

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2011

PRESENT: Reeve Kevin Holland
Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt
Councillor Robert Rydholm

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent, Mr. George Roy, Resident

ABSENT: Councillor Grant Arnold, Councillor Robert MacMaster

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2011- 87

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Agenda was amended by the addition of 9.4, being a By-law to appoint a Library Board member.

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 Mr. George Roy

Mr. Roy attended the meeting to request Council's support in several matters related to land development in Oliver Paipoonge. Mr. Roy felt that the support of our Township was needed because his development proposal would increase the viability of the businesses in Kakabeka Falls, and all the surrounding Townships have a stake in ensuring that services remain accessible in the Village of Kakabeka Falls.

Mr. Roy advised Council that he has a 9 lot subdivision proposed for property on Oakleaf Drive, but that after initial approval, the Council for Oliver Paipoonge has reversed its decision and denied him the development. Mr. Roy noted that the new Official Plan for Oliver Paipoonge states the maximum number of developable lots in the municipality, and that those lots appear to all be situated in the eastern part of Oliver Paipoonge, specifically Whitewater and Rosslyn Village.

Council questioned Mr. Roy's belief that the "lot inventory" as required by the Official Plan review, meant you could only develop that many lots over a 20 year period. It was determined that Oliver Paipoonge was attempting to change the "parent parcel" date, which would allow lots that have already reached the maximum number of lots, to create more by moving this date forward and creating more "parent parcels". As a result of this, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has demanded the lot inventory to prove

that there are not a sufficient number of “parent parcel” lots currently existing to fulfill the expected demand. However, Council does not feel this means that only that number of lots can be created.

Mr. Roy noted that his proposal meets the Provincial Policy Statement, which states that development needs to support current infrastructure. The infrastructure of Kakabeka Village would benefit from more residential development in the area.

Mr. Roy requested Council to provide their support for his proposal to the Oliver Paipoonge Council. He felt that a phone call from one member of Council to another would be helpful. Reeve Holland noted that although he was not opposed to making this call, he would need more information before doing so, as Mr. Roy could not provide Council with the reasons why Oliver Paipoonge Council had denied the development. Reeve Holland also noted that Mr. Roy was referring to the new Official Plan which has not yet been adopted by Oliver Paipoonge, and that Mr. Roy’s application to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) scheduled to be heard May 17th, will be evaluated under the Official Plan currently in effect. Apparently Oliver Paipoonge Council will not be adopting their new Official Plan until after the OMB hearing.

Mr. Roy also spoke about what he felt was interference with planning matters by the Province, and more specifically, by some people in the MMAH local service office. Mr. Roy encouraged Council to “think independently” and to not bow before Provincial demands. Reeve Holland noted that many of the issues Mr. Roy brought up have already been discussed by Conmee Council during our initial reviews of our Official Plan.

Reeve Holland thanked Mr. Roy for attending the meeting and advised that we will look into the matter further.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the Minutes was deferred as there was a question regarding quorum if not enough members at the current meeting were at the meeting subject of the Minutes. The Clerk will clarify this issue.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent’s Report

The Road Superintendent advised that the bulldozer is working again, and the Road Crew did the work at the landfill that has been deferred while the 951B was not operating. He also noted that he has been requesting information on costing for the milled asphalt. Council held some discussion on the best road to use as a test for this material. Council will make a decision once Road Inspection has been completed.

- Landfill Report – not at this meeting

6.2 Fire Chief’s Report – not at this meeting

6.3 Clerk’s Report

The Clerk requested that Council set a Road Inspection Date. It is tentatively booked for June 6th, depending on the availability of a van.

The Clerk advised that an email was received from a “concerned resident” regarding the Conmee Emergency Services doing “traffic control” at the

Folklore Festival in Thunder Bay on May 1st. The Clerk advised that we have no property owner by that name in Conmee Township, and a return email asking for his address has been ignored. The Clerk advised Council that the Fire Chief has denied that the Department attended the Festival, and that they would not do such events without informing Council first. Council advised the Clerk to ignore the complaint until it can be determined whether this was actually a resident.

The Clerk provided Council with information on the Recreation Committee's first event which was the Easter Pancake Breakfast. The event was well attended and made a small profit. The next event has not been planned as yet.

6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland noted that the DSSAB surplus for 2010 will be under review. Reeve Holland feels that this surplus should be used to keep down the DSSAB member levies. Reeve Holland also noted that the DSSAB insurance is under review as the insurance company has advised that the maximum payable for the loss of a social housing building will not cover replacement cost. A joint meeting is being set up for all the DSSAB member municipalities to ask questions of the DSSAB Board.

Reeve Holland noted he had attended NOMA and had the chance to talk to the Reeves and Mayors of the surrounding Townships regarding DSSAB representation and joint sharing of services.

Reeve Holland noted that an Economic Summit was scheduled for Thunder Bay and requested that the Clerk provide information on it.

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 5A 2011

Resolution No. 2011- 88

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$31,570.40 as per Disbursement List No. 5A 2011 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 EMO Quarterly Newsletter – Jan – March, 2011 – filed

9.2 Revised LRCA Fee Schedule

It was noted that the Township pays a levy to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority to provide services to the Township, but that the LRCA then charges each applicant a fee for this service. Council decided that this should be one of the questions asked when the LRCA representatives attend a meeting.

9.3 Resolution Support Request – Town of Ingersoll – filed

9.4 By-law No. 989 – Library Volunteer

Resolution No. 2011-89

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to affix their signatures on behalf of the Township of Conmee to By-law No. 989, being a By-law to appoint a volunteer to the Library Board.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 OMPF Calculations
- 10.2 MPAC Update on Services
- 10.3 TBDHU Minutes – March 15, 2011
- 10.4 DSSAB Minutes – February 17, 2011
- 10.5 News Release – Randy Hillier Re: Northern Ontario: Your Future is Worth 40 Minutes to Dalton McGuinty
- 10.6 LHIN Newsletter – Health Services Blueprint

Resolution No. 2011-90

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT we do now adjourn to a closed session to discuss financial information about identifiable individuals at 8:35pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed the accounts in arrears.

Resolution No. 2011-91

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn the closed session and return to the open meeting at 9:17 pm.

CARRIED.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2011-92

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:18 pm.

CARRIED.

Reeve

Clerk