a comparison of fuel consumption for winter activities.

- Landfill Reports – not at this meeting

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – filed

6.3 Clerk's Report –

The Clerk presented a report on her attendance at the AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Conference – filed

The Clerk also provided a report on Council's request to provide in-house liquor service at hall rentals. Council determined that for the time being the renters would continue to apply for their own Special Occasion Permits.

6.4 Fire Chief's Report - filed

6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including attending the NOMA Conference in Fort Frances to present a tribute to Bob Rydholm which was well received. Mayor Holland also assisted the Skatepark members to run the concession at the Vendors Fair and ran the concession and presented the Movie Night. Mayor Holland also attended a Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee meeting, as well as a meeting with the LRMC and Norm Miller, PC MPP, Harold Wilson, PC candidate and Derek Parks, PC candidate to discuss municipal concerns such as planning, OMPF, energy cost, OPP billing and PLT reform. Mayor Holland will be attending an LRMC meeting and a movie matinee and evening.

Councillor Woodbeck reported on her attendance at a Thunder Bay District Municipal League Meeting, including the League plans to set up a scholarship in honour of Bob Rydholm. The League will be reviewing the Constitution, by-laws and membership fees. Councillor Woodbeck also attended the skatepark fundraiser at the vendor's fair and the movie night.

Councillor MacMaster reported on his attendance at a Health and Safety meeting as well as the skatepark fundraiser at the vendor's fair, and two skatepark committee meetings. Councillor MacMaster also reported that

the Library Board meeting was not held on the 6th but will be held on the 20th of May.

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Disbursement List No 05A 2014

Resolution No. 2014-86

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$28,052.76 as per Disbursement List No. 5A 2014 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Disbursement List No. 05AA 2014

Resolution No. 2014 – 87

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$88.14 as per Disbursement List No. 05AA, 2014 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Letter from Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – filed

8.2 Report from Treasurer re Kakabeka Hotel Invoice – filed

8.3 Memo from Laura Elchysyn OFM re Council Meeting

Council directed the Clerk to respond to the memo advising the Office of the Fire Marshal that Conmee Emergency Services would not be entering into automatic aid agreements.

8.4 Letter from OGRA re Funds Provided for Court Challenge

Council directed the Clerk to advise OGRA to retain the remaining funds for any future court challenges.

8.5 Resolution re Participation in Municipal Hazardous Collection Day

Resolution No. 2014-88

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

WHEREAS THE Township of Conmee, the Township of Gillies, the Municipality of Neebing, the Township of O'Connor and the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge have expressed an interest in holding a Household Hazardous and Special Waste (MHSW) event on Saturday, June 14, 2014 in order to provide their residents with an opportunity to dispose of MHSW that they cannot bring to their respective municipal landfills;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge has stated a willingness to enter into a contract with the Ontario Stewardship and

Recycling council of Canada, on behalf of the participating municipalities to recover the cost of Phase One and Phase Two MHSW;

AND WHEREAS there will be a cost to the municipalities for the collection and disposal of the MHSW that is not covered under the Ontario Stewardship or the Recycling Council of Ontario, mainly Phase Three Materials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee Council agree to participate in the MHSW event to be held on June 14, 2014 and that the cost of the MHSW event be shared by the participating municipalities, and that the cost allocated to each municipality be calculated using the 2013 weighted assessment.

CARRIED.

8.6 Kakabeka Falls Rural Food Cupboard

Council discussed the information provided by Gordon's Trailers on a building.

Resolution No. 2014 – 89

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck

Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

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

CARRIED.

8.7 Skatepark Sponsorship Package

Council briefly reviewed the package and requested that each Council provide written comment on the contents.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Gas Tax Agreement for Signing

Resolution No. 2014 – 90

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 the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Funds.

CARRIED.

9.2 Permission to Explore Gravel Pit

Council discussed the request to enter into the Township gravel pit to review the geological formations. Due to the possibility of injury, Council decided to deny the request.

9.3 OPP Quarterly Report – filed

9.5 Letter from Beer Store re Beer Sales in Stores – filed

9.6 Request to Proclaim Day of the Honeybee

Resolution No. 2014 – 91

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

WHEREAS Clinton Shane Ekdahl has applied to Council to proclaim May 29, 2014 as Day of the Honey Bee and that this day serves the broader public interest;

AND WHEREAS a third of all the food Mankind consumes exists because of the tireless work of Honey Bees and seventy percent of our food crops are pollinated and partially, if not completely, dependent on this species;

AND WHEREAS Honey Bees are disappearing at an alarming and unsustainable rates all over the world not fully explained by science, but with the most likely cause being pesticides;

AND WHEREAS survival of the Honey Bee is surly linked with our own;

AND WHEREAS this issue transcends all trivial human barriers of nationality, language, skin color, income, identity, ability, disability, sexuality, gender, religion, age, politics or membership;

NOW THEREFORE I Kevin Holland, Mayor of the Township of Conmee do hereby declare May 29, 2014 as “Day of the Honey Bee” and in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this day.

CARRIED.

9.6 Invitation to President’s Breakfast

Councillor Woodbeck will attend this event.

9.7 Hydro One Work in Township – filed

9.8 Insurance Renewal

Resolution No. 2014-91

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Clerk be directed to proceed with the renewal of the Township insurance as per the Memorandum from AON Reed Stenhouse Inc., for the 2013/2014 period.

CARRIED.

9.9 By-law No. 1042 – Appoint to Skatepark Committee

Resolution No. 2014 – 92

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. 1-42 being a by-law to appoint members to the Skatepark Planning Committee.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 LRCA Flood Warning Contact Booklet
- 10.2 LRCA Minutes – Annual Spring Melt Meeting – April 25, 2014
- 10.3 MPAC – Annual Report and Financial Statements
- 10.4 MPAC Special Purpose and Business Property Assessments
- 10.5 AMO Watch File
- 10.6 AMO Communications re Moving Forward on Rural Matters
- 10.7 Court Decision on Sidewalk Maintenance
- 10.8 AMO Communications – Election Call Stalls Bills
- 10.9 TBDSSAB – 2013 Audited Statements
- 10.10 Letter from Cement Association re Legislation to Allow 6 Story Wood Frame Buildings

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2014-93

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:20 pm.
CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk